

## A 28¢ Per Kilometre Toll

Questions are being raised over a federal program to draw private investment into public works.

"This is an ideology, not a business plan," said Paul Moist, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"I do not think this is widely understood by the general public," Moist said in an interview. His remarks came as federal auditors confirmed a Crown agency has committed more than half a billion dollars to projects involving private investment in public projects, so-called P3 ventures.

"In the presence of transparency taxpayers can make an informed decision," said Moist. "In the absence of that, it can be disastrous."

PPP Canada, a Crown corporation chaired by banker Anthony Comper, has spent \$23 million on cost-shared public works to date including an airport at Iqaluit and train maintenance facility in Whitby, Ont.

However, an auditors' report noted the agency has earmarked \$623 million

in additional spending, including \$343 million worth of committed projects and \$280 million approved by its board for public works that are still pending.

"The public always winds up holding the bag," said Moist, who earlier told MPs that P3 ventures may conceal the true cost of new roads, bridges and utilities.

"Mortgaging debt is never a good thing; surely to god we have learned that as a people," Moist told the Commons transport committee.

The CUPE president cited by example Ontario's Highway 407, a Toronto-area toll road leased to private investors for 99 years at \$3.1 billion. Tolls now run to 28¢ per kilometre in rush hour, with the highway investors reporting a 25 percent profit margin in their last financial statements.

"It's a very good highway, built properly, built on time, very good for certain investors including some pension funds, but was it in the public interest?" said Moist; "Risk inevitably ends up in the public realm."

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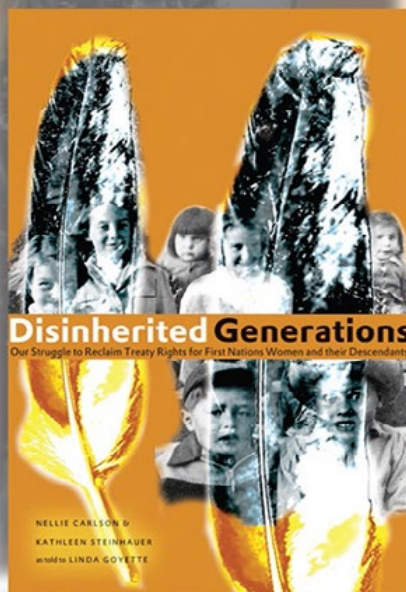


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Under questioning by MP Denis Coderre (Liberal-Bourassa, Que.), Moist urged MPs to take a "sober" view of PPP Canada financing:

CODERRE: "Mr. Moist, frankly, and I'll be honest, when I hear you it's a bit dogmatic. Do you believe that public is good and private is bad, or can we have

a pragmatic approach? The issue is not the PPP that's bad; the issue is who you're dealing with, and the checks and balances. Of course, it's always the same pocket that's paying. Is there a way it's acceptable?"

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MOIST: "I don't think we can be dogmatic on these things. The private sector builds public sector infrastructure almost universally across Canada. It is not a role for the public sector to build a hospital or a super-highway. Public employees are in a maintenance function when it comes to highways and roads. The capital works are done by the private sector. Where we get into trouble is if we're trying to stretch dollars. We have a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure deficit and we want to do more projects, so we're mortgaging debt. This is where I believe governments, maybe municipal governments, get a little too

exuberant. I think you have to separate the P3 proponents from the sober, independent assessment of P3s. It can't be in the same office."

Canadian municipalities have said necessary repairs to infrastructure are so costly, the unfunded expense would break many cities.

Moist said municipalities desperate for aid are "out-gunned by multinational corporations" in negotiating P3 contracts that are "sold as a way to get more done, more efficiently."

Half the nation's municipal roads need immediate repair, according to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

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## Best of Sheree



## A MILLION PATIENT REGISTRY

Legislation to compile a recall registry of all Canadians using medical devices is cumbersome and ineffective, say manufacturers. But a patients' rights group says Parliament "has to take responsibility" for product safety.

Bill S-202, *An Act To Establish And Maintain A National Registry Of Medical Devices*, would require the Department of Health to compile with patients' consent a confidential database containing the names, birthdates and addresses of all Canadians with devices from pace-makers to oxygen tanks. The bill is intended to allow prompt notice to patients in case of product recall. And it requires that manufacturers and distributors notify the registry of any risks to health.

"Does the new bill improve the situation? No," said Klaus-Gerhard Stitz, vice president of regulatory affairs for MEDEC, a trade association; "This can already be done by practice through current regulations."

Health Canada maintains a Therapeutic Products Directorate that regulates the safety and effectiveness of some 1.4 million medical devices sold in Canada.

"This bill does not add to regulatory performance," said Stitz; "The industry is already working on a program to have bar codes on all our products; that is an elec-

tronic record that can be data banked without any change in law or regulation."

Stitz earlier testified before the Senate social affairs committee that no country had such a patient registry as proposed by Bill S-202, and that costs of the system were unknown.

However, the advocacy group Patients' Association of Canada said the registry would be "a tremendous backup" for patients.

"We think it is very important that senators understand patients do not themselves purchase their implants," testified Dr. Sholom Glouberman, association president. "Most purchasing in health care is done by the physicians; the payment comes not from the physicians themselves but sometimes from the hospital budget, and ultimately from the government."

"In a way, the ultimate purchaser is the government, and the government has to take some responsibility for that," Glouberman continued.

Health Canada recalled 6,648 devices in the period from 2001 to 2010.

In a submission to the Senate committee, the department's Therapeutic Products Directorate said it considered the patient registry unnecessary.

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# David Angus

## MY 66 YEARS ON THE LINKS

**W**hen do you stop golfing? The day before your funeral. My stepfather had a hole in one at age 94. I golfed six weeks after open heart surgery following my 75th birthday, and still shot an 82. I'm a member of the Canadian Seniors Golf Association, which has 140 emeritus members over age 80. It is a marvellous game that's been a joy and influence in my life.

My mother Ada introduced me to golf. She was a Hutchison whose family hailed from Aberdeen, Scotland. In her teens my grandparents sent her across the ocean to boarding school at St. Andrew's. Mother was a great lady with a nice little Scottish swing she picked up as a schoolgirl on the Old Course. She passed away this past January at 97. It seems that golfers have good genes!

I still travel to Scotland to golf at Muirfield, Prestwick and St. Andrew's. They have a civilized, social approach to golf there, where they frequently play four-somes. It is first and foremost a game. My late father Mel, who also derived great pleasure from the game, always stressed the importance of being good-humoured in defeat, and gracious in victory.

I was introduced to golf as a 9-year old at the Laurentian Golf Club in Ste. Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec. My first summer job was doing menial tasks in the Laurentian GC pro shop at age 10. I grew to love the work, the people and the game. At age 12, I was the youngest junior at the Royal Mont-real Golf Club, the oldest in North America; I was a member there for fifty years and a director in their Centenary year, 1973.

