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Doulton sales to aid hospital

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Monday's visit by Michael Doulton to a local china shop raised \$500 for Milton District Hospital. Vera Delacourt, owner of Delacourts at Main and Martin streets, donated \$25 to the hospital auxiliary each time she sold the latest Royal Doulton figure, 'Sharon.' Expected to be a collector's item, the figure (valued at \$350) was only for sale during Mr. Doulton's visit.

A goodwill ambassador for the famous ceramic manufacturing company, Mr. Doulton was on hand to sign the figure as well as promote his new book, 'Discovering Royal Doulton.' He said the hand-painted figure 'Sharon' is unique because "no two are really the same." The store appearance was his second at Delacourts in three years. Ms Delacourt said Miltonians dropped into the shop steadily. As the fifth generation descendant

of the founder of Royal Doulton, Mr. Doulton has spent most of the last decade in the china departments of retail stores. He said he travels for 11 months of the year as a goodwill ambassador. This year alone, he will travel more than 300,000 miles to appear at store locations in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, the Caribbean and elsewhere. Mr. Doulton was educated in both England and France and received his degree in French language and art from the Sorbonne in Paris. Married, he's an avid sportsman and enjoys fly fishing, sailing and hiking. Royal Doulton was founded in 1815 by John Doulton, who invested his life savings of 100 pounds in a small one-kiln pottery in Lambeth by the Thames. There, utilitarian items were produced from stoneware and earthenware. In the late 1800s, under the tutelage of John's son Henry, the company began to expand into bone china tableware and art pieces. Queen Victoria was so attracted to the work the firm was doing she knighted Henry Doulton in 1877 — the first English potter to be so honoured. In 1902, King Edward VII bestowed upon the company the privilege of using the word 'Royal' in its title. Today, Royal Doulton represents one-third of the British ceramic industry and is owned by the Pearson conglomerate. In addition to Royal Doulton, the Royal Doulton Group comprises well-known consumer brand names Minton, Royal Crown Derby, Royal Albert and Beswick.

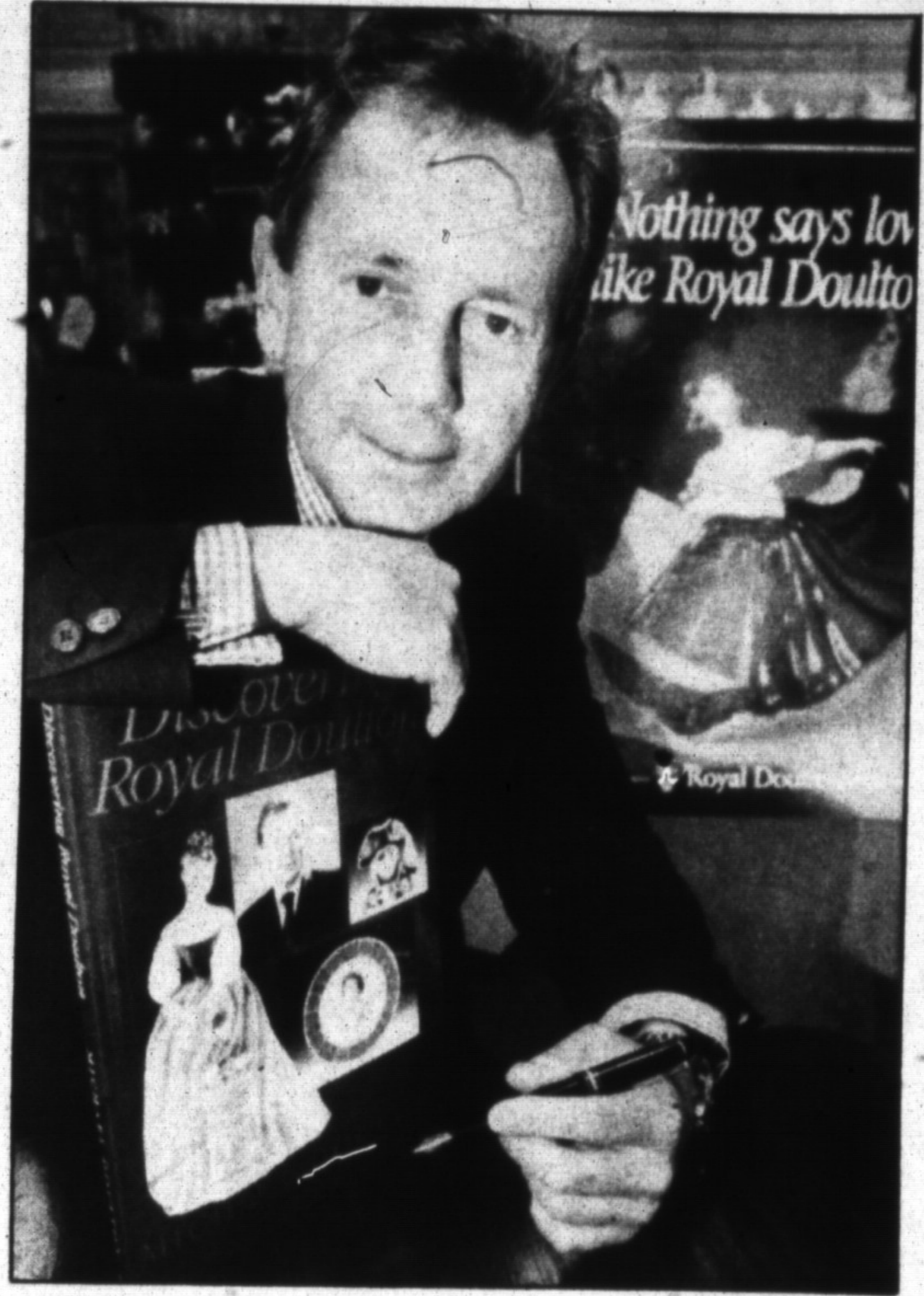


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Ontario's Ministry of Transportation will adopt a zero tolerance policy for the trucking industry after a recent 72-hour safety inspection blitz found 42 per cent of vehicles checked failed. The blitz, to increase awareness of commercial vehicle and driver safety in Canada, the United States and Puerto Rico, was held June 7 to 9. Roadcheck '94 randomly inspected 2,650 trucks in Ontario — 1,103 of those had mechanical safety defects serious enough for them to be pulled off the road. Transportation Minister Gilles Pouliot called the results "totally unacceptable, indicating more charges and harsher fines are the only answer if self-regulation doesn't work." Truck inspections focus on driver licensing, work hours, vehicle maintenance, mechanical safety and load security standards as set out in Canada's National Safety Code. Ministry practice has been to order trucks failing inspection off the road for repairs. Now, charges will also be laid for operating an unsafe vehicle and failing to maintain and inspect a vehicle.

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