

Liberal-led coalition should not be allowed to take over

(The following letter was sent to Governor General Michaëlle Jean, and a copy was filed with the Champion.)

DEAR MS JEAN:

I would ask that you decline any request for a coalition government.

We had a recent election that resulted in a non-confidence vote for Stéphane Dion's party and his leadership. It now seems that he didn't even wait for the Conservative government — elected by the people — to cautiously and carefully consider all options before introducing their financial plan for our future.

Instead, Mr. Dion cobbled together a self-serving coalition, the future stability of which is even uncertain. Jack Layton's intercepted conference call confirms the extent of this deviousness and a total disregard for the will of the people.

Why or how could Mr. Dion jeopardize the stability of Canada at a time like this by including, in this nefarious plan, a group whose declared intent is the separation of

Quebec? This group will hold any proposed coalition to ransom over their demands for special treatment for just one Canadian province.

I seriously wonder what concessions Mr. Layton and Mr. Dion have promised to the Bloc Québécois.

With respect to bailout money to the automotive industry, Mr. Harper has acted in the Canadian interest by delaying. In the U.S., a package has been indicated — provided the 'Big 3' can justify their future solvency.

How could Mr. Harper have committed to anything without knowing what the U.S. intended?

This coalition intends to recklessly throw money at our economic problems without co-commitment and accountability. Inflation followed Mr. Rae's similar actions in Ontario, and the stated intentions of this coalition will undoubtedly result in even more rampant inflation in Canada in a couple of years' time.

My personal opinion, which

seems to be shared with many of my acquaintances, is that the proposal for a three-party coalition is motivated by personal political ambition — by Mr. Dion lusting to be a prime minister (which he hasn't been able to obtain by merit), by Mr. Layton to hold a Cabinet post (which he had otherwise no hope of obtaining) and the Bloc for whatever commitments have been made to them to join this unholy alliance.

Certainly neither consideration for the Canadian economy, the will of the Canadian people nor the future stability of Canada has motivated this abhorrent and devious action.

I would suggest that anyone who agrees with the above (or disagrees) should make their feelings heard — loud and clear — before such a scandalous piece of skullduggery takes effect.

**JOHN WOODS
OAKVILLE**

Raitt and Tories misleading the country

DEAR EDITOR:

In the heated debate over recent events in Ottawa, it's unfortunate that newly-elected Halton MP Lisa Raitt and other representatives of the Conservative Party are trying to make their case by misleading Canadians.

Ms Raitt referred to the proposed coalition between the Liberals, NDP and the Bloc as "an attack on Canada, an attack on democracy." Perhaps she should bone up on her Canadian civics, because what the opposition parties are proposing is precisely how our Parliamentary democracy is supposed to work.

In fact, Stephen Harper proposed his own coalition with the NDP and the Bloc when he was on the other side of the aisle.

We didn't elect Mr. Harper or the Conservative Party — we elected Members of Parliament to represent us. Our prime minister is chosen based on who has the support and confidence of the majority of those MPs.

By his actions and his attitude, Harper has lost that confidence.

Mr. Harper has demonstrated time and time again that he's either unwilling or unable to work with opposition parties, despite his repeated promises to do so.

Instead, he has chosen this time of economic crisis to deliberately provoke yet another political confrontation, playing his favourite game of 'Parliamentary Chicken' while failing to take any serious action to help Canadians through these hard times.

Anyone concerned with the stability of a coalition government should consider how unstable three years of this sort of endless brinkmanship has made this country.

As for the opposition members, calling them names and accusing them of attacking Canada is an insult to the Canadians who elected them as their representatives. They're simply doing their job. Perhaps Ms Raitt and her colleagues should try doing theirs.