Some people have a natural ability to pick up a guitar and strike a chord – a talent I wish I had. Golf requires some natural balance, rhythm and co-ordination, though it is wrong to say you must start very young. PGA champion Larry Nelson did not take up the game till he was 21, and the great Greg Norman only started at 15.

Competitive sports are a great preparation for life's many challenges. Schools

today that have no competitive sports programs are missing out. I played varsity golf and hockey at Princeton University, and learned endurance, patience and sportsmanship.

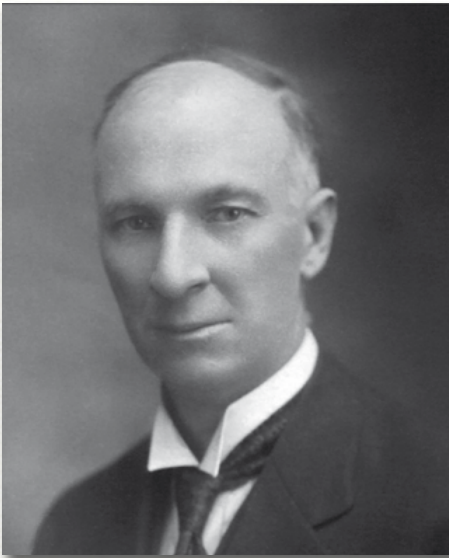
Over the years much serious business has been conducted on golf courses. An average round is four hours, often followed by lunch or dinner. In my days as an attorney seeking business in the U.K. for my maritime law and insurance practice, golf was a major part of my business promotion activities. There is a warm, human element to the game. Forty years later, many of my U.K. clients remain good friends.

Golf in the beginning was one of the more elitist games, played mainly at private clubs. It was difficult to obtain access to instruction and facilities, and the equipment was expensive. It has become much more populist now, largely due to the influence of people like Tiger Woods. There are public links all over the world, available in large part to anyone. The game has become democratized and accessible.

I've had the privilege of being invited to join many clubs in Canada and abroad – St. Andrew's, Muirfield and Prestwick in Scotland; Royal St. George's and Walton Heath in England; Royal County Down and Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland; Redstick in Florida. These are very special clubs which emphasize the history and tradition of the game. At Muirfield and Redstick caddies are available, and one generally plays there without an electric cart. That's rare nowadays.

As a boy, my handicap ranged from 3 to 9; it's now about 15 and hopefully not climbing too fast. My wife once declared, "You're addicted, you know." Yet golf has brought me such pleasure from boyhood through my 66 years on the links!

*(Editor's note: the author, a former Conservative chair of the Senate banking and energy committees, served 19 years in the Upper House and retired last summer at 75)*



### Tom Hyland Blacklock

A pioneer publisher and war correspondent, confidante of three prime ministers and 1922 president of the Ottawa Press Gallery, Tom Blacklock was mourned at his passing in 1934 as "a keen observer blessed with a sense of proportion." Born in Halton County, Ont. in 1870, he became a frontier editor and first mayor of Weyburn, Sask. in 1903. Assigned to Parliament Hill by the Winnipeg Telegram in 1912 he remained a gallery man for life with columns published from Victoria to Halifax: "As Tom Blacklock used to say, 'That ain't the way I heard it.'"

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## SEAL HUNT IS DEAD: SENATOR

Canada's centuries-old seal hunt is being compared to asbestos mining as a doomed industry.

"The secret is out: the commercial seal hunt is not a viable industry," said Ontario Liberal Senator Mac Harb; "It is over."

Harb's remarks came as the Upper House adopted a report by its fisheries committee advocating a cull of 73,000 grey seals in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence in the name of fish conservation. Senators recommended Canada develop Asian

markets for seal products as pet food and waterproof clothing, and include seal oil as a supplement to the *Canada Food Guide*.

Harb, a frequent critic of commercial sealing, characterized the report as pointless.

"The very question of a cull would not have arisen if there was a viable market for seal product," said Harb. "The commercial seal hunt is now essentially a micro-workfare program funded by government loans."

Harb noted the Department of Fisheries, Canadian Coast

Guard and other agencies spent \$2 million monitoring last year's seal hunt, valued at \$1.6 million, while the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador has provided \$3.6 million to sustain seal processors: "That is not a smart investment."

The Senate report, *The Sustainable management of Grey Seal Populations*, noted there has "never been a well-developed and viable market for grey seals," with the population estimated at 400,000 animals. Regulators set a hunters' quota

of 60,000 grey seals last year, with only 200 harvested.

The fisheries department did not fix a quota this spring for the larger harp seal hunt off Newfoundland & Labrador, where the population is estimated at 7.3 million animals.

The total harp seal harvest is estimated at 80,000 this year, a quarter of the catch in 2006.

"The fisheries minister did not even bother to set a quota for this year's hunt," said Harb. "Even the dying industry's most desperate attempts to save itself are a thing of the past."

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## TAX COURT A LITTLE FRIENDLIER: "THIS IS PROGRESS," SAYS FINANCE MINISTER

Taxpayers stand to gain new powers to take Canada Revenue to court over small disputes.

Bill C-60, *An Act To Implement Certain Provisions Of The Budget*, raises the allowable limit of Tax Court claims that can be filed by individuals without a lawyer.

"This is progress," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told *Blacklock's*.

C-60 raises the value of claims that qualify for simplified "informal procedure" trials from a maximum \$12,000 to up to \$25,000. The cases typically involve disputes over Canada Revenue Agency interest charges, tax reassessments and disqualified credits.

"We consulted at length, including with the Tax Court," Flaherty said. "These amendments make the Court more efficient for taxpayers, and

for the operation of the Court itself."

The adjustment in maximum claims that qualify for informal trials is the first since 1993.

"This benefits people who plead their own cases," said Paul DioGuardi, of DioGuardi Tax Law. "This is a good thing."

Under the *Tax Court of Canada Act*, tax-filers with smaller disputes can take Canada Revenue before a judge in informal process that waives strict rules of filings, evidence, and other requirements of senior courts.

"It's like Small Claims Court," said DioGuardi. "It allows the little guy to have his case heard."

David Spiro, tax counsel with Dentons, estimated that appeals using informal procedure now comprise more than a third of Tax Court cases.

"The Tax Court is there for the people," said Spiro. "These are often small tax disputes that can be very, very important to individuals."

The Court itself provides website guidelines to individuals who represent themselves in challenging Canada Revenue rulings.

"It can be very intimidating for individuals to walk into Tax Court and face off with a government lawyer," Spiro said in an interview; "I helped start our program, now entering its third year, to assign University of Toronto law students to assist individuals in filing these informal Tax Court claims on a pro bono basis."

The Tax Court amendments, included in the government's main budget bill, are expected to pass the Commons and Senate by July.

