

I like my Tory leaders silky smooooth

The Tory leadership line-up is just too 'too'.

Ernie Eves is too smooth, Jim Flaherty's too gruff, Chris Stockwell has bug eyes, Tony Clement's too nice and Elizabeth Witmer looks too much like a strict school teacher. Frank Klees might be OK, but not everyone wants a George Hamilton look-a-like running a province.

People might give the Oak Ridges MPP a second look if he'd gain 50 pounds, grow a hairy mole on the left side of his nose and develop an overnight case of male pattern baldness. For God's sake Frank, can't you give into gravity and fall apart like the rest of us?

A few months ago, Klees resigned from cabinet citing personal reasons. I was a little dumbfounded at his reason. Since politicians aren't allowed to have personal lives, how can he quit over something he doesn't have?

Like it or not, when the public sizes things up, it shows no mercy. Despite the fact that each and every leadership hopeful likely is a capable, well-meaning and decent person, that's not the way they're perceived when they step into the political ring. It might be less hurtful to take up boxing.

The fact is, competition does very ugly things to very nice people. This is what you're about to hear in the trenches: "Ernie's slick, Flaherty's mean-spirited, Clement belongs at Sunday school, Stockwell needs to get his thyroid checked, Witmer's too stiff and Klees is too pretty."

Then there are the bores: Strategists, analysts, economists and all the other 'ists' will carry on about deficit cutting, budget balancing, economy stimulating and maintaining essential services. Just before we slip into a merciful coma, they'll predict, project and when we feel we can take no more, they'll genuflect. We'll then be kick-started back to life as the self-appointed experts get down to the business of



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telling us how to think, what to think and when to think.

Yet, after all is said and done, when people vote, they vote with their gut. That is, if the poor sods have a morsel of gut left.

I've decided to pretend to take part in the upcoming P.C. leadership race. First, I'll need a party membership card.

But that'll be a long journey. I'll have to pack a lunch.

Would somebody visit the cemetery and tell my grandmother there's no need to crawl out of the grave and box my ears? I'm not abandoning the old Liberals. I'm just trying to earn a decent living and that sometimes means pretending to be the enemy.

So back to being a 10-minute Tory. Let's set the stage: I've just been to the hair salon for my blue rinse treatment. I'm driving an eight-cylinder G.M., live in an upscale neighborhood and, of course, I pay far too much in taxes. I winter in Florida and my choice for leader is Ernie Eves.

Lots of people fault Eves for leaving the Tory table in January to take a lucrative private-sector job with Credit Suisse First Investment Bank. I'm not one of those people.

Keep in mind I've only been a Tory for 10 minutes, but if a top official of a high-rolling bank walked into this newsroom and offered me a big title complete with an annual salary of \$1 million-plus, I'd be tempted.

While I've only been a Tory for a little while, I like the smooth part of my colleagues. In fact, from here on out, I expect them to be smooth.

In my books, you're not a true Tory unless you're as smooth as a baby's bum.

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