



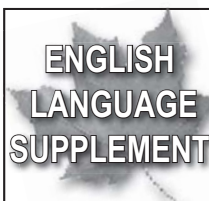
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WHAT'S MCGUINTY'S NEXT MOVE?

By Christina Blizzard, QMI Agency

TORONTO - There is poetic justice in the electorate giving Dalton McGuinty and the Liberals a minority government.

For the last eight years, the Libs have governed as if they were anointed by divine right.

Suddenly, voters have pulled that rug out from under them.

After eight years of governing with iron-fisted arrogance, of steamrolling opposition to bring in unpopular measures such as the HST and soaring hydro rates, can the Liberals change? Do they do humble?

At first blush, the answer would seem to be no. McGuinty's statement that voters had given him a "major minority," tells me he hasn't got the message.

The other difficulty the Liber-

or lack of it.

You can make the argument that it was his charisma that turned things around, but the fact still remains that he's been leader of the party for 15 years, and it's time to renew.

Do they really want McGuinty leading them into what will be his fifth election as leader?

The question is, how do you change horses before the next vote - which will likely come before the usual four year term.

The good news for the Libs is that the PC party is known to eat its young.

You can already hear rumblings from their backrooms from people who'll be pushing for leader



Tim Hudak to quit.

That would be wrong.

First, this is not like the 2007 election, when the Liberals won a majority and their leader, John Tory, didn't win his seat.

Hudak increased the number of seats and held the Libs to a minority.

What he has to do now is find ways to win urban seats.

It's not enough for him to lament the division of the province along rural and urban lines.

He has to do some soul-searching to find why voters in Toronto, Ottawa and London shut him out. He needs sound policies that address urban issues. He needs

good candidates who reflect the diversity of the cities.

And he needs to move away from clever sound bites and the message track mantra he reverts to any time he is pushed on an issue. He has a lot of work to do if he wants to be premier.

And it needs to start right now.

As for Horwath? Well, she did remarkably well. There will be no push to replace her as leader. But she must become more familiar with policy.

She needed a teleprompter for most of her speeches. That's not good enough — and sends the message she's not ready for prime time.

Two years - that's what they've got - for the Liberals to find a new leader, for Horwath to polish her halo. And for Hudak to look like someone you can trust with your province.

Source: <http://www.torontosun.com/2011/10/08/whats-mcguintys-next-move>, October 08, 2011



als are facing is that they need a new leader. Within the next four months, McGuinty will become the longest serving Liberal premier ever in this province, passing the high water mark set by Mitch Hepburn, premier from July 1934 to October 1942.

At some point, McGuinty has to move on.

In a majority parliament, the smooth transition to a new leader would be no problem.

And while no doubt the Libs don't really want to undermine their leader in a precarious minority situation, there are rumblings from the backbenches and backrooms of the party that the Liberals' biggest problem going into this election was McGuinty's personal popularity —

Government Doubles Free Online Math Tutoring To Help Students Succeed

Starting this September, all students in grades 7 to 10 will have access to Ontario's free online math tutoring program.

This expansion will give over 600,000 students access to Homework Help — a free, real-time math tutoring service that connects certified Ontario teachers with students who are looking for extra support. The program also offers a number of resources online that are available to students and parents at any time, including: Video tutorials, Commonly asked questions, Interactive math games. A virtual locker, where students can save their work.

Helping all students succeed in school is part of the McGuinty government's plan to building a well-educated workforce that helps Ontario compete in the global economy.

QUOTES

"Homework Help is giving students in Ontario the support they need to succeed. The support provided by resources and programs like Homework Help have resulted in an increased graduation rate and test scores that continue to rise. This is real progress we can all be proud of."

- Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education: "Math can be challenging for many students and Homework Help is providing more students with access to the teachers and resources they need to help them become successful learners." - Sarah Irwin, Managing Director, Independent Learning Centre (ILC)

QUICK FACTS

-Funding for the expansion of Homework Help is in the 2011 Fiscal Plan.