"It seems consistent with an effort to make the tax system more accessible," said New Democrat revenue critic Murray Rankin, a former University of Victoria law professor.

"Going to a \$25,000 limit seems appropriate in making the Tax Court accessible to taxpayers without them having to hire a lawyer," said Rankin.

The Victoria MP said he feared that announced cuts to 3,008 Canada Revenue staff has affected the agency's ability to explain simple reassessments and other issues with tax filers.

"I've been told by Canada Revenue Agency staff that they are frustrated they can no longer do that front-counter work with taxpayers," Rankin said.

 TOM KORSKI



## A FINE POINT ON TAXES

In a case that exposed the finances of parking enforcement, British Columbia's Simon Fraser University has successfully fought Canada Revenue in a dispute over taxes on parking fines.

The university was assessed GST on an estimated \$100,000 a year in fines paid by ticketed motorists at its campus lots. In a Tax Court appeal, the university's lawyer Elizabeth Junkin successfully argued the fines were not a contract for service subject to 5% federal sales tax.

"I'm thrilled and so is the university," Junkin said. "This judgment has value for other universities."

Simon Fraser University charges a maximum \$11.75 a weekday for parking.

Court documents showed of 10,000 tickets issued each year to scofflaws, 2500 tickets were waived; 3500 were paid; and 4000 remained unpaid.

Documents also showed that parking enforcement cost more than it raised; Simon Fraser spent \$200,000 a year to have Campus Security patrol its parking lots, in return for the \$100,000 a year it collected in fines.

"Those who parked without paying anything were in ef-

fect stealing from the University," wrote Tax Court Justice Campbell Miller; "Parking fines were not a revenue tool but a compliance tool."

Canada Revenue argued that Simon Fraser should have collected some \$11,000 a year in GST on fines under the *Excise Tax Act*, claiming that fines were in effect a contracted payment for service and therefore taxable.

Justice Miller disagreed, but called it a "tricky issue."

"Is there a contract between Simon Fraser University and the non-paying driver?" Miller asked; "When the non-paying driver got out of his or her car, all he or she knew was that he or she had not paid."

Miller continued, "The agreement is basically, if I get caught I pay a fine. I agree that seems a somewhat, dare I say, 'fine' distinction, but it does recognize the fine, in this case, is indeed just that – a fine, pure, and simple."

The Department of Finance in its March 21 budget repealed an exemption on GST for parking fees collected by municipalities, hospitals, charities and other public institutions.

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## A CUT IN THE WATER SKI TAX



The Department of Finance is repealing tariffs on water skis and trampolines in a "healthy living" campaign.

Reductions in duties promised in the March 21 budget are detailed for the first time in legislation introduced in the Commons.

"We will ask the finance committee to allocate some of the issues to different committees so the bill can move along through the committee stage more quickly," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told reporters.

Flaherty had pledged to eliminate all tariffs on hockey gear, but the schedule of reductions covers a range of sporting goods and amusements, including the complete repeal of:

- 20 percent tariffs on imported ski boots, 18% on snowboards and boots, 7.5 on downhill and cross-country skis and 7% on bindings and poles;
- 7% tariffs on cricket gloves, balls, leg pads and bats;
- 7% on baseballs and

softballs, 7.5 percent on baseball bats and the 6% duty on automated batting cages and pitching machines;

- 18% on ice skates, 15.5% on hockey gloves, 2.5% on hockey sticks and inclusion of hockey helmets on a tariff-free list that already includes firefighters' helmets;
- 9.5 percent on sailboards
- 7.5 percent on water skis and fins, snowshoes, archery equipment and golf clubs, plus repeal of an 8% tariff on golf balls

The finance department also eliminated all tariffs on trampolines, rowing machines, curling rocks, trapshooting clay pigeons, footballs and rugby balls.

Authorities said the reductions were intended to "promote physical fitness and healthy living."

The tariffs repeals are retroactive to April 1.

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 PAUL DELAHANTY



# A Warning Label on Garlic?



Garlic powder is being put under the microscope by Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, as regulators decide if the tasty ingredient can be used by organic farmers to prevent seed rot and mildew.

"An evaluation of available scientific information found that, under the ap-

proved conditions of use, the product has value and does not present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment," the agency reported.

However, the agency reported pesticides that contain garlic power should carry a warning label that reads: "Individuals who are sensitive or allergic to garlic should avoid handling the product."

"Anything that is being used as a pesticide needs to go through that agency for review," said **Dr. Andrew Hammermeister**, director of Dalhousie University's Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada.

The *Pest Control Products Act* is used to scrutinize pesticides for potential risks to the environment or public health. Other common household products,

such as vinegar, are also under scrutiny when used to control garden pests.

"This also involves testing the efficacy of the pesticide," said Dr. Hammermeister. "It's one thing to be able to supply it; it's another to make a claim it is actually a pesticide."

The pest regulatory agency noted garlic has a long history of culinary uses and posed no apparent risk to humans or most animals. Garlic is rated slightly toxic for fish and aquatic invertebrates with prolonged exposure.

Health Canada did not take *Blacklock's* questions.

The department is accepting public comment on its garlic investigation till May 27.



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# Farmers Versus Owls?

Federal measures to protect endangered birds, fish and wildlife must recognize land-owners' rights, say national farm groups.

MPs conducting a review of habitat protection and the *Species At Risk Act* were told to avoid "confrontation" with ranchers and growers in mandating wildlife protection.

"Number one, if a species at risk is viewed as a liability to the land manager, it will always be at risk," Bob Lowe, of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, told MPs. "Number two, if a species at risk is found on a rancher's land, it must be assumed that the land manager is doing things right."

The association urged that a portion of federal funding for habitat preservation under the *Species At Risk Act* be set aside for farmers.

"I don't know how the Department of Environment can come up with environmental solutions without consulting the Department of Agriculture," Lowe said; "We encourage this government to take a made-in-Canada stewardship approach to protecting species at risk, and avoid the confrontational atmosphere south of the border."

Green Party leader Elizabeth May noted the Canadian Federation of Agriculture consulted the Sierra Club and other environmental groups in reviewing the *Species At Risk Act* a decade ago.

"Working with the Department of Agriculture is not the same as working with farmers," said May, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands, B.C. "A lot of farmers have a very strong land ethic and want to protect

species on their property; the Department of Agriculture is definitely not helpful."

The Grain Growers of Canada testified Prairie producers often consult Ducks Unlimited in preserving critical habitat.

"This is a partnership that we as farmers work with very carefully across Canada," said Richard Phillips, executive director; "It's an economic partnership."

"Farmers do like being good stewards of our land, we do like habitat and we do like having water fowl and wildlife around," Phillips continued. "We need partnerships with society because there are some areas where society can play a role in helping us protect the land."

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture calculated some 550 wildlife species are found

on farms.

