



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

This reader is sick of OPSEU already

Dear Editor:

For the fifth time in as many days I have heard the name Leah Casselman and a reference to an unsightly portal of the human body mentioned in the same sentence. What's shocking are the sources of these comments, as these people are not predisposed to such language. Apparently and sadly Ms Casselman and her devout followers have squeezed such venomous dregs from otherwise civil and polite folk.

While I sympathize with all the cheated and downtrodden, there is no question in my mind that our public servants do not reside in either group. They do reside however, in the land of wishful thinking, if

they expect salaries not commensurate with their abilities or tenure and rights not afforded to the average person.

In addition, they call for job security and cushy pensions of which no mere mortal worker has the right to even dream nowadays. Is there some kind of hallucinogenic drug circulating in the provincial water fountains, or am I missing some important operand in this huge equation that is the 'truth'?

Take a bite of reality pie, Leah! No blood from a stone, remember? Misery loves company so let the OPSEU join the rest of the country in the brutal task of living within our means.

Many of your ilk decry the unhindered feeding at the trough by your politicians and then you quietly sidle up for your own slurp. It seems that I am not alone in viewing the OPSEU agenda with a large cartoon question mark poised over my head. It is a shame that the very commercial which was to stir alliance with our public servants in fact prompted my anger. "... we know there is waste and are prepared to deal with it." Indeed! The comments all so impudent and reeking of fear-mongering. The shred of dignity you hung by has just snapped.

Daniel Simons
Milton

What have Liberals done?

Dear Editor:

In 1993 the Liberal Party under Jean Chrétien was elected to govern this country, they were successful because the Canadian voters believed their election promises of economic recovery, job creation, political stability, deficit reduction through growth not spending cuts, and the elimination of the despised GST.

It has now been two years since their election, and they have yet to fulfill any of those promises.

The economic recovery has still not occurred, monthly bankruptcy rates are still high, companies are still closing or downsizing, there are still over 1.2 million Canadians unemployed with another 1.3 million on welfare, and child poverty has increased under this Liberal government. Is this their idea of economic recovery?

As for political stability, if the situation we face today was not so serious this promise would be laughable. We now have as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition a party whose sole purpose is to break up Canada. We have as the Government of Quebec the separatists Parti Quebecois, which in the recent referendum we came within .6 per cent of having an independent Quebec. As well, recent polls indicate that if a referendum were held today the separatists would win easily. So much for political stability.

Our national debt has increased by \$60 billion under this Liberal regime, adding another \$6 billion to our annual interest payments to service the debt. The Liberals promised that they would not fight the deficit on the backs of the poor, the unemployed, the elderly, or the sick.

Since coming to power they have slashed transfer payments for social and health services, they have reduced benefits to the unemployed and they will soon announce cuts to old age security and CPP benefits. Is this what they promised during the election campaign?

And we still have the GST and it is evident that it will stay. It may have a different name but it will still be a consumption tax.

I wonder why after two years our Canadian media has still not denounced the Liberals as they would have done the Conservative government.

