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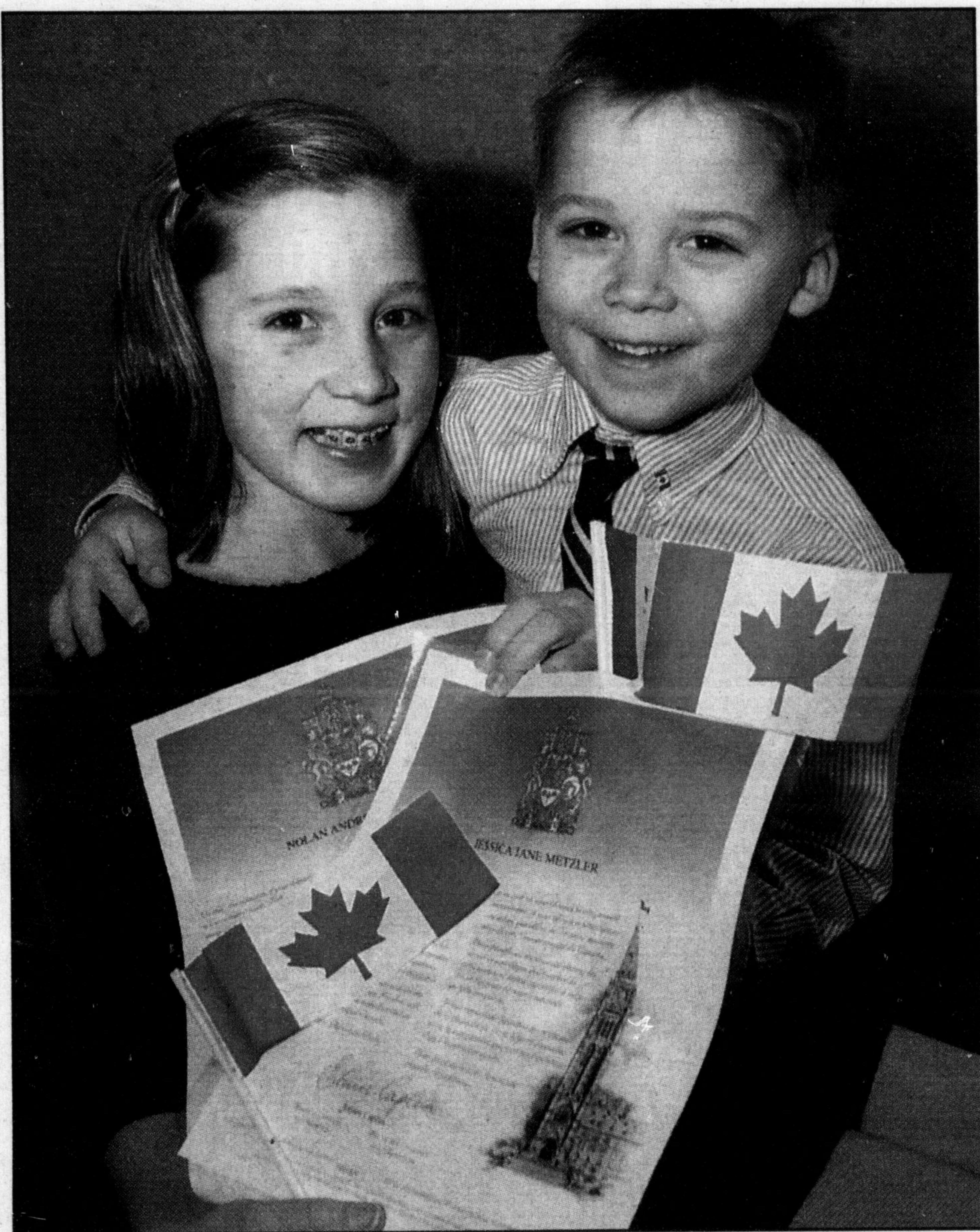


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Young Canadians

Young Jessica Metzler, 10, and brother Nolan, 6, were two of 38 new Canadians sworn in during a Citizenship Court ceremony at Town Hall Sunday afternoon. They were joined by their parents, Cindy and Dennis Metzler.

Too soon to tell if bill will raise residential property taxes here

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

A provincial bill aimed at equalizing the tax share between commercial, residential, multi-residential and industrial classes is poised to pass in Queen's Park.

But it's too soon to tell if Bill 140 will lead to hikes in residential property taxes.

Typically, residential properties are taxed at a lesser rate than business classes.

In Halton, for example, commercial taxes come in at 1.4 per cent higher than residential, while industrial assessment is 2.5 times higher.

Bill 140 aims to achieve parity between the classes in order to foster economic growth, said Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh.



"There's a fair amount of analysis to be done to come to grips with this legislation."

JIM MCQUEEN

"Anything we can do to encourage business growth helps the economy," he said. "We've got to bring that into balance."

How the legislation will affect Milton can't yet be determined, said Town Treasurer Jim McQueen.

"We'll likely have a good idea in January or February," he said. "There's a

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Scholtz group raises \$3,000 for hospital

Just in time for Christmas, Milton District Hospital has received a generous gift from the Deidre Scholtz and Friends Foundation.

The charity organization — founded shortly after the community rallied around young Miltonian Deidre Scholtz, who successfully battled aplastic anemia — presented the hospital with a cheque for \$3,000 December 4.

The money will go toward the purchase of a centrifuge machine, which offers more expedient analysis of blood work.

Funds were raised through the foundation's golf tournament as well as the sale of t-shirts and Christmas cards.

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