"One of the big challenges in conserving habitat on agricultural land is that most productive land coincides with areas of high biodiversity," said Ron Bonnett, federation president; "Take steps to allow innovative and effective conservation and stewardship programs to thrive in the *Species At Risk Act*."

The group Canadian Boreal Initiative told the Commons hearings it opposes complex revisions to the law.

"Now is the time for stability," said Mary Granskou, senior advisor. "Now is not the time to reopen the Act. What we really need is time to bring the co-operative work that's happening right now, into fruition."



ALEX BINKLEY

## NEW TOXIC WASTE RULES IN THE ARCTIC

In a little-noticed regulatory change, the Department of Northern Development has clawed back a requirement for public hearings on the disposal of toxic waste in the Northwest Territories.

New rules permit oil and gas companies to pump toxic drill waste water below ground, rather than transport it to licensed dumps in Alberta and British Columbia. Previously, companies had to be vetted by local land and water boards in a process that could lead to full environmental assessments of projects.

Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington said the obscure amendment to the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations* ap-

peared consistent with cabinet promotion of new mining and energy projects in the north.

"Their rush to reduce environmental regulation is about trying to make their plans work," said Bevington, New Democrat critic for northern development. "There's clear public concern."

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver was unavailable for comment.

Analysts confirmed to *Blacklock's* the regulatory change meant no public consultation is required for "down hole injection" of saltwater, oil and unspecified chemical additives.

Drilling companies will require a permit from the Calgary-based National Energy

Board.

Kevin O'Reilly, of the Yellowknife group Alternatives North, predicted the regulatory change "is a way to grease the skids" for the oil and gas industry.

In a statement, the Department of Northern Development acknowledged that industry found the requirement for public hearings a "disincentive," particularly in remote areas where on-site waste disposal "might be the best option."

The amendment will save individual drilling operators an average \$32,264 for each disposal application, by federal estimate.

Cabinet earlier pledged to "focus on creating economic growth" in the north as Canada

assumed the 2013 leadership of the international Arctic Council.

"The overarching theme of our tenure as chair of the Council will be development," said Leona Aglukkaq, minister responsible for the Council; "The development of natural resources is important to the economic future of the Arctic and to the long-term prosperity of its people."

Analysts said large hydraulic fracturing projects planned by Husky Energy and ConocoPhillips are expected to produce substantial wastewater.



JUSTIN LING



# Buy High, Sell Low: Taxpayers Take A Bath On Gov't-Owned Real Estate



The Department of Foreign Affairs stands to lose more than a million dollars on a diplomat's home in Buffalo, N.Y. that was supposed to be sold for a profit.

Authorities are selling the six-bedroom heritage home in a campaign to "deliver value for taxpayers," the department earlier pledged.

Bought for at least \$1.3 million less than four years ago, and with nearly half a million dollars in upgrades, the former consular residence sold this month for \$750,000.

"Did they ask if this was a good time to sell?" said MP Paul Dewar, New Democrat foreign affairs critic. "Selling property at a loss when you're trying to save money doesn't make any sense."

No cabinet members would take *Blacklock's* questions.

International Trade Minister Ed Fast, when asked about the Buffalo sale, walked away without comment.

The department purchased the home as a consular residence on June 16, 2009 for at least \$1,390,000, according to Buffalo property records. Government accounts obtained through *Access To Information* put the purchase price at \$1,692,549 but failed to account for the discrepancy.

"It's a beautiful property," said Buffalo realtor Bonnie Clement, the listing agent, who said \$400,000 worth of upgrades were spent on the property after the Government of Canada bought it. *Access* records show the home also cost taxpayers \$56,000 a year in maintenance, utilities and taxes in the period the

government owned it.

"When it was purchased there was no inventory," said Clement. "There were not a lot of houses on the market. That explains the price."

The 5,038 sq.ft. house, built in 1905, features four bathrooms, hardwood trim and landscaped yard with patio at 196 Soldiers Place in Buffalo.

It was put up for sale under a 2012 program announced by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty that was supposed to generate \$80 million in revenue by reducing the cost of foreign missions.

Departmental emails show foreign affairs staff were confident they could turn a profit in Buffalo real estate.

"The forecast for the trend in the Buffalo housing market...is up," enthused one report; "Buffalo offers a highly

developed, sophisticated realty market."

The property will sell for \$750,000 in a deal that closed May 6, said the listing agent – a loss of at least \$1.2 million on the purchase price, upgrades and tax and maintenance costs.

"What were the goals here?" said Dewar, MP for Ottawa Centre. "I thought the goals were to achieve savings. Instead they lost money."

Dewar continued, "Why didn't they look at the bottom line? They put good money in, and didn't get good money out."

The Buffalo residence was occupied for three years by Consul General Marta Moszczenska, former Canadian ambassador to Romania and Hungary.

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# A Billion Here, Billion There

Billions of dollars budgeted for security after 9/11 were never spent for their intended purpose and cannot be traced, says Auditor General Michael Ferguson.

In reviewing the nation's accounts, Ferguson cited the mammoth discrepancy in taxpayers' funds earmarked for a Public Security and Anti-Terrorism Initiative. The program's \$12.9 billion budget was under-spent by 24 percent, or \$3.1 billion, with no trace of what happened to the balance.

"Information to explain the difference of \$3.1 billion between the funding allocated to departments and agencies and the amount reported spent was not available," Ferguson told Parliament.

The funding was spread through 35 federal depart-

ments and agencies over an eight-year period, from 2001 to 2009, without any summary reports for Treasury Board.

"In our opinion, this resulted in a lost opportunity as the ability to generate a government-wide perspective on achieving results was not established," Ferguson reported.

The chief auditor earlier testified before the Commons public accounts committee that, despite billions authorized for security, federal measures to counter cyber threats appeared inadequate.

In one instance, the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre kept business hours and "did not always have a full picture of the national and international cyber threat environment,"

the auditor testified.

The Response Centre has since adopted a 15-hour, 7-day a week schedule.

François Guimont, deputy minister of public safety, told the committee that federal staff remained on call outside working hours to "handle a situation that may arise," prompting this exchange with MP Malcolm Allen (NDP-Welland, Ont.):

GUIMONT: "Until it doesn't work, I would suggest that we're equipped right now to give a good response to calls should they be coming in."

ALLEN: "We don't do that for fire services, sir. We don't put them on call. We actually put them in the station."

The Department of Public Safety said it has crafted an action plan to "meet cyber

threats head-on," but declined *Blacklock's* interview requests.

"There are not a lot of details," said Professor Rex Hughes, Visiting Fellow in Cyber Security at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs. "This is a positive step forward, but this is going to require a lot more engagement."

Hughes said Canada appeared no more ill-prepared than other allies in cyber security preparedness.

"In the G8 club Canada probably matches up with the U.K.," said Hughes. "It's a pretty similar starting point; all countries are pretty new to this."