-Homework Help's real-time math tutoring is available online five days a week: Sunday to

Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST.

- Last year, 236,000 students had access to the Homework Help program.

- All of Ontario's 90,000 French-language students already have access to SOS Devoirs — an online tutoring service for grades 1 to 12.

- Earlier this year the Homework Help website received an Interactive Media Award for Outstanding Achievement. The award recognized the website's design, usability and functionality, amongst other criteria.

- TVO's Independent Learning Centre is the provider of the Homework Help program across the province.

LEARN MORE

- Find out more about Homework

Help at www.Ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp.

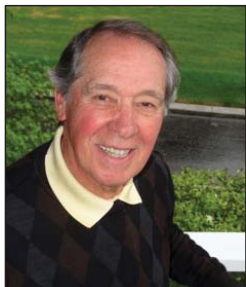
- Review the progress made in Ontario's education system.
- Check out our other tutoring services to help students succeed.
- Learn more about online courses and resources available through e-Learning Ontario.
- Find out about other supports offered through TVO's Independent Learning Centre.
- Check out the video on Homework Help.

"This is so great! I am grateful to have great tutors helping me out with my math on this great website! Thanks!!!! :DDDD"

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In the Company of Heroes: Canadian Author Reveals Suppressed Information From Europe's Turbulent War Years 1914-1920

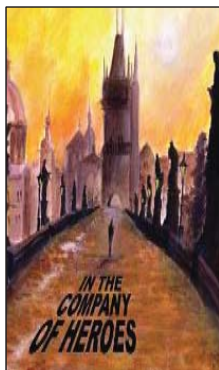
Dr. Ted Hunt, a long-time writer specializing in European war memoirs, is pleased to announce the release of his new historical action novel, *In the Company of*



Heroes, now available from Amazon.com and Kindle.

Set in Russia at the outbreak of World War I, the novel follows three young adults who try to preserve their newly-found careers as Lenin's Revolution crashes down on aristocratic St. Petersburg. These three characters are: the first woman actuary invited to sit with the Czar's Treasury Board; a worldly language student from Stanford University; and a student-leader from Charles University in Prague. The central themes of love and escape play out against a backdrop of an historically accurate narrative which promises to strike an emotional chord with readers.

For this Vancouver-born writer, the road to completing *In the Company of Heroes* was a long journey almost as engaging as the book itself. While pursuing a PhD in History at the University of Washington, he was offered



first-entry into a caged collection of World War One memorabilia sequestered for fifty years. This treasure-trove included US War Department top-secret documents, memoranda, diaries, eyewitness reports, and letters.

Following this review, Dr. Hunt was able to spend several hours with Alexander Kerensky, the last Prime Minister of Monarchical Russia. His interview

broached restricted and misunderstood subjects in detail. The end result was a book the author considers to be both an historical document and his life's work.

„At its core, *In the Company of Heroes* captures a rich but censored historical period in Europe,” says Dr. Hunt. „For me, it represents thirty years of detailed research.”

In order to create a literary work that was both original and accurate, the author surrounds three composite characters with true historical events and real-life figures including: Masaryk, Gaida, Syrový, Lenin, and Trotsky. Besides accessing historical records and speaking with two Heads of State, Dr. Hunt's research also took him to Stanford University to interview Dr. Lister Rogers, and the Monterey Presidio Military historians, Drs. Payne and McNaughton. In advance of the book's release, it was also shared with prominent past participants of European politics, including former Czech Republic President Václav Havel and Consul General Miroslav Hermann, both of whom spoke positively to the accuracy of the work, recognizing it as “Czechoslovakia's secret story.”

The author's intention was to maintain complete accuracy, while presenting this history in a human context. Dr Hunt says, „The history of this period is precious, and apart from the composite characters I created, the events, politics, and people around them are real. It was absolutely essential for me to build a story that was true to its time – even including the swearing and romancing.”

While he expects each reader to have a different response to the story as they read, Hunt believes that the strength of the book will come from the power of its relevance to politics in the 21st century. He says, „My hope for *In the Company of Heroes* is that it offers readers possible answers to the new trust which must be developed between Russia and America.”

