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Progressive Conservatives stand up for Canada

If Pierre Trudeau is serious about energy, why doesn't he spell out his policy?

If Pierre Trudeau is serious about transportation, why doesn't he spell out his policy?

If Pierre Trudeau is serious about small business, why doesn't he spell out his policy?

If Pierre Trudeau is serious about government spending, why didn't he do something in the 11 years he held power; and why doesn't he spell out his policy today?

On the other hand, we do know what Pierre Trudeau is serious about.

He is serious about putting friends like Bryce Mackasey in cushy jobs. He is serious about allowing foreign firms to blatantly put Canadians out of work. He is serious about kissing his buddies like Fidel Castro and Alexei Kosygin on the cheek.

He is not serious about rising inflation. He is not serious about the elderly. He is not serious about unemployment. He is not serious about our armed forces. He is not serious about fiscal restraint. He is not serious about what people are saying across the country and dealing with these problems in a forthright manner.

Don't forget that the team-playing Liberal leader was the man three years ago who told the rest of the country to go "fuddle duddle."

In this election, the gloss and glamor of the Red Star advertising firm cannot erase the fact the people of this country have a political memory which goes back further than May 22, 1979.

Needs direction

It is Pierre Trudeau and Red Star who would attempt to make the electorate believe the Progressive Conservative Party is not capable enough to govern a country that seriously needs a new direction.

When the Progressive Conservative party took over the government, it inherited a wasteland of fiscal ruin and empires within empires, built up over the years of Liberal patronage and disdain for the common person.

Part of this is directly due to Pierre Trudeau. Never trusting anyone to make a change for the good, it was the Liberal leader who changed ministers on an average of one every three months for 11 years. The result is the men who entered government with good intentions like John Turner, Don McDonald, James Richardson, and Edgar Benson had no option but to leave. The clear lack of Liberal bench strength today is the legacy of one of the few dictatorships to ever operate in a democratic system of government.

Our future, and this is no exaggeration, depends on Canada changing our current balance of debts (one of the jokes of the Western World) back to the point where our position can once again back up its dollars with Gross National Product, not gross national promises.

Tough Budget

The key to this is the John Crosbie Budget, Yes, it's tough. It's tough in the way Japan and West Germany had to be tough in the last decade.

Bringing the budget all the way down to the level of the average voter in Milton, The Champion has looked at the budget, par-

ticularly energy and transportation, and has found it the only method to ensure the residents of Milton do not become strangled in the next two decades.

In Milton, we all use our cars because we have long distances to travel; and many residents rely on heating oil to keep our homes warm.

So what does the John Crosbie budget hold out for the citizens of this town?

The federal Conservative government would supply funding of more than \$1 billion over the next four years to increase the Canadian Home Insulation Plan. It also would supply more than \$90 million over the next four years to help Canadians retrofit better burners to utilize heating oil more efficiently. Federal facilities would be converted from oil to natural gas.

Miltonians would be allowed a two-year write-off for installing energy conservation equipment. This two-year provision would be in effect until 1985.

Most impressive is the refundable energy tax credit for lower and middle income families. It would give Miltonians \$80 per adult and \$30 for every family member under 18 to help offset the rising cost of fuel.

As we rise to world fuel prices (something which is inevitable, as two former Liberal Finance Ministers have already attested to) a portion of the taxes would be diverted to establish a National Energy Bank.

Another portion of the taxes would be used to improve the urban public transportation programs.

Energy development

There would be real development of domestic oil supplies to ensure Ontario does not run short of energy. There would be federal initiatives on gasahol; research and development of alternative energy supply; and the construction of a \$5 billion oil sands plant which would produce \$17 billion in economic activity.

Joe Clark and the Progressive Conservative party have said from the start that natural gas prices would remain pegged at 85 per cent of the cost of oil.

In addition, and most important of all, the price of oil in Ontario will never exceed 85 per cent of the Chicago price or the average cost of oil imported into Canada.