**JENNIFER SMITH
MILTON**

Criticism of size of post office grant unfounded; \$5,000 just the start

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

June 1912

Some time ago we commented on the smallness of the grant, \$5,000, made at the close of the session of Parliament for a post office building for Milton. Mr. Henderson, M.P., assures us that we and others who imagined that the Government proposed to let Milton down with a little \$5,000 building were mistaken, that the appropriation was merely a start, a pledge that a post office building will be erected, and that it will be one of which the town will have no reason to be ashamed. He spoke of a two-storey building of ample size, not only for the office, but for the caretaker's residence, as a probability. All that is likely to be done this year is the selection and purchase of a site. The full grant may be expected at next session, followed, in due course, by the letting of the contract. This assurance is very satisfactory as far as the post office is concerned but Milton will not be satisfied with less than a combined post office and customs house.

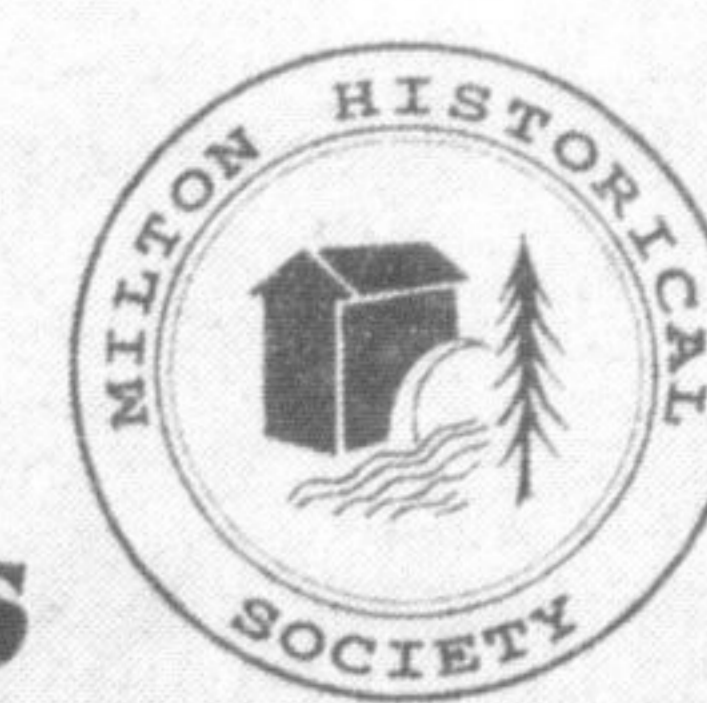
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Advertisement. On November 4, 1911 when we first opened our doors to the shopping public of Milton and surrounding community we had the pleasure of serving 71 customers. On Saturday June 1, 1912, we handled, to the best of our ability, one of the largest day's business to date, supplying with reliable merchandise 422 customers. Frank Hemstreet & Co.

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The arrangements for enlarging the plant of Imperial Foundry Co. Ltd. and extending its operations are progressing fast. Messrs. Jas. R. Tait and T.G. Ramshaw have been very successful in selling stock to capitalists of the town and neighbourhood. The company's heating boilers are in great request being the best and most economical in the market. A few days ago J.D. McGibbon of the Hotel

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McGibbon ordered a 20-inch boiler to replace and do the work of two of another make, each 28 inches.

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Board of Trade. A quotation was received from the Hydro-Electric commission for power via Brampton at the very satisfactory rate of \$30.50 per horse power. A special committee consisting of the Mayor, the Reeve and Messrs D.S. Robertson, J.F. Little and J. Irving was appointed to interview the local manufacturers and ascertain from each how many horse power he would undertake to use. The committee on railways and legislation reported that they had learned from the C.P.R. superintendent of this district that the new station would be built here very soon, the estimates having been approved some time ago. The civic improvement committee presented an exhaustive report, recommending steps to be taken in various ways for the improvement of the appearance of the streets, and the installation of a sewage system, as a necessary sanitary measure. The report stated the committee members would be happy to assist the streets and walks committee in looking after the streets.

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A baseball league has been organized in Milton composed of three nines, one representing P.L. Robertson Co. screw factory, another Edwards Co. motor factory and a third the balance of the town. They will play a schedule. A Milton nine, with Galloway and Kennedy as pitchers and Sinclair catcher, went to Zimmerman yesterday evening and played a match with the locals, which ended in the dark in the eighth inning. When play stopped the score was Milton 12, Zimmerman 8.

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