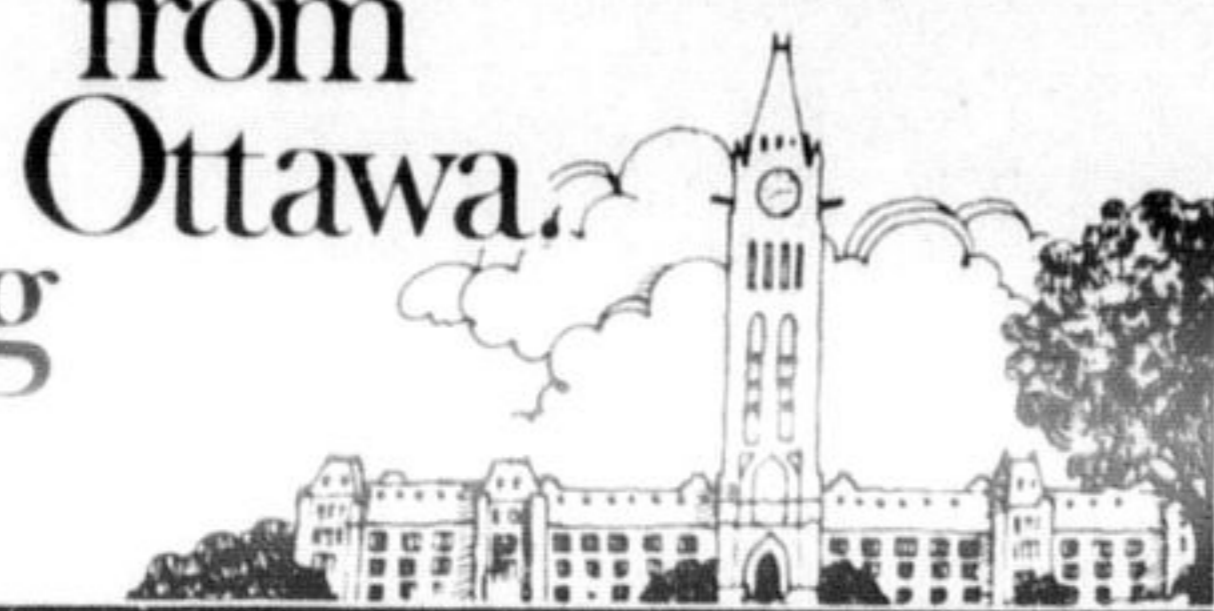




Halton MP  
Rud L. Whiting

reports  
from  
Ottawa



Since coming to Ottawa I have received many enquiries from constituents who have had problems with goods and services they have purchased. Others have sent me lists of items they feel could be improved upon. In this week's column I would like to deal with the many facets of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which was established by Parliament on December 21, 1967. This Department was brought into being primarily as a means of giving a greater voice to, and providing additional services for the Canadian consumer on matters which come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Where the jurisdiction lies elsewhere the matter is referred to the appropriate authorities for action. This Department, therefore, works very closely with other Federal Departments, Provincial authorities, consumer groups and industry.

The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has 11 Branches and I will briefly describe their particular functions.

Consumer Services and Information: This Branch deals with queries, suggestions and complaints received from individuals and groups of consumers. You, the consumer, are invited to write to The Consumer, P.O. Box 99, Ottawa, if you have a complaint, a suggestion or a question about goods and services. The fullest details should be provided when you write.

Consumer Research: This Branch has the benefit of research by the Economic Council of Canada, as well as various Branches of the Federal and Provincial Governments, Parliamentary Committees, and non-Governmental organizations. It is also developing its own research techniques and programs and recommends changes in policies and remedial legislation.

Retail Inspection Services: The Retail Inspection Services will ensure that laws and regulations designed to protect the consumer are being adhered to at the retail level.

Combines Investigation and Research: This actually consists of two agencies—The Director of Investigation and Research and the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission. The Director of Investigation and Research, under the Combines Investigation Act, enquires into monopolies and mergers which could be detrimental to the general public. In the Act there are also provisions against price discrimination, disproportionate promotional allowances and misleading representations regarding price maintenance. In an enquiry, the Director may refer the matter to the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission which would then consider evidence and conduct hearings where both sides present their arguments.

Bankruptcy: The Superintendent of Bankruptcy administers this Act and he is empowered to investigate allegations or irregularities in relation to any bankruptcy in Canada and reports his findings to the Provincial Attorney General.

Company Law: This Branch is responsible for the Canada Corporations Act under which federal companies, with the exception of special classes such as Banks and Insurance Companies, are incorporated.

Trade Marks: This particular Branch maintains a complete record of all Trade Marks registered under this Act and is also responsible for the administration of the Act.

