

# Halton Tories hold founding meeting

What seemed to be a couple of straightforward amendments to the constitution sent Halton Progressive Conservatives into debate that took over an hour to resolve.

The Halton Progressive Conservative Federal Association held its founding meeting at Wyldewood Golf Course Tuesday night.

An amendment to the constitution limiting voting privileges at nominating conventions to those over the age of 18 generated spirited debate.

Young Progressive Conservative members at the meeting questioned the restriction, noting that some of their members at the age of 18 worked hard and successfully on behalf of the party.

They argued that if they are old enough to work for the party they are old enough to vote for a candidate at nomination meeting.

They won a concession from the members present, but not without conditions. In the end, the association agreed to remove the age restriction but insist that members under the age of 18 be members prior to 90 days before a nomination meeting.

That restriction is necessary members argued, to prevent loads of high school students from being bussed in to support a candidate.

questioned the distinction of those under and over the age of 18. In spite of criticism from some members the majority agreed to the age

restriction. Bert Hinton of Acton and a candidate for nomination at the last Halton nomination meeting said the age limit

wasn't necessary. "To do this is to go on the assumption that the young people are weak-kneed and don't know what they are

doing. They won't be influenced easily and it isn't necessary at all," he said.

Another amendment limiting the amount candidates seeking the nomination can spend to \$5,000 had to be deferred when time was running late and there appeared to be no consensus.

Association President Bob Jones suggested the deferral until the next annual meeting but before he did, Bill Sargani blasted the executive for bringing in the amendment.

He said it was no one's business how much money was spent by a candidate to win a nomination. He was particularly annoyed by a clause calling on candidates to reveal any contributions over \$100.

Mr. Jones said the control might never be necessary in Halton but he recalled one Toronto riding where two candidates for the nomination had spent over \$150,000 each in a campaign for the nomination.

It was after 10 p.m. when Mr. Jones called on John Crosbie, a Newfoundland MP, and the guest speaker for the evening.

"God help us if we have to rewrite the BNA act," Crosbie quipped after sitting through the proceedings. He suggested people have to be a "bit queer in the head to run in the first place but

really crazy to spend \$150,000 to win the nomination."

The association elected Bob Jones as President, W. Bradley as vice president of organization, Dorothy Chamberlain as vice president of finance, Wendy Bykus as vice president of membership, and Lloyd McDougall as vice president of community relations.

Others elected included secretary Marilyn Sanci, and treasurer Terrance Regan. Area presidents from Oakville include Wilf Rudd, Russell Stock, Mike Hoarth, Jack Robertson and Bill McCloud.

Mel Phelps of Milton, Fred Dawkins of Acton and Ken Murray of Nassagaweya are

all presidents of local associations at the time of the meeting. Acton and Nassagaweya have meetings planned and may re-elect those people or elect new ones. Those three are elected by their local associations.

The boundaries for the new riding take in Milton, Acton, Oakville, and part of Esquesing. All of Milton including Nassagaweya used to be in the Halton-Wentworth riding.

Georgetown used to be in the Halton riding but it goes to the new Brampton-Georgetown riding and Erin goes to Wellington-Dufferin.

The riding is currently represented by Liberal Frank Philbrook.



NEWFOUNDLAND MP John Crosbie told Halton Tories that Prime Minister Trudeau and the Liberal Party are on the ropes. He claimed that the PM is using national unity as his final trump card in a game of political survival.

## MP John Crosbie says

### National unity is Trudeau's trump card

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is using national unity as a trump card in his fight for political survival, according to Conservative MP for St. Johns West John Crosbie.

In a speech to the founding meeting of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association Crosbie said that everywhere Trudeau looks he finds a sad record.

"He will be defeated if his final trump card doesn't

work. Trudeau was on the ropes and defeat was certain until the PQ won in Quebec." Crosbie said that the PQ victory and the threat of separation is the issue Trudeau was looking for.

"But surely the people won't buy that I find it breathtaking to think that Trudeau is the only one who could save Quebec."

Crosbie said Trudeau had failed miserably in his two major planks, bilingualism and regional disparity.

Referring to the Quebec problem, raging inflation and high unemployment, Crosbie said the people are being asked to believe that the man who has been in power while all this has happened is the man to save us from it.

Crosbie said the real question to be asked is whether the power that is centralized in Ottawa should stay there or not.

He said Trudeau is a centralist who looks on the provinces as a nuisance. He called the Liberals "arrogant

power mongers who say, 'do as I say or pay the consequences'. That is why Quebec is upset. The poor little Newfs have been kicked around for years and they don't like it either."

He said Newfoundland wasn't looking to separation because their language and culture isn't being threatened.

The Newfoundlanders mixed sharp criticisms of the Liberals with lighthearted jabs at the PM and some of the Ministers.

"I call Otto Lang the Bionic Minister. He is not the author of Fear of Flying." He saved one of his best lines for Finance Minister Donald McDonald. Criticizing the government for its confrontation with the provinces he labelled McDonald the "King Kong of Finance Ministers Donald the unbending McDonald."

According to Crosbie, Joe Clark with his conciliatory nature and his ability to cooperate, is more likely to keep Quebec in Canada.

Unlike Trudeau, Clark favors strong provinces with fewer equalization payments made necessary and he sees this as the road to a strong Canada.

Crosbie scoffed at criticism that the PC's and Clark don't have policies. "We've got all kinds of policy," he said.

Crosbie said the NDP is no alternative. "They'd have you believe that they are the only ones with decent perceptions. If they were elected it would be like 30 Otto Langs."

Criticizing the government for its claim that the CBC is partially to blame for separatism in Quebec, Crosbie said the CBC is "the last refuge for the political scoundrel."

"The government has no one to blame but itself," he said.

## Industry allowed rural land

A suggestion from Halton region engineering, planning and development manager H. H. Cripps, if carried out, may result in some new industries locating in Milton in the near future.

Mr. Cripps notified Milton Council's Planning and Development Committee meeting by letter that industry can be accommodated on unserviced rural land, in certain cases.

This would enable industry to build on land before sewage capacity is available.

According to Mr. Cripps' suggestion, light industry with relatively few employees could use unserviced land by providing an equal amount of land for sanitary sewage disposal. No industrial sewage would be allowed, and water used would be metered.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk was enthused about the idea, saying he knew of a company that would be ready to locate here immediately under those regulations.

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Buikema, who headed up Member of Parliament Bill  
Area Two (Georgetown) has Kemping has just returned  
resigned to take a job in from a three week tour of the  
private industry and Mick Middle East. He was a  
Holmes, who was chief of member of the Conservative  
Area One (Acton) has been party's external affairs  
named chief of both areas. committee which was  
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—Milton Council expects to review proposals for the new arena at a special meeting

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