Those aren't promises. Those are provision of the Crosbie budget which the Liberals and the NDP chose to keep from Canadians.

What does Pierre Trudeau say about energy?

He says the price of oil is going up and one of these days he will tell us what it will be.

The people of Canada can't wait that long.

We need an energy policy, a transportation policy, an international affairs policy, a defence policy, a grain policy.

Put us first

In fact, we need a policy which puts Canadians first.

So far only one party has spoken out openly and directly to the issues facing us in the 1980's and that is the Progressive Conservative party of Canada.

If only one party is serious about Canada, then only one party seriously deserves your vote.

That party is the Progressive Conservatives, led by a man who is serious about leading our country—Joe Clark.

Viewpoint

with JIM ROBINSON

Ski schism



It is difficult for an outsider to grasp all that has transpired between the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Milton Heights Ski Club over the ski racing program and school at the Glen Eden Ski Hill.

It is safe to say everyone involved has been left with a sour taste in his or her mouth; and if anything, the high emotions displayed between the two warring factions a month ago has now turned into outright resentment.

From an outsider's point of view, the problems began probably when the Halton Region Conservation Authority ordered the Glen Eden Ski Club to change its name so there would be no conflict with the name HRCA wanted to apply to the ski school it runs under ski director Doug Leeming.

Call it the Glen Eden Ski Club or the Milton Heights Ski Club, the club is strictly amateur. It is family oriented towards providing a racing program of training and competitions with other clubs. Frankly, the hill isn't very long, or steep, so the ski club program has always been very much a group of friends going for a fun outing.

It is a likeable concept. There are very few places in Central Ontario and Southwestern Ontario where a family can go, have a good time, and do it for a moderate price.

Then we have HRCA. The authority is serious, as well it should be, about making the Glen Eden Ski Hill a viable entity. They have invested a lot of money and

hired the best skiing instructor ever, in order to put Glen Eden on the map.

Mr. Leeming wants to have a recognized ski school and club and that can only be done under one umbrella organization. The HRCA contends, and it is probably correct, that it should be running the ski program.

The rift between the HRCA and the ski club surfaced in late December and early January with a flurry of letters between ski club president Gisele Osgood and HRCA director Bill Warwick. It began with the ski club cancelling its Christmas program and then pulling completely out of any association with HRCA.

Feeling they were being shunted aside, the ski club started a petition and a letter campaign complaining about being forced to pay high rates for hill services.

The HRCA, unaware of the hurt feelings on the part of the ski club, took the petition as a declaration of war and at its Education Advisory Board meeting castigated the club for not attending to present its side of the story. It then proclaimed the ski club was using propaganda to put HRCA in an unfavourable public light. Being mostly elected officials who depend on public support, the education board said it would not be bullied.

The result of this confrontation is that everyone has come out a loser. The ski club has been told not to come back to HRCA. The ski club has been reading The Champion and is now fully aware that there will be no chance of their running a racing program next year at Glen Eden.

The HRCA, in the meantime, has moved to start its own sanctioned ski club and racing program for the 1980-81 season. If Milton Heights Ski Club members want to join the new club they will be welcome. But the great little amateur club will now, for all intents and purposes, be nothing more than a name with no place to call home.

The skiing season for 1979-80 is all but over. Few people have had the opportunity to use the slopes this year unless they have lots of money and can fly to another part of the continent.

It is safe to say this past skiing season has been a disaster for the HRCA, the Milton Heights Ski Club, and all skiers. It has been a season best forgotten with every dedicated skier now looking to next year for an improvement.

One of the best things which could happen would be a healing of the gulf which now separates HRCA and the ski club.

Surely between now and the first snowfall of next winter, both sides can find the way clear to back down a few pegs and come to a meaningful compromise.

Can the ski club be incorporated under an umbrella unit at the ski hill and can it continue to exist, after all it has done to foster amateur ski racing in this area?

