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Parliament 'is finished,' Tories declare

Motion to defeat government passes 153-150, but Liberals refuse to resign

BY ANNE DAWSON,
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AND TIM NAUMETZ

The federal government waded into uncharted constitutional waters last night after the Liberals were narrowly defeated in a vote the Conservatives

say should topple the fragile minority government, but Prime Minister Paul Martin says he will ignore.

A coalition of 153 Conservative and Bloc Québécois MPs voted for a motion questioning the government's authority while 129 Liberals, 19 New Democrats

and two independents, for a total of 150 MPs, voted against the motion.

There were, however, no blizzards of paper from MPs tossing their notes in the air, as happened when Canada's last minority government unexpectedly fell in 1979.

Immediately upon winning the vote, Conservative leader Stephen Harper rose in the House of Commons to challenge Mr. Martin to call a full-fledged vote of confidence, a vote the Liberals were sure to lose.

"Since I understand the prime minister, in his desire to cling

to power at all costs ...," Mr. Harper began saying, before a chorus of jeers from the Liberal side drowned him out.

Government House leader Tony Valeri immediately repudiated the Tory motion. But by the time Mr. Valeri announced his party would "continue to

govern on behalf of all Canadians," he was speaking to Mr. Harper's departing back.

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67's fans get to have their cake, and eat it, too

London series is thrilling to watch, and they know team has a berth at Cup



WAYNE SCANLAN

The real London Knights showed up here last night, in all of their green glory, only to discover that the Ottawa 67's draw from emotion, grit, speed and depth something close to what the Knights have in sheer, brilliant talent.

Here's proof the Knights now take the 67's seriously — they had to trap mightily to preserve a one-goal game, and take a one-game lead in the series.

Until now, Ottawa hockey fans might have wondered what all the fuss was about over the Knights. After all, the 67's handled this special Memorial Cup-project of a hockey club rather well in gaining a split of the two weekend games in London.

The 67's as much as carried a sign into the John Labatt Centre: 'The OHL Final Matters.' It didn't have to — both teams are assured a place in the Memorial Cup tournament in London later this month.

The scenario, London in as the host, Ottawa as the OHL representative, could have turned this playoff round into a spring exhibition series.

A fun, inconsequential set of games before the real ones begin. Someone forgot to tell that to the 67's, who rode into London all hellbent about playing for pride, about showing they belonged on the same ice as the Knights, about finding real meaning in an OHL championship.

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A ROYAL FAUX PAS FOR MONTREAL MAYOR



ALLEN MCINNIS, THE MONTREAL GAZETTE

Princess Margriet is all smiles as Mayor Gerald Tremblay gives her a kiss on the cheek. The break with protocol seemed to leave the royal visitor temporarily confused and agitated.

Dutch princess bussed and flustered by rather warm welcome in Montreal

BY ALAN HUSTAK

MONTREAL A kiss on the cheek may be quite continental, but it's definitely an infringement of royal protocol.

There were gasps yesterday as Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay welcomed Princess Margriet of the Netherlands with an affectionate two-cheek kiss.

Princess Margriet was obviously taken aback by the spontaneous gesture. After

signing the city's gold register, she quickly left the reception room, forgetting to deliver her prepared address.

Seconds later, she came back into the room, a little flustered, with speech in hand. Her husband, Pieter Von Vollenhoven, defused what might have been a potentially embarrassing situation with a good-natured quip.

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Liberal worker took briefcase full of cash to campaign launch

Organizer says he gave \$60,000 in '97 to candidates at event in ex-PM's riding

BY KATHRYN MAY

MONTREAL A top Liberal organizer brought a briefcase filled with \$60,000 in cash to give to candidates when former prime minister Jean Chrétien officially launched the 1997 election campaign in his Quebec riding, the Gomery inquiry investigating the sponsorship program heard yesterday.

Marc-Yvan Côté, a prominent Liberal cabinet minister in Quebec's Bourassa government and a member of the federal Liberals' electoral commission, testified that the \$60,000 in \$100 bills that he secretly carted to Shawinigan, Que., in April 1997 was the first cash instalment of \$120,000 he received from the party's Quebec headquarters to help candidates in 18 cash-strapped ridings in Eastern Quebec.

Mr. Côté said he divided that first instalment into batches of

\$5,000 to \$10,000, which he put in envelopes, to cover the expenses of nine candidates in the neediest ridings. He then took the cash-stuffed envelopes to Mr. Chrétien's home town, where the party's candidates gathered for the campaign's kickoff.

He said he received the money from the party's then-executive director Michel Béliveau, but he didn't register it with the party or deposit it in a bank. A bank won't accept a cash deposit of more than \$10,000 without a written explanation.

"I couldn't quite see how I could arrive at the bank with \$60,000 (cash) and say 'well I'm coming from the casino,'" said Mr. Côté.

Mr. Côté said he didn't know where the money came from, nor did he ask.

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Ottawa is 'a national disgrace,' renowned style arbiter argues

Wallpaper founder Tyler Brûlé 'shocked' by state of home town

BY MARIA COOK

An internationally renowned style guru and former Ottawa resident has pronounced his former home town "a national disgrace."

Tyler Brûlé, the founder of glossy design magazine *Wallpaper*, wrote in the influential *Financial Times* of London last Saturday that the winner of the next election shouldn't be sworn in unless they have an inspired plan for the nation's capital.

"An expressway cutting through the city centre is muf-

fled by ugly sound barriers, box stores have been allowed to go up everywhere, modern residential architecture looks cheap and unchallenging, and neighbourhood high streets that could be quite quaint lack any sort of restrictions on signage," he wrote. "The net result is a capital that looks like it's given up, or worse, feels as if it doesn't need to bother."

Officials with the National Capital Commission, the federal government and the city's planning department don't agree with the harsh assessment. But it's easy to find those who do.

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