Patents and Copyright: The Commissioner of Patents administers the Patent Act to the granting of patents of invention and the Copyright Act.

The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs also performs the duties of the Registrar General of Canada which includes registering all instruments of summons, proclamations, commissions, letters patent of lands, writs and other instruments and documents issued under the Great Seal of Canada.

Finally, a number of existing agencies which had been performing regulatory services to protect the consumer, were grouped together for greater efficiency and economy. The Standards Branch, which is concerned with weights and measures, electrical and gas inspections, trade marks, labelling and the marking of precious metals, transferred to us from the Department of Trade and Commerce; the Retail Inspection Services of the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries joined the new Department. Matters affecting economic fraud in foods—such things as deceptive advertising

and packaging, misrepresentative labelling and so on were transferred from the Food and Drug Directorate of National Health and Welfare.

Recently in the House of Commons an amendment to the Patent Act and the Trade Marks Act was introduced. The purpose of this Bill is to introduce greater competition into the drug market to lower drug prices. In brief, pharmaceutical firms will be permitted to import, or manufacture, drugs protected by process patents holder. I mention this Bill not only for its merits but because the Chairman

of this Committee was my predecessor, Dr. Harry Harley. The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, the Hon. Mr. Basford, on introducing this Bill to the House stated that this Committee was Chaired by Dr. Harley and commended him highly for his work as Committee Chairman.

Although the weather was not as fine as it might have been, I enjoyed myself at the recent Halton County Plowing Match held on George Readhead's farm near Milton. The Match was well organized under the able direction of President George Swann.

This weekend I, along with a number of Liberal delegates, will be attending the Toronto and District Meeting of the Liberal Party being held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto. On Sunday I will be in Acton for the Legion dinner.

Both H.D.O. and D.O.T. approved lights after council's September request. No date has been given for installation because the engineers were asked to restudy the design of the corner.

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**Inquest...**  
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The Main-Ontario intersection has been a matter of concern in Milton since the fatal accident—Milton's first in over eight years. Town council had applied for traffic lights two years ago and the Department of Highways and Department of Transport refused because traffic counts indicated there was insufficient volume to warrant lights. The town renewed its request earlier this year, and again after the September fatality.

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# He started driving, painting at age 70

Not many people take up driving cars and starting new hobbies after they're 70 years of age, but that's what W. A. Cripps of R. R. 5 Milton did.

Mr. Cripps, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday with an open house attended by around 100 friends, neighbors and relatives, isn't really a slow starter. It's just that he was too busy during the first 70 years of his life to do much driving or painting. After he retired from active farming around 20 years ago he learned to drive a car for the first time and at the age of 72 started a most enjoyable hobby, oil painting.

Since then he's completed over 200 paintings, and has owned three new cars. One of his pictures, done at age 80, captured two first prizes at the Milton Fair one year and was judged best picture in the show. Another of his paintings was presented to Halton Centennial Manor where he now resides—it's a Dutch windmill scene that hangs by the auditorium. Several others have been presented to relatives and friends.

"I have had a very happy life," the nonagenarian says. "I have no complaints at all."

Born near Epping Forest in England 90 years ago Monday, Nov. 4, Mr. Cripps was reared in the feudal system where the "lord of the manor" ruled with an iron hand. In his teens he broke away from the system and went to London and found work in a piano factory. At the age of 19 he was elevated to a top job

and was paid the astronomical sum of two pounds a week for his work—top money in those days. He next worked as a joiner with a building firm, and recalls going home after his first week's work to boast of his 50 shillings a week salary to a wheelwright in his home town—the same man who had wanted Mr. Cripps to apprentice with him at 12 shillings a week.

In 1912 he and his wife and young family moved to Canada and he settled down in Toronto, working as a joiner, cabinet maker and later locksmith with a Yonge St. firm. An accident in 1919 was "a blessing in disguise" for it ruined his carpentry career and turned him into a successful farmer. He was building a house for himself when he lost three fingers on his left hand.

So he went into farming, scraping up his life's savings to buy a farm near Milliken. He stayed there five years, then moved to Gormley, and eventually to Milton. But the airport people wanted his farm

for an extension to Malton airport so he sold it in 1937, and purchased the Wilfred Snow farm on Esquesing's Fourth Line about a mile north of the Base Line.

"We all worked hard, but it was the best years of our life," he recalls. He had three sons and three daughters but two sons died in accidents.

When Mr. Cripps retired 19 years ago his son-in-law Henry Arnold took over the farm. He continued to live there until a year and a half ago when he moved to Halton Centennial Manor, where he shares a room with the Rev. Patrick Blagrove, a retired Anglican minister. The two have become good friends and he jokingly calls his roommate "the old man" although Mr. Blagrove is nine months his junior.