No one wants a repeat of this year's animosity between the two parties. It is hoped something can be ironed out so the harmony which should exist among all those who enjoy the fun and relaxation of skiing, can be made part of the 1980-81 ski program at the Glen Eden Ski Hill.

Sugar and Spice

with BILL SMILEY

It's a wonder there aren't more people in politics. All it requires basically is a strong stomach, a thick hide, and an absolute lack of scruples about giving away other people's money.

There will be only one real loser in this mid-winter election—the Canadian people.

After eight months of non-government, they have to pay \$60-65 million for the privilege of choosing between two flocks of turkeys.

Ed Broadbent and the NDP don't have a hope of forming a government. All they can play is the role of spoilers.

So we have a choice between a paarty that practically put us into eternal bankruptcy, the Liberals, and a party that showed an incredible naivete in its first chance to govern in more than a decade, the Tories.

There's something desperately wrong with our system when we have two choices only: the mediocre and the mediocre.

My gut instinct about this election is disgust, and I'm sure it is widely shared.

But it's the only system we have, at the moment, and a man can't just lie down on his face, cry, and kick his heels in frustration, as he would love to do.

As I write, the Liberals, after being soundly rejected by the voters last spring, are 20 points ahead of the Tories in the polls. What an incredible electorate we have!

Canadians tend to think of themselves as rather dour, solid, gray people. fairly un-

emotional, quite stable. The truth is that we are more volatile, politically, than the Balkans.

After several decades of good, gray prime ministers, whom we could count on to never let the left hand know what the right hand was doing, we embraced, with an almost religious fervour, a fiery, flaming, evangelical prophet out of the mid-west, who had a Vision—and not much else.

Rapidly becoming uncomfortable with this, we backed right up to a good, solid, Canadian, who liked sports, had an infectious chuckle, and didn't know how to chop off the hands of his friends when they got them into the till, Mike Pearson.

Soured on him, we clasped to our breasts a brilliant, arrogant man with a flower in his button-hole and a flowerchild in his kitchen. It was as disastrous as an honest, homely man who had never made the team marrying the chief cheer-leader. We became envious, and finally, embarrassed.

We listened to his maunderings and his ponderings. We were at first proud, then baffled, then suspicious. He seemed to have the knack of saying the wrong thing at the right time.

There was nowhere to go but down, so we happily went back to a nonentity, a fellow whom most of his own party did not want, a scrambling, ambitious, and colorless man. We'd had enough of that color and charisma. We wanted someone like-

It's a wonder



Mackenzie King, only not so crafty. Joe.

As I write, we are witnessing the Second Coming of Pierre and the Second Change of Joe. His Brilliance and His Ordinariness. And you can't tell them apart. The first is trying to hide all his faults by acting like a clam. The second in multiplying his faults by opening his mouth. Both are promising the moon, with our money. They have cancelled each other out.

What I'd really like to see is a massive rejection of both by the Canadian voter. Everybody staying home on election day. Three hundred votes cast in the whole of Canada. All of them for the Rhinoceros Party.

But that couldn't happen. We're too sincere, too earnest. We still believe in the so-called democratic system, which gives you a vote for one of two or three guys.

Personally, I hope the Liberals lose, for several reasons. They are in complete disarray. They did little to attack inflation, except steal Bob Stanfield's prices and wage controls. They let the national debt become infamous. They showed little political conscience in forcing an election.

The Tories were on the right track, with their tough budget. But they went too far on their so-called energy policy, in a land of long distances, and eight months of cold weather. Canadians will give up their mistresses before they'll give up their oil and gas.

Turning the Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the Feb. 14, 1979 issue

Milton Fire Department asked town council to give it an extra full-time firefighter and a pumper. Fire Chief Jim Coulson said the firefighter was needed if the department was to carry out its planned regular home inspection program. The pumper was needed to replace a 27-year-old pumper.