KAVEN BAKER-VOAKES

## MORE SEARCH, LESS RESCUE?

Reliability of the nation's search and rescue service is threatened by aging aircraft and looming personnel shortages, says Auditor General Michael Ferguson.

"Significant improvements are needed," said Ferguson, who warned Parliament of problems with "the continued availability of sufficient numbers of trained search and rescue personnel, and the maintenance of aging equipment."

Military and Coast Guard crews must monitor 243,800 kilometres of coastline and "the largest search and rescue territory in the world," Defence Minister Peter MacKay told the Commons;



"We have to do more."

In his annual accounting to Parliament, the chief auditor said improvements are essential if the government is

to "deliver search and rescue activities effectively."

Ferguson also warned, "The information management system used to manage search and rescue cases does not adequately support operational requirements and is nearing its breaking point."

Liberal MP John McKay said the deficiencies are "endangering Canadian lives."

"Not only should we be concerned about the sustainability of search and rescue over the coming years, but that our air force and coast guard do not have the staff and equipment to do their jobs effectively," said McKay, MP for Scarborough-Guildwood, Ont.

In the Commons, legislators noted the auditor's criticism follows the January 30, 2012 death of Burton Winters, a 14-year old Labrador boy who perished of hypothermia while awaiting rescue near the town of Makkovik.

The Government of Newfoundland & Labrador has since assigned a thermal imaging camera unit to the district.

"The federal government needs to take substantive action that's required to safeguard Canadians living and working in our coastal communities," McKay said.



ALEX BINKLEY



# RCMP Officer Demoted over Mittens

An RCMP officer is going to Federal Court after being demoted for throwing a pair of mittens. Commissioner Robert Paulson ruled a Mountie violated the force's "core values" when he tossed the mittens in a household argument with his estranged wife eleven years ago.

Corporal Shawn Elhatton, the policeman demoted over the incident, filed a court application to quash the commissioner's ruling.

"Throwing a pair of mittens – I mean, what do you call it other than trivial?" said William Gilmour, a Brampton, Ont. lawyer representing Elhatton. "It is laughable."

The demotion came as Parliament debates Bill C-42, *An Act To Amend The RCMP Act*, that grants Commissioner Paulson new powers to discipline members of the force.

Paulson's office did not take *Blacklock's* questions.

In a written decision, the Commissioner reprimanded Cpl. Elhatton over a Dec. 13, 2002 incident at his New Maryland, N.B. home. Investigators heard testimony that Elhatton threw a pair of mittens in anger when his estranged wife arrived with her fiancé to pick up their 4-year old son under a custody arrangement. Elhatton's wife filed a formal complaint four days later.

The Commissioner also cited Elhatton for a 2003 incident in which he called a

colleague "spineless" – an incident Elhatton's lawyer ascribed to "office politics."

"This is not uncommon at all," said Gilmour, who served four years with the Mounties.

However, the Commissioner called both incidents a breach of *RCMP Regulations*. Punishment included Elhatton demotion to constable, and a recommendation that he seek anger management counseling.

"Corporal Elhatton's disregard for some of our organization's most important core values and commitments has deeply affected his ability to act as a role model for junior members," wrote Paulson; "Since becoming the commissioner, I have stressed the importance of leadership and accountability which in my opinion, are essential to the success of our organization."

Paulson acknowledged other colleagues found the policeman's conduct and work performance satisfactory.

Elhatton was earlier fired by the Mounties in 2011 over uncorroborated complaints from his ex-wife that he was violent and erratic. Elhatton sued in Federal Court and was reinstated after a judge described the complaints against him as "egregious hearsay."

"He wants to get back to work," said his lawyer, Gilmour. "He is outraged at the

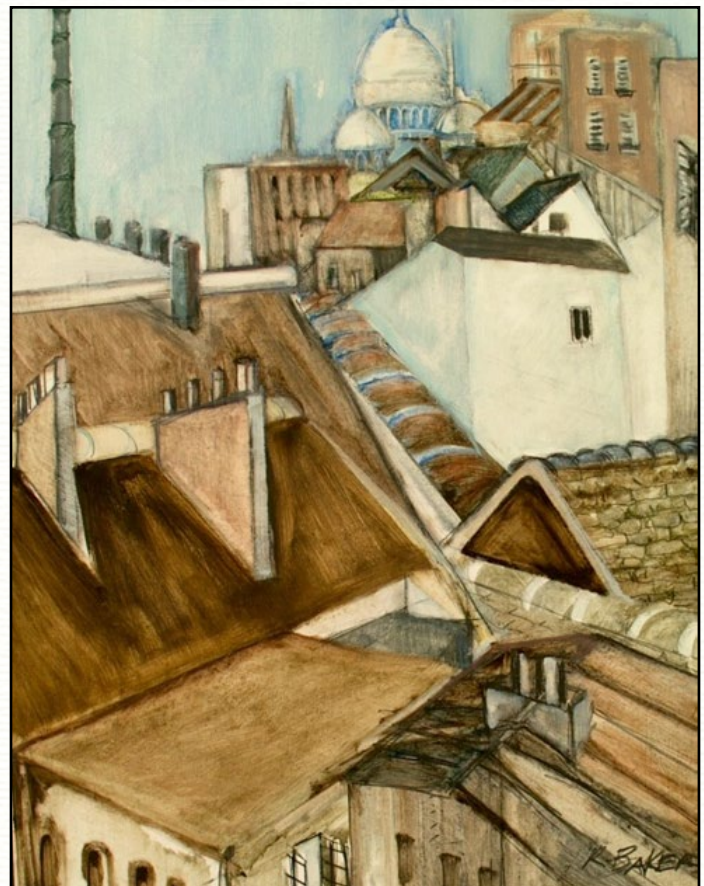
things they have done to him, and he wants redress. He wants to go back to the Mounties."

Bill C-42 permits the RCMP commissioner to suspend, demote or fire rank-and-file members "whose performance in the Commissioner's opinion is unsatisfactory"; and "recommend the discharge of any Deputy Commissioner for the promotion of economy and ef-

ficiency." The bill also sanctions closed-door hearings on grievances, and dismissal of workplace complaints deemed to conflict with "the safety or security of Canada."

The legislation passed the Commons on a 152-to-130 vote March 6 and is now before the Senate.

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# “This Is Pandering”



The Department of Justice admits it used misleading data to promote a crime bill targeting the mentally ill.

“The research changed,” a department official told *Blacklock's*.

Attorney General Rob Nicholson cited inflated figures on criminality in proposing Bill C-54, *An Act To Amend The Criminal Code* (mental disorder). The legislation would create a new criminal category: adults found not responsible of “brutal” crimes due to mental disorder, to be held in custody for years at a psychiatric facility without day release as “high-risk accused.”

Nicholson declined an interview.

“If you use numbers that are misleading in law, there’s a problem,” said MP Françoise Boivin, New Democrat justice critic. “We may disagree on policy, but we cannot bring to the House something that is untrue, or that we know to be false or misleading.”

