

Reed says

Peterson best for Grits

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

Electing David Peterson as leader was the best thing the Ontario Liberal Party could have done for itself, according to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed.



JULIAN REED

"This is the best thing that has happened to our party in the last 40 years. I haven't felt so encouraged about our fortunes since I was first elected," he said in an interview following the leadership convention which elected the MPP from London to replace Stuart Smith.

Mr. Reed said he supported the successful challenger for the leadership "because he has an ability to inspire others that is going to make us the strongest contenders you could imagine."

"I think the strongest point David had to offer was his view that you can't have a strong social plan without a strong economy. I'm sure that he will grow as leader of the party. He wears the mantle of leadership quite naturally," Mr. Reed added.

Mr. Reed admitted the other contenders for the position had made better speeches to the assembled delegates, "and David is not a good speaker, but

then he has never set himself up as a speech maker."

"He may not be a spellbinder, but he certainly manages to get his message across," he added.

Mr. Reed said that while Sheila Copps, the rookie MP from Hamilton who ran second to Mr. Peterson in the race, did not win her stature within the party has increased greatly.

"I think she gained everything by running," he said. "If she gets some experience behind her, then she's going to be a hell of a politician and a very real contender in the future."

"Her ideas are certainly going to become a major part of the Liberal Party thrust," he said, adding that Miss Copps' views on social services and the economy strike a particularly responsive chord in many people.

"She represents a viewpoint that expresses a great deal of concern for the individual," he said.

Mr. Reed added the Liberal Party may have a chance to test its new leader in an election sooner than some people think.

He suggested that Ontario Premier Bill Davis clearly has ambitions toward the leadership of the federal Progressive Conservative Party "so his actions are going to depend on what Joe Clark does."

Mr. Davis will step down in six to eight months, he predicted, and a leadership convention will be held by the ruling Conservatives.



The frigid finger, an aluminum tube filled with dry ice, was recently lowered in Crawford Lake to determine the age of some sediment layers.

Indian village at Crawford Lake

A film crew visited Crawford Lake recently, but it was not for the start of a major motion picture.

The crew, employees of the Royal Ontario Museum, were on hand to record a special core sampling program being conducted to extract sediment from the lake bottom.

The star of the show was J.H. McAndrews of the Royal Ontario Museum and creator of the "frigid finger" technique, used in extracting the sediment.

Crawford Lake, located near Guelph Line and Steeles Ave. on Halton Conservation Authority property, is of particular interest to historians and scientists because the sediment on the lake bottom has remained undisturbed for centuries.

Sediment layers in that lake have been counted consecutively back to the year 200.

The "frigid finger" technique was developed by Mr. McAndrews to obtain samples when conventional piston type tube samplers would disturb the sediment layers.

Mr. McAndrews developed a freezing tube of aluminum filled with dry ice. The tube is lowered into the sediment, then pulled up after 20 minutes.

A thick ring of sediment remains frozen to the cylinder, and is then removed by passing hot auto exhaust through the tube, allowing the sleeve-like crust to be slipped from the tube. The core sampling program at Crawford Lake has enabled archaeologists to locate the most accurately dated prehistoric Indian village in Canada, just north of the lake.

Parts of the Indian village will be rebuilt this summer as part of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation Campaign to raise \$700,000 to re-create the village and build a new nature interpretative centre at Crawford Lake.

The village will be only the second such structure in all of Canada that is built on its original location. It will be the site of the most accurately dated pre-historic Indian village in all of Canada.

Educating pupils cheap in Halton

By CAROL STEWART KIRKBY
Special to The Champion

The cost of educating children in Halton is lower than the provincial average and lower than many boards of education of similar size in Ontario.

Superintendent of business and finance for the Halton Board of Education, Barb Moore, says a conscious effort is made by the board to keep the cost per pupil down.

Estimates for 1981 indicate Halton is third lowest of 10 similar boards for costs of educating elementary children and second lowest for high school costs. The cost per pupil for elementary students for '81 is estimated at \$2,174 and \$2,957 per pupil for high school students.

"The cost per pupil figure really

boards the cost of the service being provided. The largest cost is teachers and in past years Halton has had a higher pupil/teacher ratio, meaning there were fewer teachers than comparative boards and this has held the cost per pupil down," explains Mr. Moore.

Every possible cost is included in the cost per pupil figure, from pencils and books to teachers and operation of the school building.

The nine similar boards include Durham, Simcoe, Lincoln, York, Niagara South and Waterloo. Their estimated costs per pupil for '81 range from \$1,994 to \$2,562 for elementary children and \$2,682 to \$3,462 for secondary students.

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