

Editorial

Thank you, veterans

War has often been about numbers. The great military strategists have always known how many soldiers to deploy and when. But the following numbers convey the enormous price Canada has paid in times of war:

South Africa War (1899-1902)

Approximately 7,000 Canadians served; 267 of them gave their lives.

First World War (1914-1918)

Approximately 650,000 Canadians served, including members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served with British forces (Newfoundland was a colony of Great Britain until 1949) and merchant mariners; 69,000 gave their lives.

Second World War (1939-1945)

More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in Canada's Armed Forces, in Allied forces or in the merchant navy; more than 47,000 of them gave their lives.

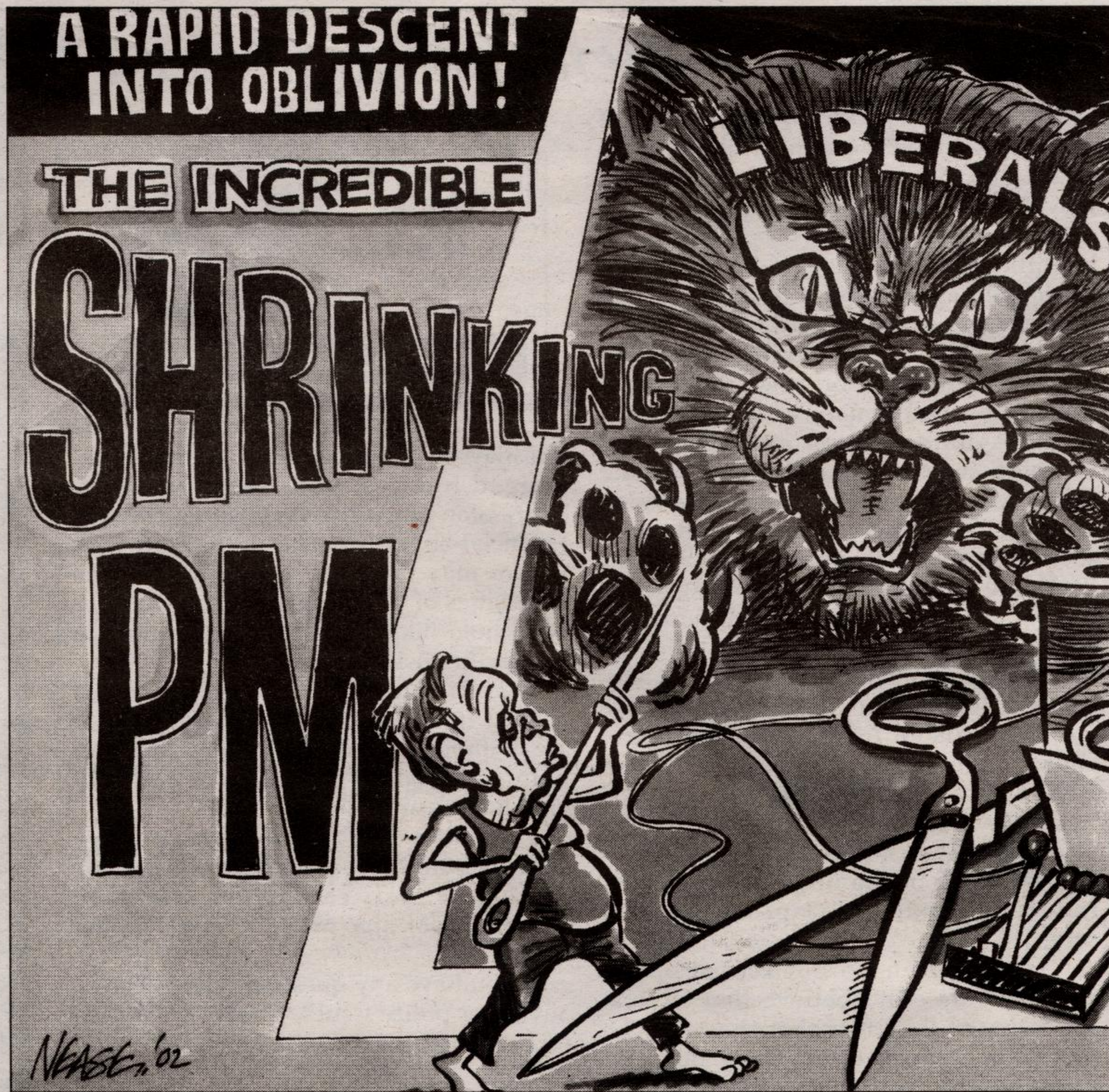
Korean War (1950-1953)

A total of 26,791 Canadians served in the Canadian Army Special Force; 516 of them gave their lives.

Peacekeeping

Nearly 125,000 Canadians have served in peacekeeping missions over the past 53 years; as of October 2001, 113 Canadians had given their lives in this service.

As we approach another Remembrance Day it is imperative Canadians remember the great sacrifices men and women of the armed forces have made for this country. Take the time and attend one of the four upcoming local services and remember to buy a poppy.



Letters to the editor...

Residents encouraged to have say on OP

Dear editor,

The Region of Halton will be holding a Region Official Plan (ROP) Review Public Workshop in

Georgetown on November 18.

This workshop is the ideal opportunity for those of us who live in the northern part of the region to make sure our voice is heard as the region work to update its Official Plan.

The Hornby Association of Rate Payer's (HARP) encourages everyone to "get involved" in deciding the future of your area, your community and the region in which

you live. This is the only opportunity in the next five years that you will have to make sure your vision of the future of North Halton is listened to, and incorporated in the Halton Region Official Plan.

Plan to attend the public workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown.

Ken Lawday, President HARP

Quarry expansion a mistake

Dear editor,

I was disgusted to read Oct. 23 "Quarry expansion plan okayed."

Shame on all the commission members who voted 11-5 in favour of the Dufferin Aggregates' application to change the designation on 169.5 acres in the Niagara Escarpment Plan area from Escarpment Rural to Mineral Resource Extrication.

Let's just ask who stands to gain from such a vote? Who benefits? Who gets rich? Who would vote in favour of destroying the environment, and why?

Sarah Lowe, you are wrong. The proposal will definitely not "lead to significant public benefits". Destroying natural habitat is not a charitable activity the last time I looked.

I do not share Brad Yundt's "full confidence that Dufferin protects the environment". Dufferin has been systematically blowing up the environment in case you haven't noticed.

Shame on you Bob Brechin, Marvin Caplan, Gord Krantz, Sam Luckhardt, Larry Miller, Carman Myles, Howard Staff, Betsy Steward, Jim Turner, Louis Zurini and David Arnill. What were you thinking?

And to Robert Boraks, Jim Rainforth, Richard Paterak, Rob Nicholson and Ian Lang, I thank you for proving there are still small pockets of intelligent life on earth.

Polly Papa, Acton

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Acton food drive a resounding success

Dear editor,

More than 10,000 lbs. of food and more than \$500 in cash donations were collected last Saturday by the eager children and adults in the Scout/Guide Food Drive.

The Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Beavers, Scouts and Calvinist Cadets braved the cold, snowy morning to go house-to-house, then came back to help sort and pack the food for storage.

The coverage in newspapers and local advertising beforehand all

helped to make a successful Food Drive— thank you!

If you would still like to make a donation to the Acton FoodShare, or to help out in any way, please leave a message at 519-853-0457, and we will get back to you. We are at 153 Perth Street, Acton, and open Tuesdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and the third Saturday of each month 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Thank you Acton for caring and sharing.

Eileen Dix, treasurer, Acton FoodShare

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