



### Proud beginnings

Proud Beginnings, a musical which portrays the lives of United Empire Loyalists who struggled to build new lives in Canada, runs through Sept. 3 at Black Creek Village. The Chrystlers (left, Greta Sieben and Phillip Cook), and the Sinclairs (Kathleen Forget and Clyde Whitham) fled north after the American Revolution. They are celebrating 10 years

as successful farmers in Upper Canada, but the dangers they faced during the war are still fresh in their minds. The play is performed twice daily, Tuesday through Sunday and on all holiday Mondays, in the Village's climate-controlled Visitors Centre. Admission to the play is included in the regular price of admission to the Village. (Photo submitted)

## Tradition of the tent returns to Stratford

The tradition of the tent returns to Stratford! David William, Artistic Director of the Stratford Festival, and the entire Festival Company are looking forward to welcoming the Shakespeare On The Saskatchewan Festival's touring company when they present Romeo and Juliette, their acclaimed bilingual production, in a tent, July 27 through August 12. The red and white tent will be raised on Wednesday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m. in Stratford's Upper Queen's Park.

In this production of William Shakespeare's greatest love story, Romeo and Juliette is set on the Prairies, the Capulets are fran-

cophones and the Montagues are anglophones. Juliette drives a '52 Ford pick-up and a leather jacketed Mercutio swills tequila and passes out on the hood of Romeo's '65 Pontiac.

Non-traditional but true to the intent of the original, this dynamic presentation played to critical acclaim and sold-out houses throughout the summer of 1989. It comes to Stratford directly from Saskatoon's innovative Shakespeare On The Saskatchewan Festival as the last engagement of a very successful provincial tour.

Romeo and Juliette is co-

directed by Robert Lepage and Gordon McCall, translated by Jean Marc Dalpe, designed by Don Griffiths, Robert Lepage, Gordon McCall and Del Surjik, with costumes by Irene Coupland and Robert Lepage.

Opening night and nightly except Mondays, curtain time is 8:00 p.m. with two shows Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available through the Stratford Festival Box Office by calling toll free from Toronto (416) 363-4471, from Kitchener-Waterloo (519) 662-2215, from London (519) 227-1352, from Detroit (313) 964-4668 or long distance to Stratford (519) 273-1600.

## NEC puts cap on landfill sites

Landfill sites are no longer allowed "in principle" anywhere along the Niagara Escarpment, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, (NEC), decided Thursday in Georgetown.

That means companies wanting to establish a landfill or enlarge an existing landfill along the escarpment must now apply for amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan, (NEP). Before Thursday's ruling, the NEP permitted "landfill sites in principal in virtually all basic designations of the plan, except urban, minor urban, and escarpment recreation areas," according to a NEC staff report.

John Minns, a spokesman for Protect Our Water Environmental Resources, (POWER), said now the NEC will first have to decide if a landfill proposal is a suitable type of land use on the escarpment, instead of first assuming the landfill is suitable and then investigating whether that is true.

Both Mr. Minns and local MPP Walt Elliot said the decision means the Reclamations Systems Incorporated's, (RSI), proposal for a dump on the escarpment in Acton is more than ever likely to fail.

The proposed Acton landfill site is located at Sideroad 22 and the Third Line.

"RSI has to have serious concerns about whether they will be successful in obtaining approval from the province's Ministry of Environment to establish the Acton dump, especially considering the problems found by the MOE concerning the proponent's technical reports on the landfill's viability," said Mr. Elliot.

The RSI proposal is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of the Environment. Once the review is completed, the ministry will hold a public hearing. That's not expected to happen until late this year or early 1991.

Mr. Elliot called the NEC decision the "final victory" in ensuring the escarpment's protection in his

riding. The other two victories include the withdrawal of a proposal by Duferin Aggregate to make it's quarry, in the southern part of Halton Hills, a landfill and Ontario Hydro's decision not to dump fly ash in the same quarry.

The way has been paved to rehabilitate existing quarries, along the escarpment in ways compatible with tourism, he predicted.

Mr. Minns said the decision "will make RSI think twice about its proposal and whether the proposed land use is appropriate."

Calling the decision a "milestone," Mr. Minns explained POWER now has a tool to scrutinize the RSI proposal.

RSI, in a report submitted to the NEC, argued "the decision would lead to a multiple of NEP adjustments and tax the commission's time and resources and the patience of the public." As well, the province's existing Environmental Assessment Act and Environmental Protection Act ensure that the Escarpment isn't improperly used.

RSI also questioned the rationale used by the NEC planning staff in recommending to the commission that landfills be banned from the escarpment.

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## Turner contributes cash to PC chest

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner gave \$449.90 to the Progressive Conservative Party last year, figures released by Elections Canada show.

Mr. Turner attributed the contributions to his attending party-related fundraising events, at his own expense.

Mr. Turner's donation is listed in the 1989 report of Elections Canada, which included every contribution of more than \$100 to a federal political party.

The donation is among the \$13.8 million raised in contributions by the Progressive Conservatives. Approximately half of that came from donations from individuals.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney donated \$1,494 to the party.

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