Vancouver, Canada, September 2nd, 2011

In the Company of Heroes by Ted Hunt is now available for purchase from Amazon.com.

For more information about the novel, please visit www.tedhunt.org.

Biography: Dr. Ted Hunt

A third generation Vancouverite whose Grandfathers both completed the arduous trek from England to the Yukon during the Gold Rush of 1898, Dr. Hunt developed an early interest in sports that led to a notable athletic career including: the Canadian Football League's BC Lions; the

Canadian ski jumping team for the World Championships; a tenure as Captain of the BC Rugby Union team. His lifelong interest in golf as a caddie and player led to two books about golf legend, Ben Hogan.

Dr. Hunt's passion for history went beyond his interest in sports, and he followed up his undergraduate education at the University of British Columbia with an advanced degree in history from the University of Washington. Determined to transform his research into an historical novel, Dr. Hunt spent 30 years building the framework for this original narrative story. With the release of *In the Company of Heroes*, Dr. Hunt has developed a novel presenting the cultural memories and dynamic figures of a Russia gone forever, but more importantly, his work allows an enthusiastic audience of potential readers to discover this rich history for themselves.

In his spare time, Dr. Hunt enjoys skiing, golfing, and spending time with his wife, Helen, and daughter, Shelley.

Source says secret BIS report sees Russian consortium as most likely to win Czech nuclear plant expansion tender; the French are 'out' According to a classified annual report by the Czech counterespionage and intelligence agency BIS, a Russian consortium has better chances than US firm Westinghouse of winning the bid to build new reactors at the Temelín nuclear power plant, an anonymous source who claims to have seen the BIS report told Czech news server aktualne.cz. Of the three expected bidders, the French firm Areva is reportedly “out of the game.”

“[The Russians] are offering know-how and are planning on maximum participation of our [Czech] firms. However, security concerns play against [the Russians winning the contract],” the source told aktualne.cz. The government's commissioner for the Temelín expansion, Václav Bartuška, confirmed the tender documentation will be delivered to the

Russians 'closer' to winning Temelín tender, Czech intelligence agency says

By Tom Jones

three consortiums which have said that they will participate in the tender. Offers are to be submitted next summer and the winner selected in 2013. The contract is expected to be worth somewhere in the region of Kč 500 billion. “The Russians have taken the initiative. Therefore, the Americans have invited Nečas and plan to do the same as them,” aktualne.cz's source said referring to Czech Prime Minister Petr Nečas' (Civic Democrats, ODS) visit to the US at the end of this month.

“If American politics are effective in one [particular] area, it's the tradition of effectively supporting American industry [abroad],” aktualne.cz cited expert with advisory firm ENA, Jiří Gavor, who nevertheless says the Russian offer promises to be “objectively the best.”

“Cooperation between the Czech and Russian nuclear energy sectors has the firmest foundations. The reactors that operate here are Russian, but have a high level of Czech know-how and Czech elements. They were complimented with modern components of western origin, mostly control systems, but the fundamentals are Russian-Czech technology,” Gavor said. The Russian consortium named MIR. 1200 comprises the Russian nuclear engineering firm Atomstroyexport, Russian reactor manufacturer Gidropress, and the Russian-owned Czech nuclear engineering firm Škoda JS.

Source: <http://www.ceskapozice.cz/en/news/politics-policy/russians-%E2%80%99closer%E2%80%99-winning-temelin-tender-czech-intelligence-agency-says>, October 13, 2011



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Ms. Anne Gregor: “My father believed in working hard...”

In the honor of Tibor Gregor, who donated a large amount of money to support the teaching of Czech and Slovak languages at the University of Toronto, was held a reception on Tuesday September 13th, which brought together the supporters of this idea, friends of the University of Toronto, members of the Rotary



Ms. Anne Gregor

club Eglinton and university educators.

