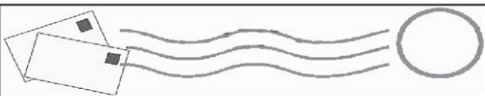


# Letters



## Theft of memorial plaque symptom of new standard

To the editor:

The theft of the MacSween Memorial Plaque set a new low behavior standard but we should not really be surprised, it was probably stolen for the value of the metal. Base acts like this are happening all across the country with increasing frequency.

For years politicians at all levels of Government have been declaring their intention to "make Canada/the community better." One must wonder, better for whom? So far, it appears that only criminals, ne'er-do-wells and politicians have it "better." It is certainly not better for those who work for a living, pay the country's bills and try to maintain a decent value system.

There was a time when Canada was a place of safety, freedom and opportunity. It was made so by people from many different nations who came together, not for their own selfish, personal gain first, but for the good of the country and society as a whole to ensure safety and security for future generations. It was not a perfect system (there is no perfection in this world) but it was the best possible way of life anywhere in the world. During that time the theft of a memorial plaque would not have entered the mind of even the lowest scoundrel.

When politicians set out to make life better (translate: buy votes) society started to come apart at the seams. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" never rang so true!

Fifty years ago a violent crime committed in Canada sent shock waves across the country. Children played outdoors unsupervised.

Courts were not overburdened because people were able to settle their differences in a civilized manner. Everyone who wanted an education and health care got it. We had 30 days to pay our bills and 3-day-grace. In small towns like Acton and Georgetown few people locked their doors.

Now after years of 'making it better there are daily killings. To keep children safe they must be watched every minute. Our courtrooms are revolving doors overflowing with a steady stream of offenders. Schools and Universities seem to have become unaffordable baby-sitting services and places of indoctrination where high tech and social awareness rule and the basic 3 R's are ignored. Businesses demand payment up front; no more 30 day net, and interest is calculated if a payment arrives 10 minutes late. We must lock our houses, cars and garden sheds and install alarm systems if we want to feel safe.

And oh, let's not forget the recent outbreak of hijackings on Highway 401, the new business of stealing air bags from cars, the increasing vandalism and petty thefts.

Is this better? Still the country is full of wackos demanding more "social justice!" Well for those of you who don't remember, we had social justice to the highest possible degree in Canada before the dimwits started "making it better." The old form of social justice didn't revolve around money and political power, it worked on living by a value system, using common sense and enforcing the laws that protected society.

Do us a favour; stop try-

ing to "make it better." Look at where it began to go wrong and start putting the system back in working order. New laws won't make it better but maybe re-instating and enforcing the old laws will.

Eileen Hutcheson,  
Acton

## POLICE BEAT

### Willful damage

Between August 16 and August 18 there was damage done to a parked car in the parking lot at 200 Churchill Road, South. Police indicated there was damage to the door frame and it was "will full doing." No suspects are indicated in the investigation.

### B&E

Sometime between 9 p.m. on August 8 and 8 a.m. on August 9 an attached garage was broken into on Dawkins Crescent. Entry was obtained through an unlocked

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