In recent years he has been a persistent reader—going through a book a day when he's in the mood for reading. "I don't know what I would do if I couldn't read," he says. He's home to the

Church. Among his birthday party visitors were Rev. Gordon Porter of Toronto, a former St. Paul's minister, and Mrs. J. L. Blair, wife of a former minister of the church. Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow dripped in to present a framed certificate of congratulations, and he received a telegram from Premier John Robarts.

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BRIAN BEST, Mayor



90 YEARS YOUNG and still enjoying remarkably fine health, W. A. Cripps celebrated a happy birthday on Sunday with an open house held at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnold, R.R. 5, Milton. Mr. Cripps farmed on the Fourth Line Esquesing until he went to live at Halton Manor a year and a half ago. (Staff Photo)

### Jamboree staff bringing gift to thank town

Following the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday, representatives of the staff of the first Ontario Scout Jamboree at Kelso will honor the town in the presentation of two park benches.

The presentation is in appreciation for the support given the staff, by the people of Milton, when the jamboree was washed out by heavy rains and wind.

Some of the Boy Scouts from the Jamboree will be participating in the Remembrance Day service and parade. After the service at the Cenotaph the parade will return to the Town Hall where the presentation will take place.

### What Council did

During the regular meeting of Milton Council Monday, members:

\* Learned the Administration Committee had met with the Milton Police Association to discuss a proposed contract and had also met with the Police Chief regarding additional personnel. The Chief proposed the need for two additional staff members in 1969.

\* Were advised two letters had been received from members of the Industrial Committee re-affirming their intention to resign. It was agreed the matter would be discussed in Committee of the Whole next week.

\* Agreed to obtain a cost estimate on a feasibility study on changes in the highway connecting link through Milton.

\* Expressed opposition to an application for extension of a Main St. property until parking was provided. The application to the Committee of Adjustment was for an addition to Joe's General Store and relief was sought from the limitation of 50 per cent lot coverage and parking regulations.

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—Milton O.P.P. report a total of 51 motor vehicle accidents in the area they serve during October.

### Thomas Ballm is candidate

R. Thomas Ballm, a resident of 4,372 Cedar Springs Road in Burlington, announced this week he would be a candidate for Ward Three Burlington in the December 2 election of the new Halton County Board of Education.

Mr. Ballm is self-employed and says he is in a good position to devote ample time to the work of the school board.

Mr. Ballm has spent the past 40 years living at 4,372 Cedar Springs Rd., where he has operated a mixed farm, but now considers himself "practically retired." He has been active in the community, and has served as Sunday school superintendent and clerk of session at St. James Church in Waterloo. He spent three years as a trustee on Nelson School Board several years ago.

Just recently he has taken extension courses at McMaster University to broaden his own education. Married, he has two married daughters. "I regard this county Board of Education as a challenge and there should be able men to meet it and make it work," he said.

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### What council did

At their regular meeting in Brookville Monday Nov. 4, Nassagaweya Council:

\* Heard an objection from Mr. Woodhouse of Eden Mills about his assessment appeal. Clerk J. C. MacIntyre had informed the appellant he was too late to be heard by the court of revision. Mr. Woodhouse argued it was in the hands of the Post Office on time and he should be heard but council ruled it a day late in their office.

\* Prepared a By-Law to allow an election of trustees in the Police Village of Campbellville Jan. 8 with nominations taking place Dec. 9.

\* Received notice of a pollution conference sponsored by the Halton Federation of Agriculture Nov. 14.

\* Received a letter from Robert Welch, Minister of Citizenship in the Robarts Cabinet informing council a wreath would be sent to the township for their Remembrance Day service.

\* Learned of an appeal of the

committee of adjustment's decision denying R. Murray and Sons permission to convey a parcel of property in lot 21 concession five. The O.M.B. public hearing will be held Dec. 12 in Brookville at 10:30.

### To subdivide

Plans to proceed separately with a four lot subdivision rather than nine were revealed to Milton Council Monday by P. K. McWilliams, after protracted negotiations and two Ontario Municipal Board hearings.

Mr. McWilliams told council he was now prepared to sign all the necessary agreements covering the lots once to four north of Highside Dr. Other owners in the originally proposed subdivision are Ken Syer and Mr. and Mrs. R. Copley. He told council they had been given adequate time to sign agreements to participate in the plan but had not complied and he intended to proceed on his own.



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for the year 1969-1970, and one member of the Halton County Board of Education for the year 1969-1970.

In case more than the necessary number of candidates are proposed and seconded and a poll is demanded, said poll will be open from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening on

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1968**

**K. C. LINDSAY, Returning Officer**