A few words of introduction were spoken by Kathryn Langley Hope, member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton and family friend. She presented Tibor Gregor's life's credo and his noble life goals. Wilf Wilkerson, former president of Rotary International, spoke about the goals and the mission of the club as well as about a Mr. Gregor's personal contribution toward achieving these.

“When my father, Tibor Gregor, died three years ago, the family decided to honour him with a scholarship in the Czech and Slovak department at the University of Toronto. A family friend and I have raised the money for a scholarship called the Tibor Gregor Rotary Memorial Scholarship in the Czech and Slovak Languages,” said his daughter Anne Gregor. “My father was a devoted Rotarian, who served on numerous committees at the international level and attended

as the President of Rotary's representative, the reopening of the Prague Rotary Club after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Sonja Bata, who, with her husband, kindly entertained my father at her home regularly, has agreed to hold the launch of the scholarship at the Bata Shoe Museum.

My father was very proud of his language skills. He would entertain me by choosing a word and demonstrating its variations in multiple Slavic languages. He and my mother spoke German and French fluently as well as Czech and, of course, English. Hence I am pleased that we will support the University of Toronto's teaching of his native tongue.”

Ms. Anne Gregor told those present. She also gave us a short interview about this dedicated man.

What was credo of Mr. Gregor for life?

My father believed in working hard to provide for his family and contribute to the community in which he lived. He loved to travel. When he awakened in the morning he asked himself “What am I going to do today” and then filled his day. Family came first and friends were not far behind. He was very proud of his worldwide circle of friends.

As a manager and entrepreneur he built several businesses during his lifetime while serving on numerous community projects. He helped raise money to open the first non-residential school for the mentally disabled in Toronto. He served on the Toronto Centennial Commission to plan celebrations in 1967.

How did he contribute to the enrichment of Canada?

As a manager and entrepreneur he built several businesses during his lifetime while serving on numerous community projects. He helped raise money to open the first non-residential school for the mentally disabled in Toronto. He served on the Toronto Centennial

Commission to plan celebrations in 1967 and on the boards of numerous other associations and councils. My father was fluently bilingual which opened up many doors and employment opportunities. He loved travelling to all parts of Canada and was proud of the many friends he had across all 10 provinces.

Who will be the beneficiary of the Scholarship?

A student at the University of Toronto who is committed to the languages and cultures of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

If he were able to personally decide about the mission of financial assistance to students, who would be his preferred candidates?

My father would support candidates who are open to understanding different cultures and who could take the best from each culture to build a life of varied interests and great understanding and ability to reach out to different peoples to create a common understanding.

As your father's daughter, what would you like to say to those who have not decided to support this idea?

I would ask people to recognize the importance of understanding the vast variety of cultures and languages housed on our planet. The more we know about each other and respect everyone's contribution the better the chance of peace.

What role has been played by the Rotary club?

The Rotary club of Toronto Eglinton played a pivotal role in underpinning the scholarship with its contribution of \$10,000 that my father had left to the club's foundation. The Toronto Council of Rotary Clubs, Urban Peace, contributed a further \$4,652.

Does this activity stem from the Club's historical development, or is this a specific thing?

The scholarship at the University of Toronto is a first for the Toronto Eglinton Rotary club and for the Toronto Council of Rotary Clubs.

Who will be administering this scholarship?

The faculty in the Czech and Slovak Studies department at the University of Toronto. (Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 121 St. Joseph Street, Alumni Hall (AH), Rm. 429, Toronto, ON, M5S 1J4, email: slavic@chass.utoronto.ca)



What a wonderful life Allan Fotheringham

Tibor was sent to the London School of Economics at 18, only to have his education interrupted by a chap called Hitler. He pursued the Nazis across Europe with a Czech battalion attached to the British Army, from the Normandy invasion to the Dachau death camp.

He arrived in Canada after the war with his wife, Helen, and two small children, armed only with a tennis racquet, a pipe and his charm.

Tibor joined a Rotary Club in 1949 and over the next six decades served as president of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, district governor, a director and treasurer of Rotary International, and a trustee of the Rotary Foundation.