Richard Malboeuf
Milton

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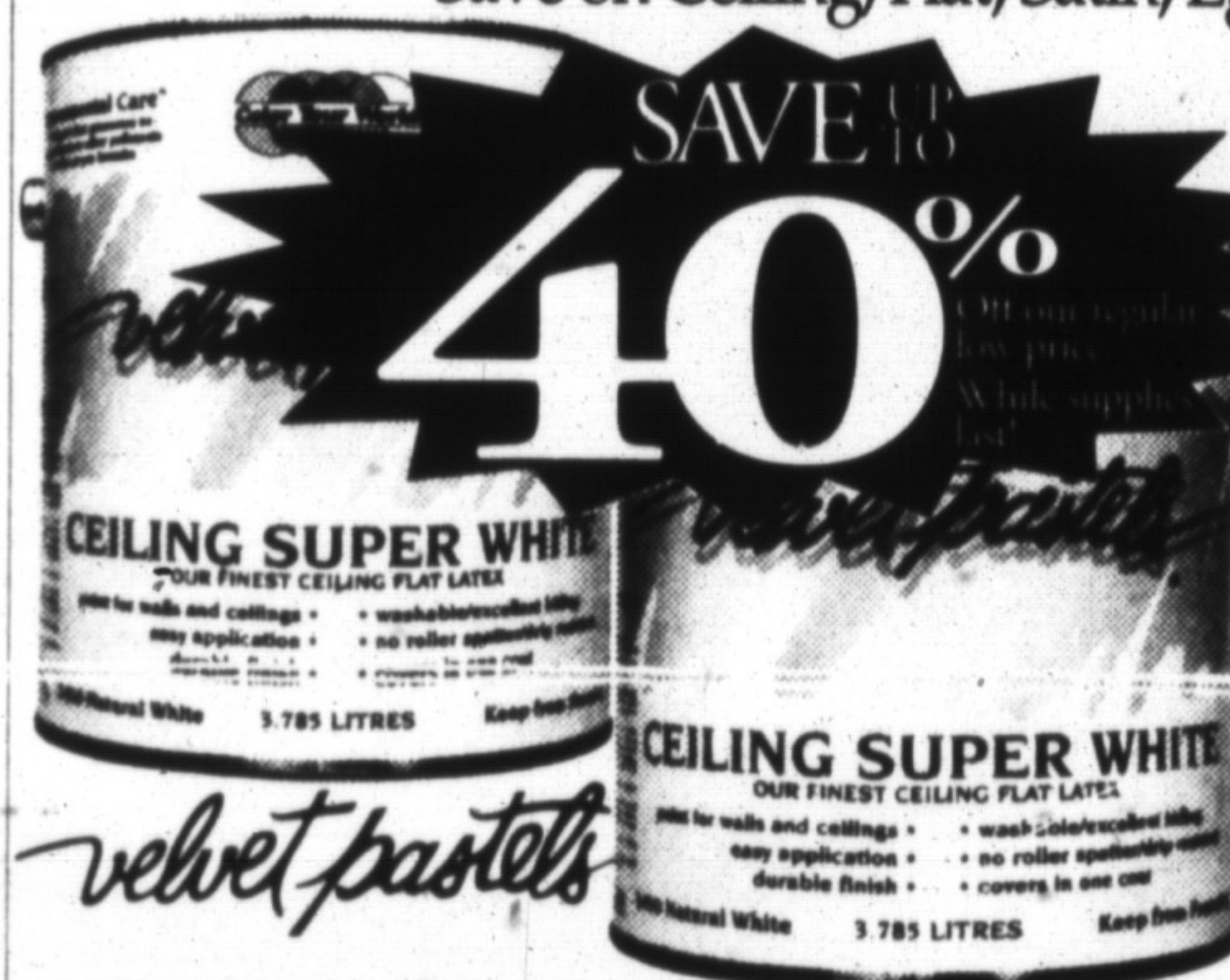
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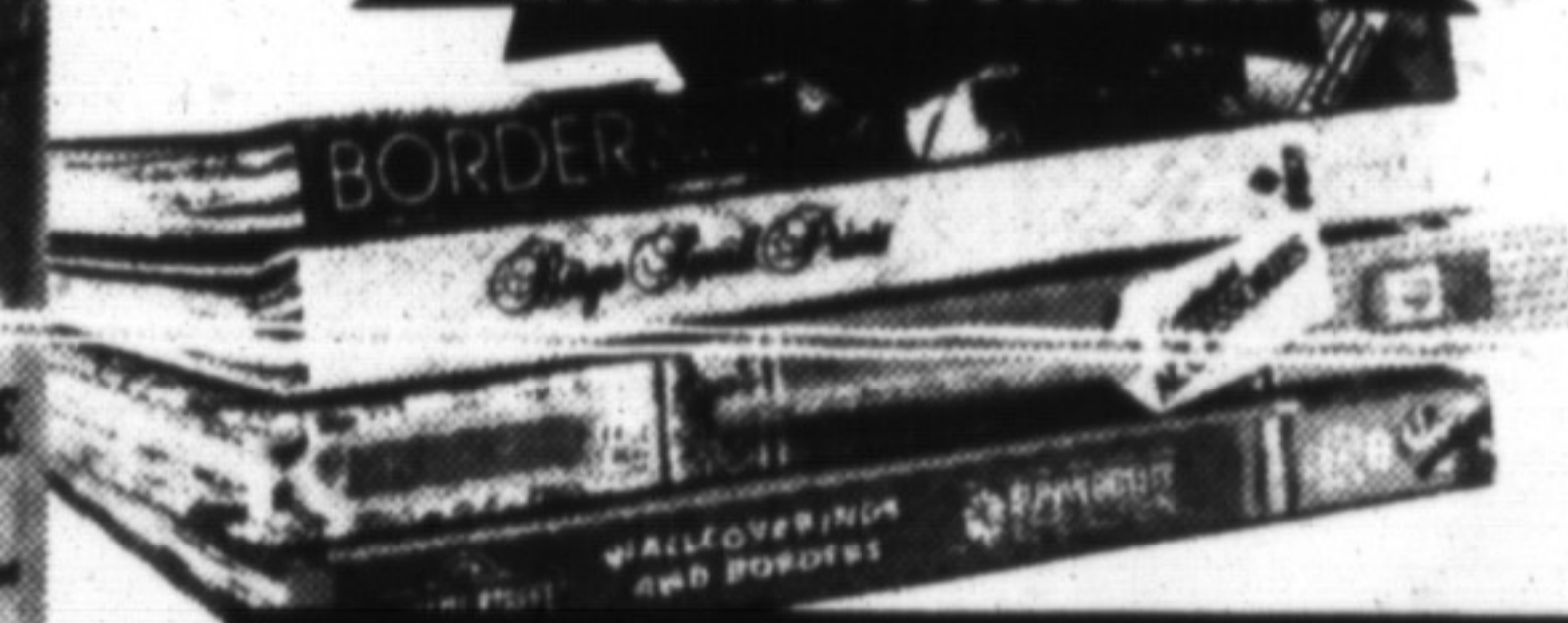
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