The introduction of the bill Feb. 8 followed sensational cases involving violent mentally ill offenders. In 2012 Guy Turcotte, a former Quebec cardiologist, was granted conditional release following treatment in a Montreal hospital after stabbing his two children to death. And in 2010 Vince Li, the “Greyhound Killer,” was permitted day trips from a Selkirk, Man. psychiatric hospital two years after he decapitated a bus passenger in a schizophrenic rage.

“Here are some interesting facts,” Nicholson told MPs March 1 in quoting statistics that up to 38 percent of mentally disturbed defendants accused of violent crime had a previous arrest.

Research for Nicholson’s department show the recidivism rate is a fraction of the figures given Parliament.

“This bill implies there is a problem, that the mentally ill are a violent group the community should fear, and it is

patently untrue,” said Dr. Stanley Yaren, past president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. “By far, people with mental disorders are more likely to be victims of crime, not perpetrators.”

Five-year research commissioned by Justice Canada indicated 7 percent of accused found not responsible for a crime went on to commit a second “violent” offence: “If someone creates a public disturbance and scuffles with a police officer, this is classified as ‘violent,’” said Dr. Yaren.

“This bill corrects a problem that doesn’t exist,” Yaren said. “This is pandering.”

A department official confirmed Nicholson’s inflated statistics were based on research submitted last November 30 and subsequently updated in March as the bill was debated.

“The recidivism rate among mentally ill offenders is lower than other offenders; that is something the government acknowledges,” an official said.

MP Boivin said the Commons justice committee has agreed to schedule at least six days’ worth of hearings for expert testimony on the bill.

“We need to get to the bottom of this,” said Boivin, MP for Gatineau, Que.

The Psychiatric Association in a report called Bill C-54 an “unfortunate” piece of legislation, saying it “introduces a quality of punishment or retribution” in the treatment of mentally ill offenders.

“There is no evidence of a rising risk to public safety,” said the association, which presented its research to five MPs in preparation for committee hearings.

Final statistics on recidivism rates involving the mentally ill were cited in the federal report, *Description and Processing of Individuals found Not Criminally Responsible on Account of Mental Disorder Accused of ‘Serious Violent Offences’* by Doctors Anne Crocker of McGill, Michael Seto of the Royal Ottawa Health Group, Tonia Nicholls of the University of British Columbia, and Gilles Côté of L’Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

The research tracked 165 patients in Québec, Ontario and British Columbia, two-thirds diagnosed with schizophrenia. Researchers noted that, where patients committed violent acts, the victims were more likely family members or professionals they knew, and “less likely to be strangers.”



# TIME OUT ON FOREIGN HIRES

Cabinet has repealed a policy blamed for costing thousands of Canadian entertainment jobs under its contentious Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

A rule exempting union input from assessments on foreign work permits in the Western Canadian film industry has been withdrawn, according to the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists.

"This went on for years because of pressure from U.S. studios," said Stephen Waddell, ACTRA national executive director.

The repeal came as cabinet acknowledged abuses of the program following complaints in the banking and mining sectors.

"We have been concerned about examples of the program not being used as intended," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney told reporters; "The point of the program is to address temporary skill shortages."

ACTRA estimates Canadians lost 6,000 film roles in British Columbia last year under the provision. In a submission to parliamentarians, the Alliance said the policy allowed "even non-Canadians with no acting experience to enter Canada and take jobs from Canada's professional performers."

The Alliance also pressed for repeal of a work permit exemption for musical and theatrical groups that "has resulted in non-union productions crossing the border, undercutting Canadian wages and working

conditions," it wrote.

Waddell said the Alliance and four companion unions raised the issue in private meetings with senior federal staff and MPs.


"Everyone was concerned," said Waddell. "It was remarkable, actually – because, I think, it is now a public issue."

Parliament earlier heard complaints of the program's use by HD Mining International Ltd., a Murray River, B.C. operation that contracted 201 mainland Chinese miners after listing Mandarin as a language requirement; and the Royal Bank, which publicly apologized after instructing 45 IT staff in Toronto to train their South Asian replacements.

Under new changes, cabinet immediately repealed a provision allowing employers to pay foreign hires 15% less than local applicants; and proposed new regulations that employers who hire foreign workers formalize a "transition plan" explaining how they propose to hire more Canadians "over time."

"The point of the program is to address temporary skill shortages," said the immigration minister.

Employers applied to hire foreigners for 202,510 jobs nationwide last year compared to 151,055 in 2011 – a 34 percent increase, according to federal data. Most temporary foreign workers are from the Philippines, Mexico and the U.S.

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## "WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE"

A POEM BY  
SHAI BEN-SHALOM



Takeover  
of Canadian resources  
by foreign governments  
must not be taken  
lightly.

Contracts  
that transfer control  
over such assets  
should be written and signed  
in both English  
and French.

(Editor's note: the author, an Israeli-born biologist, in 2012 published his first collection of poems, *Martians Among Us*, with In/Words Press)

## Best of Sheree





# Another Burger Incident

Federal inspectors confirm detectable amounts of a drug unfit for human consumption were discovered in ground beef sold in Quebec. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the incident did not warrant a consumer recall.

Beef processed at an unnamed federal facility contained detectable levels of an anti-inflammatory drug, phenylbutazone.

"A recall was not warranted," said Lisa Murphy, spokesperson for the inspection agency; "Health Canada determined that the levels of phenylbutazone detected were trace amounts and not likely to cause any adverse health effects."

Regulators said they were alerted to the problem by Québec's Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, explaining

that "sensitive" testing equipment detected the phenylbutazone, used as a pain reliever for livestock but known to cause liver damage in humans.

Health Canada would not detail the amount of phenylbutazone found in the ground beef.

In earlier incidents, the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec confirmed a calf was found with the substance in 2012; and a third case of the drug was found in an imported horse that was to be slaughtered.

Dr Joël Bergeron, president of l'Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec told *Blacklock's* his association is urging Ottawa to close "loopholes" in legislation that allow for the use of the drug in animals.

"We have repeatedly called for closing of the loopholes,"

said Bergeron, who added that the association has already urged members to heighten testing for the drug.

The U.S. government prohibited the drug's use in beef cattle in 2003 after concluding the drug would "likely cause an adverse event in humans."

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture is extending a \$3,000-a day investigation of the biggest beef recall in Canadian history.

An expert panel's probe of the XL Foods recall, originally handed a May deadline, is now extended into June.

"The panel requested an extension," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz told *Blacklock's* in a statement.

No public hearings are planned in the XL investigation though "this report

will be made public and we will review its recommendations," Ritz said.

Three federal experts have been assigned to determine the cause of an E.coli outbreak last Sept. 27 at XL Foods, a Brooks, Alta. processor, that resulted in 18 confirmed cases of consumer illness.