Roaming the globe in his business ventures, which included office equipment, the sand and gravel business and the soft-drink industry, he never missed a weekly Rotary meeting in whatever continent he was on, and proudly achieved 50 years of perfect attendance, puffing away all the while. Tibor seldom put down his tennis racquet, let alone his pipe.

A member of the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club for 50 years, he used to tell of the days when his club still had a lawn, rather than artificial surfaces. When the winter weather grew cold enough, they would take down the nets, turn on the loudspeakers and the floodlights, and Tibor and friends and their sweethearts would skate the night away over the frozen grass.

When he was 86, he still topped the leader board at his club for the over-50 players, known internally as the „Geezers“ - most of them 25 years his junior. He played his final match at the club last October, before he took to his bed.

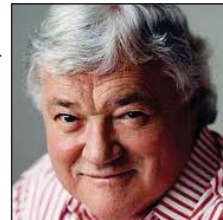
Tibor's wit was as strong as his tobacco and, in arguments; he could always deflate his opponents with some Latin quotation remembered from his high-school education. His numerous friends were collected from his travels around the globe, and he corresponded regularly with them on a typewriter that also smoked with its speed.

As his health faded last fall, he wrote all of them a letter ending with „fare well.“ There is a classy gentleman. Tibor is remembered for what he gave back to his adopted country. He supported the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded, the Friends of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, the Ionic Lodge, the Czech Legion and on and on. He leaves his beloved daughter Anne, son Jan and his legions of local friends, all covered by a cloud of smoke.

(He died at his home on Saturday, February 2nd, 2008. He was 88 years old.)

Allan Fotheringham is Tibor's friend.

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Mr. Wilf Wilkerson and Ms. Kathryn Langley Hope

Photo Věra Kohoutová

THE FAMOUS KŘÍŽÍK'S FOUNTAIN

In 1891, the citizens of Prague were able to use their first electric tram track going from Letná to Stromovka, where the World Exhibition took place. The most notable exhibit at the Exposition was then an electrically lit fountain, constructed by the „Czech Edison“ František Křížík. The present make-up of the fountain has as its basis the reconstructed li3S Hp fountain design, which saw the light a hundred years later - in 1991 at the Všeobecná československá výstava (General Country Jubilee Exhibition).



In the 19th century, the bottom of the fountain plate was equipped with fifty multicolored reflectors; today, the fountain has 1300 of them, making the magical play of the light possible. The fountain pool with the dimensions of 25 x 45 meters can hold up to 1650 cubic meters of water and the water circuits (composed of more than 2 kilometers of pipes) with almost 3.000 nozzles are managed by 49 water pumps.

The time and age has also brought about other technical novelties and refinements such as: the projection of im-

ages on the water screen, film projection on the water screen or laser effects. There is a new light park and the auditorium has perfect soundings thanks to the fifty-five electro-acoustic transmitters.

The Light Fountain became a unique and popular sensation of the Exposition the 100 years ago. Today, one of the most notable structures of Prague's Vystaviste remains one of the greatest tourist attractions of the hundred-spined Prague. An amphitheatre has grown up in the close vicinity of the fountain, which Orpheus agency annually fulfills with water and light shows amplified by the most amazing melodies of both the classical music, pop stars and unique original Czech art projects. The show at Křížík's Fountain have earned the Orpheus agency a repeated granting of SISYPHOS annual award for the most popular event of the year.

Source: <http://www.krizikovfontana.cz/en/scorpions-metallica-with-symphony-orchestra>

About František Křížík: (July 8, 1847, Plánice, Bohemia – January 22, 1941, Stádleč; Czech), was a Czech inventor, electrical engineer and entrepreneur. The main belt asteroid 5719 Křížík was named in his honor.

Křížík was born in a poor family. In spite of this he managed (in 1866) to study engineering. In 1878 he invented a device to protect against collision between trains. His first experiments in Plzeň resulted in the invention of the electric arc lamp, the so-called Plzeň Lamp (1881), for which he successfully defended his patent against Werner Siemens. In 1884 Křížík set up his own company building tramway lines, power stations and electric equipment.

