

Editorial

Get ready to rumble

The fall session of the provincial legislature kicked off Monday with few surprises, but that doesn't mean the fall session will be boring. It should be anything but.

On the one hand we're sure to hear plenty of chest-thumping from the governing Tories about how well the province is doing in money matters.

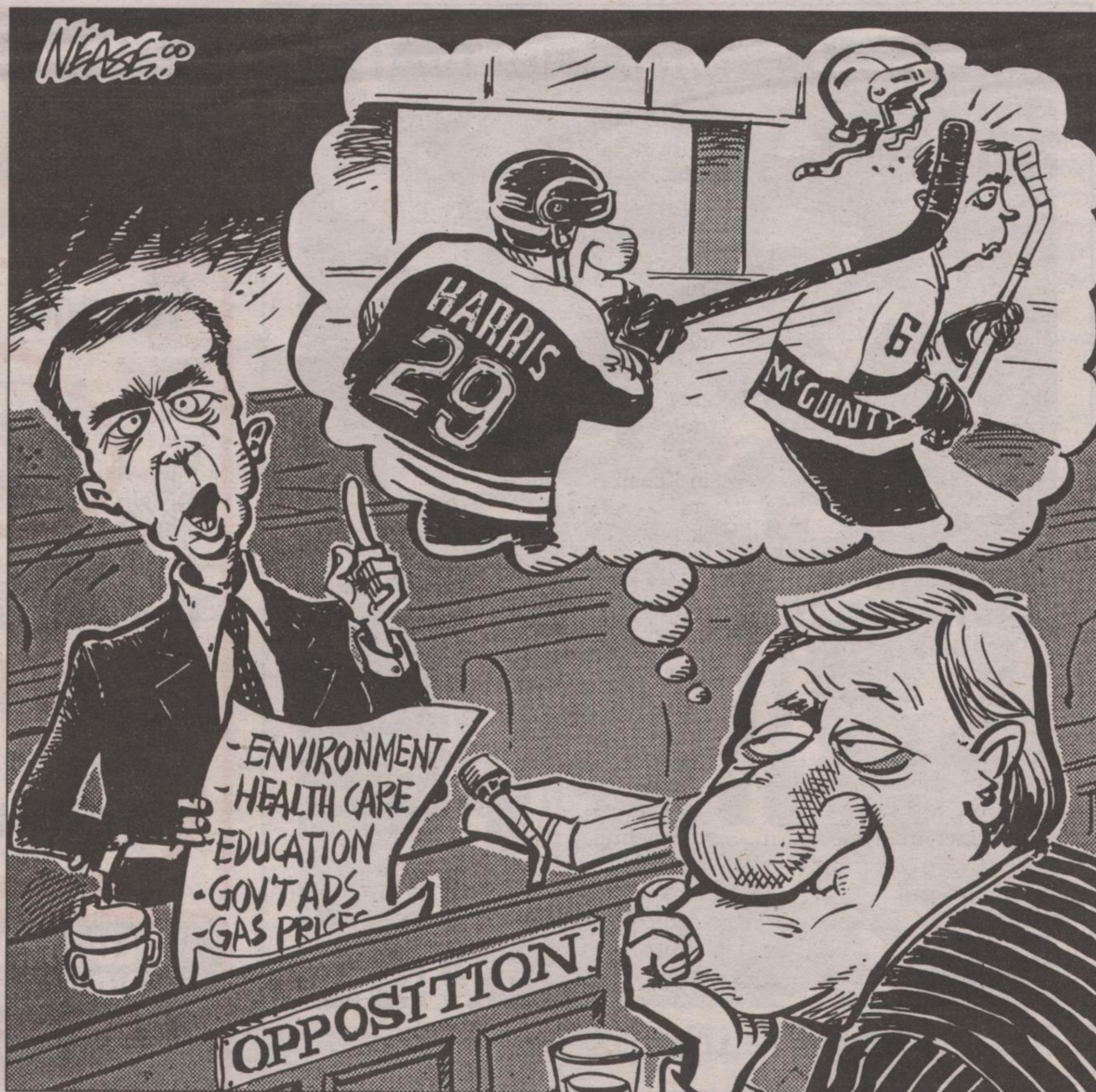
The economy is continuing to hum along nicely, the debt is being wrestled to the ground and, if taxpayers need any proof as to how well things are running, they'll need only look in their mailbox next month when their \$200 tax rebate cheques should begin arriving.

The good economic news will allow the Tories to focus on another heart and soul issue: law and order. Specifically, the Tories intend to see more rights for victims of crime and stiffer penalties for those who commit crimes. Who can argue against either?

However, the Liberals and NDP have a political ace up their sleeve and it's called Walkerton.

The water mess in that Ontario community has not been the Tories' finest hour and their handling of the disaster has been, well, disastrous. It has also given the Opposition a heart and soul issue of their own to pound the Tories with: the environment.

So, don't be surprised to see this session of the legislature turn into a battle between law and order issues versus the environment. May the best cause win.



Letters to the editor...

Parking ticket leaves south resident angry

Dear editor,

I would like to warn all new homebuyers not to buy a home in south Georgetown without checking first about parking.

My daughter and her husband bought a nice home here and we like it very much. They have a 24-year-old son who works every day and I also live with them. We

each have a car that we need and use every day for work.

I have a small pension and we can't even park in front of our home without receiving a parking ticket from the town. Recently a parking ticket was issued to me for parking longer than three hours in front of my home. Were parking officials expecting snow?

We pay our taxes like everyone else in Georgetown and we do not block driveways. Had we known parking wasn't permitted we wouldn't have bought a house in this area. What is going to happen when the snow flies? Should we park in the trees? Should we tell company they must move their cars every hour because the town needs money so badly they fine old age pensioners.

Homebuyers beware, and don't make the mistake we did. I would like to take the town to task on this issue. If anyone is interested in joining me and

trying to do something about this I can be reached at 702-9534.

Mary McCreadie,
Georgetown

MPP could use a geography lesson

Dear editor,

Once again, MPP Ted Chudleigh has made a fairly gross error. In his (Sept. 13 Independent & Free Press) report to the people (the one in which he reminds us how remarkable the Tories are, etc. etc.), he states that "Ontario is Canada's largest province". Wrong, Ted! Quebec is the largest (basic Grade 8 geography). Get it together and be more specific in your statements.

I enjoy your monthly reports so that I can find out even more about what you don't know about Canada

John Hansen, Acton

Good riddance to parking meters

Dear editor,

What a joy it is to see bags over the parking meters in downtown Georgetown. At long last some positive action has been taken by members of council to eliminate these bothersome and outdated eyesores.

Georgetown is one of the last places to reach a consensus regarding these dinosaurs. Many other towns in Ontario have not had parking meters for years and any problems that might have arisen from their absence have not been an issue.

For your information, the town of St. Mary's decided to forgo the meters and put a two-hour limit on vehicles parked outside a business. A gentle reminder is placed on the windshield by the merchant after the time limit has been exceeded. If that particular vehicle is parked in the same spot on another day and exceeds the time limit then a fine is imposed. If the owner ignores the warning and continues to park in the same spot for unlimited time then the vehicle is towed away.

According to the mayor, this approach has been highly successful and the warning has been sufficient.

When the town was preparing for their recent Stone-town Homecoming festivities, all meters were removed and put up for sale with proceeds going towards air-conditioning for the seniors' centre. Some people consider the meters relics and are willing to pay for them as collectibles and support a worthy cause at the same time.

Mary Shier, Limehouse

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