A 4.5 per cent increase in provincial subsidy for Milton District Hospital was not likely to do the hospital much good, said hospital administrator Brian Brady. The hospital was reported to have an \$80,000 deficit in 1978, and the deficit would have been higher had the hospital not closed 29 beds in the summer.

Both Milton Flyers and Milton Tridents advanced into the first round of their league playoffs. Flyers faced Oak Ridges Dynes with the Tridents up against St. Mary's Stonecrushers.

Maria Reis was sworn in for her second term as president of the Chamber of Commerce. First vice-president was Mike Beaver with Bob Howsam as second vice-president, Bob Lawrence was treasurer and Kathy Hawley, secretary.

20 years ago

From the Feb. 11, 1960

Milton Arena Board named Glyn Roberts chairman at its inaugural meeting Sunday.

Young Canada Night at the arena Monday paid tribute to the fathers of the boys in minor hockey. Lenny Naylor, George Fletcher and Arn McDuffe were honored for having three sons each in the minor set-up.

Plans were made Monday for the largest auditorium in any public school in Halton, when the Milton Public School Board heard preliminary reports on the playroom-gymnasium-auditorium for the Denyes School. Trustee Brian Best proposed a 50 by 60 foot building with stage and seating for 375 persons.

Three new recruits have joined Milton Fire Brigade. They are Jim Coulson and Ron Patterson (both sons of present firemen) and Glen Stringer. They replace Bin Cannon, Jack Blinco and George Gilbert who recently retired from the fire service.

Halton MP Sandy Best is having trouble getting a customs office in Milton. He is currently having a hard time proving the need for one in Burlington, which has a larger population, he told council.

Ron Marshall has been awarded the 1959 fishing trophy from Halton Sportsmen's Association, for catching the largest fish of any member last year. Arn Coulson presented the prize.

50 years ago

From the Feb. 13, 1930 issue

Miss Helen Walker and her friend, Miss Olive Hillier, of Toronto, spent the weekend at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Pearl Street.

The Canadian Winter Chautauqua will be held in Milton on March 19, 20, 21, 22. Keep these dates open. There will be two afternoon and four evening performances.

A box social and concert will be held in St. Georges Church, Lowville, on Monday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Ladies, bring your boxes. Everybody welcome.

Students of Milton high school enjoyed a skating party at the arena here on Friday evening last. After the skating, refreshments were served at the high school, where the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

Cheer up. It will soon be spring. Frank Yates is taking a three-months' course in butter, cheese and ice cream making at the O.A.C., Guelph.

The Home and School Club will meet in the public school on Thursday, Feb. 20th, at 4 p.m.

75 years ago

From the Feb. 9, 1905 issue

Mrs. Matthew Kenney died yesterday evening of pneumonia, after a short illness.

John Dickin was in town today from Weston, having come up to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. McCartney.

Ex-Warden J. H. Peacock has been appointed a justice of the peace. His commission is dated Jan. 16.

Dr. McCrimmon, of Palermo, has been gazetted as a notary public in last week's list of officers appointed by the Ross Government.

Charlie R. Dick, who has been spending the past two months visiting his home in Ashgrove, left today for Havana, Cuba, and southern points.

The Women's Institute has been very successful in securing the services of Miss Belva Sheppard, Toronto, graduate of the Normal School of Domestic Science, Hamilton, and one of the most popular and successful demonstrators in cooking on the staff today.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was held at Toronto last Thursday and Friday. Halton was represented by H. P. Moore of the Acton Free Press, Ex-President of the Association, E. A. Harris of the Burlington Gazette, and William Pantone of The Champion.

Philosobits

By Edith Sharpe

It is a glorious privilege to live, to meet challenges and disappointments, to laugh and be able to cry when necessary. Every day of life is a precious gift filled with beauty and wonders for us all.

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Have you only learned from those who admired you and were tender with you? Have you not learned a lesson from those who rejected you, or refused to even speak to you? I have.