(Portrait of František Křížík taken by Šechtřl and Voseček studios in Tábor, most likely in 1902 during construction of electric railway from Tábor to Bechyň. Published with approval of Marie Sechtřlová, inheritor of auth) Source: Wikipedia.org



LIVING IN A GLOBAL VILLAGE

For ND Vladimír Hornof

Globalization is one of those "buzz words" that permeate political commentaries in the media. It is a state of affairs where different and originally dissimilar countries are becoming increasingly alike. Some advantages of globalization are obvious. If you like the Big Macs, you can now get them in nearly every country in the world. You can also wash them down with Coke, either laden with sugar or sugar-free. Similarly, when you visit, for example, the Czech Republic and venture into one of their modern shopping centres, you may think that you had never left Canada. You are greeted by familiar signs: United Colors of Benetton, Banana Republic, IKEA, and many others. Many people don't like it and some even hate it. "The world is turning into a boring place dominated by pizza, hamburgers and French fries," they are texting with their smart phones to their friends' even smarter phones halfway across the world. Until recently, I had been under the impression that globaliza-

tion does not really affect me very much personally. After all, when I am in Europe I can still find a good local restaurant serving authentic local food. When I am in Mexico, the only signs that throw me back to Canada are advertisements for Bacardi rum and Corona beer. Both of those products have a positive effect on my mental state wherever I am. Sometimes, after a couple of cold Coronas, I cannot help but to start thinking about what effect globalization is having on our own family. Until recently, I have not been able to arrive at a reasonable and logical conclusion. However, I think I have reached one now.

You may wonder how it happened. Did I drink too many Coronas or did I spike them up with a shot of Bacardi? Interestingly, neither. Let me explain. While in Prague, my wife and I went to visit my 94-year old aunt. She has recently moved into a seniors' home. While she is physically quite frail, her mind is still as clear and sharp as ever. "So, how is your family?" she asked after introductory kisses and after we had given her those little presents such as mineral water and cookies that everyone living in the confined space of a Czech seniors' home appreciates. We told her about our older daughter's family and about our younger daughter getting married. Being a retired language teacher, her thoughts then quickly turned to the linguistic aspects of our growing family. First she inquired: "So, after so many years in Canada, what languages do you speak at home?" We answered a bit evasively: "You know... just like most emigrants, at home we speak Czech but, sure, we switch to English when it is more convenient. And, living in bilingual Canada, outside our home we speak English and sometimes French." My aunt went on: "And what about your children?" We said that our older daughter, of course, spoke English with her English Canadian

husband, English or Czech with us, in addition to also being fluent in French and Spanish. And that our younger daughter, just like her sister, also speaks English, French and Czech, but having recently moved to Germany, she is now learning German.

Not to be outdone, my aunt smiled and continued: "Yes, that's all fine, but what about your grandchildren?" It's getting more complicated, we began to think. "Well," we said, "our little granddaughter speaks English at home, and now that she goes to a French school, she is fast becoming fluent in French. And we think that her little brother will follow in her footsteps." "We could see that my aunt was becoming amused. "Well," she pursued her questioning, "but you said that your younger daughter has now married a German fellow and that she will live in Germany. Tell me, how will her children be able to communicate with their cousins in Canada?" "Easy," we said, "they will learn English from their mother and German from their father, so they will have two languages right from the very start – German and English!"

My aunt appeared to rest now, and there was a little smile on her face. We had a bit of time to think what was actually happening to us and to our family. Complete globalization! With a bit of sadness, we realized that while we were able to teach our own children the Czech language, it will be very difficult and perhaps impossible to do the same thing with our grandchildren. On the plus side, however, we could see the big advantage that with all those languages, the whole world will be open to them. And who knows – perhaps when they grow up they might become interested in learning something about the culture and language of their ancestors. After all, as we found out during our travels, the same thing is happening with third and even fourth generation of Czech immigrants in Texas or Nebraska!