Members of the panel are Dr. André Corriveau, chief public health officer for the Northwest Territories; Dr. W. Ronald Osborne, retired executive from Caravelle Foods; and Dr. Ronald Lewis, chief veterinary officer for British Columbia, appointed panel chair.

The three are paid per diems that average \$1,000 a day, according to Cabinet minutes.

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## BAD SCIENCE WATCH TARGETS PSEUDO-VACCINES

The advocacy group Bad Science Watch is lobbying Health Canada to reverse its approval of homeopathic products called nosodes.

The products, made from minute samples of an original virus like vaccines but marketed as a vaccination alternative, have no proven effectiveness, the group said.

The Department of Health did not take *Black-*

*lock's* questions.

"To be approved by Health Canada nosodes have to be diluted to the point there isn't anything left in the product," said Michael Kruse, chair of Bad Science Watch. "They believe there is some kind of magical memory."

Health Canada licensed 82 nosode products, including influenzinum, herpes simplex, chlamydia trachomatis,

BCG vaccine and tuberculinum.

"There is no evidence these products can prevent disease at all," said Kruse.

The health department in a 2007 report *Evidence for Homeopathic Medicines Guidance Document*, stated homeopathic medicines "with non-specific use or purpose do not need to be accompanied by evidence supporting their use."

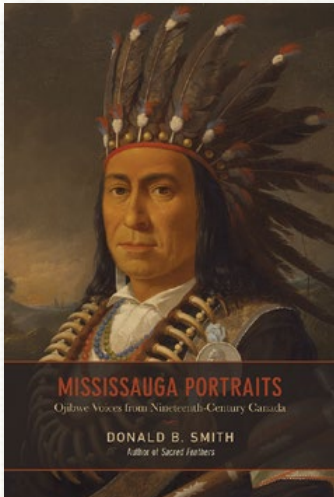
The Canadian Society of Homeopaths did not return *Blacklock's* calls.

"In the general alternative health community there is decreased support for vaccinations," said Kruse. "We have seen people promoting dangers of vaccines, and then putting their products up to them."

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## BOOK REVIEW

*The Vanished People*

Mississauga, like Winnebago or Pontiac, is a vaguely colorful name popularized to describe the bland and conformist, without much thought as to what it means or who it represents. Business reporters call this “branding.”

In 1967 voters in a Toronto suburb chose “Mississauga” as the name of their city. Few knew then or now who the Mississauga were, or why they vanished.

*Mississauga Portraits* is a rich, vibrant account of a people who thrived for generations on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Their whole history is erased from the landscape, in the same way that revisionists would retouch a painting – which is exactly what happened.

Historian Donald B. Smith recalls that, as a student finalizing his 1975 doctoral thesis, he looked up a 19th century portrait of the Mississauga’s Joseph Sawyer in the art collection of the Toronto Ref-

erence Library: “In the oil painting, the head chief of the Mississauga of the Credit appears strong and resolute, neither happy nor sad, without any apparent attitude.” Years later, Smith makes a disturbing discovery: the chief’s portrait had been retouched to conceal his true expression. “The overpainting mis-translated the painter’s interpretation of his subject’s facial expression. Now, the chief’s look of dejection, deception and betrayal clearly emerged. This is the accurate image.”

The Mississauga hunted, fished and farmed on what is now Dundas Street West in Toronto, when the water was so clean you could angle for salmon. They produced maple syrup, and paddled Lake Ontario by birch bark canoe. They also encountered settlers who gave these Ojibwe their mistaken Anglicized name of Mississauga, from ma-se-sau-gee, meaning “clan.”

All this ended by 1820, when the last of the Mississauga’s lands were expropriated for a keg of rum and an ox. “The Mississauga still had no idea of what buying and selling land meant, no idea of the implications of the agreement,” writes Smith, of the University of Calgary.

The epilogue is recounted in vivid detail in *Mississauga Portraits*.

There was Chief Sawyer, who was driven to drink, and became such a hopeless alco-

holic, he sold his own son as a farm labourer for a gallon of whiskey; the boy escaped, and father and son later reconciled.

There was Catherine Sutton, a Christian convert who travelled to London and petitioned Queen Victoria for help. “How can the poor Indian be civilized?” she said. “As soon as he makes his land valuable then he is driven further back.”

And there was Maungwudaus, another Methodist convert. Out of work and with a family to feed, he organized a “Wild Indian” show and spent the rest of his life on tour.

Maungwudaus played the Eastern U.S., where he presented President Zachary Taylor with a pair of snowshoes. He wowed London, where he dined with the Duke of Wellington; and played for royalty in Paris – the whole

time jotting meticulous notes of his impressions. French gentlemen, he said, “never shave their faces; this makes them look as if they have no mouths”; and the English? “The women cannot walk alone; they must always be assisted by their men. They make their husbands carry their babies for them when walking.”

Maungwudaus, like the Mississauga on the Credit River, vanished in the end. The people and their stories are preserved in the pages of *Mississauga Portraits*.

 HOLLY DOAN

*Mississauga Portraits: Ojibwe Voices from Nineteenth-Century Canada* by Donald B. Smith; University of Toronto Press; 520 pages; ISBN 9780-8020-94278; \$37.95



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**Andrews, Patrick** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Belize City, Belize, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Antonov, Alexander** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, with an honorarium in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000, April 25

**Ball, Shirley** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Helena, Montana, with an honorarium in the range of \$18,000 to \$27,000, April 25

**Ballagh, Margot** – of Midhurst, Ont., appointed vice-chair, Income Security Section, Social Security Tribunal, May 6

**Barcelo, Carlos** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Malaga, Spain, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 30

**Bellemare, Dominique** – of Montréal, appointed vice-chair, EI Section, Social Security Tribunal, April 25

**Bhat, Jayashree** – of Calgary, appointed a director, Canadian Race Relations Foundation, April 25

**Borer, Mark** – of Toronto, appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Bourque, Charline** – of Québec City, appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for EI, May 11

**Brabander, Richard** – of Westmount, Que., appointed a member, Canada Industrial Relations Board, May 6

**Brisebois, Marcel** – of Montreal, reappointed chair, Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board, effective June 27

**Bugden, Martin** – of Toronto, appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for EI, May 11

**Byrne, Lianne** – of Toronto, appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for Income Security, May 11, 2013

**Conyers, Heather** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Hamilton, Bermuda, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Coulombe, Michel** – of Ottawa, appointed interim director, CSIS, with a salary in the range of \$188,600 to \$221,800, May 13

**Crane, Mary** – of Kensington, PEI, appointed a part-time member, National Parole Board, Atlantic Region, April 2

**Day, Natasha** – of Saskatoon, appointed a full-time member, Parole Board Prairie Region, April 2

**Demcenok, Tatiana** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Vladivostok, Russia, with an honorarium in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000, April 25

**Dubé, Micheline** – of Ottawa, reappointed CEO, Federal Bridge Corporation Ltd., with a salary in the range of \$175,600 to \$206,500, March 31

**Dyck, Connie** – of Steinbach, Man., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Eyford, Douglas** – of Vancouver, appointed Special Representative on West Coast Energy Infrastructure, March 19

**Fadden, Richard** – of Ottawa, appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence, with a salary in the range of \$272,000 to \$318,900, May 13

**Fonberg, Robert** – of Ottawa, appointed Special Advisor to the Clerk of the Privy Council, with a salary in the range of \$242,900 to \$285,700, May 13

**Fothergill, Simon** – of Ottawa, appointed Deputy Secretary to Cabinet and Counsel, Privy Council Office, with a salary in the range of \$188,600 to \$221,800, April 29

**Fraser, Graham** – of Ottawa, reappointed Commissioner of Official Languages, effective Oct. 17

**Fujarczuk, Richard** – of Ottawa, appointed Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel to House of Commons, with a salary in the range of \$145,800 to \$171,500, March 7

**Gallagher, Stephen** – of Kirkland, Que., reappointed a member, Immigration & Refugee Board, Montreal region, April 12

**Giguère, Guy** – of Ottawa, appointed chair, Public Service Staffing Tribunal, with a salary in the range of \$139,900 to \$164,600, effective March 29

**Grey, Deborah** – of Qualicum Beach, B.C., appointed a member, Security Intelligence Review Committee, April 22

**Gupta, Susheel** – of Ottawa, appointed acting chair of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, with a salary in the range of \$226,100 to \$266,000, April 5

**Hamel, Bruno** – of Ottawa, reappointed chair, Canadian Forces Grievance Board, with a salary in the range of \$139,900 to \$164,500, March 2

**Jaenen, Teresa** – of Brandon, Man., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for EI, May 11

**Karita, Tomohide** – appointed Honorary Consul, Hiroshima, Japan, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Khurana, Vikram** – of Richmond Hill, Ont., appointed a director, Export Development Canada, April 25

**Klein, Lilian** – of Thornhill, Ont., appointed a citizenship judge, eff. May 27

**Lau, Benson** – of Toronto, appointed a citizenship judge, April 25

**Lee, David** – of Toronto, reappointed a member, Immigration & Refugee Board, Toronto region, April 12

**Luciak, Lubomir** – of Kingston, Ont., appointed a part-time member, National Parole board, Ontario division, April 2

**MacPherson, Elizabeth** – of Ottawa, reappointed chair, Canada Industrial Relations Board, with a salary in the range of \$171,100 to \$201,200, April 25

**Marshall, Robert** – of Winnipeg, appointed a part-time member, Parole Board of Canada, Prairie region, April 2

**Masse, Jean-Martin** – of Saint-Lazare, Que., as a director, VIA Rail Inc., effective June 19

**Matovic, Dragan** – of Niagara Falls, Ont., reappointed a director, Canadian Tourism Commission, April 25

**McKenzie, Guy** – appointed president, Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, with a salary in the range of \$216,900 to \$255,100, effective July 1

**McMillan, Karen** – of Toronto, appointed a citizenship judge, April 29

**Milson, Kathy** – of King, Ont., appointed chair, Standards Council of Canada, with a per diem in the range of \$490 to \$575, April 25

**Mitchell, Brian** – of Westmount, Que., reappointed a director, CBC, April 21

**Mitchell, Vikki** – of Sudbury, Ont., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for Income Security, May 11

**Morin, Gilles** – of Belancour, Que., appointed a member, Laurentian Pilotage Authority, April 25

**Mungovan, David** – of Toronto, appointed a member, Immigration & Refugee Board, Toronto region, effective June 14

**Neville, Richard** – of Ottawa, appointed chief negotiator, St. Anne's Hospital Transfer Project, with per diem in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,200, April 22

**Osmane, Farid** – of Montréal, appointed a citizenship judge, May 1

**Pickard, Mike** – of Saskatoon, appointed a member, Farm Products Council, April 26

**Pierre, Sophie** – of Cranbrook, B.C., reappointed chief, B.C. Treaty Commission, April 2

**Poloz, Stephen** – of Ottawa, appointed Governor of the Bank of Canada, June 3, 2013

**Prokopiev, Ivo** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Sofia, Bulgaria, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Provo, Dwayne** – of Halifax, appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Rai, Oudit** – of Courtice, Ont., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for Appeal Division, May 11

**Rokerya, Rafiq** – of Mississauga, Ont., appointed a citizenship judge, eff. June 24

**Rouleau, Aline** – of Sainte-Francoise, Que., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Roussel, Kathleen** – of Ottawa, appointed Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, effective April 15

**Safran, Laura** – of Calgary, appointed a member, Transportation Appeal Tribunal, May 1

**Sami, Marian** – of Toronto, appointed a citizenship judge, May 21, 2013

**Senécal-Tremblay, Marie** – of Montréal, appointed a citizenship judge, April 2

**Simpson, Stephen** – of Vancouver, reappointed a member, CRTC, effective June 13

**Smit, Stephen** – appointed Honorary Consul, Paramaribo, Suriname, with an honorarium in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000, April 25

**Stannard, Glenn** – of Windsor, Ont., reappointed a member, Military Police Complaints Commission, with a salary in the range of \$139,900 to \$164,500, May 14

**Stokreef, Peter** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Azores, Portugal, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Tremblay, Jean-Francois** – of Ottawa, appointed Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Operations), with a salary in the range of \$188,600 to \$221,800, April 29

**Turner, T. Richard** – of Vancouver, reappointed a director, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, June 21

**Uppal, Atam** – of Toronto, reappointed a member, Immigration & Refugee Board, Toronto region, effective July 17

**Van Riet-Lowe, Peter** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Gaborone, Botswana, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Volk, Coleen** – of Ottawa, appointed Deputy Secretary to Cabinet (Senior Personnel), with a salary in the range of \$188,600 to \$221,800, April 29

**Yufe, Alyssa** – of Westmount, Que., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Wake, John** – of Ottawa, appointed vice-chair, Appeal Division, Social Security Tribunal, eff. June 18

**Wallocha, Katherine** – of Coalhurst, Alta., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal, April 13

**Wamback, Joseph** – of Newmarket, Ont., appointed a member, Social Security Tribunal for EI, May 13

**Wangvivat, Jakarin** – appointed Honorary Consul, Chiang Mai, Thailand, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Wheeler, Lorne** – of St. John's, reappointed a member, Historic Sites & Monuments Board, April 25

**Whittle, Joanne** – of Ottawa, appointed a director, Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, May 1

**Wynnyckyj-Yusypovych, Oksana** – reappointed Honorary Consul, Lviv, Ukraine, with an honorarium in the range of \$1,500 to \$5,000, April 25

**Zigrossi, Rosemary** – of Toronto, reappointed a director, Business Development Bank, June 21