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# Letters to the Editor

## ITALIAN-CANADIAN ARCHIVES PROJECT (ICAP) SUMMARY

The Italian-Canadian Archives Project “ICAP” is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated to promote and organize a national strategy to gather, preserve and make accessible material about the Italian-Canadian experience across the country. To this end ICAP is creating a Canada-wide network of established and emerging researchers in the field of Italian-Canadian studies to collaborate, partner and connect with other individuals, groups, organizations, and institutions across Canada who are interested in the Italian-Canadian experience.

Through this network the ICAP works to encourage and support activities to preserve and provide access to materials on the Italian-Canadian experience. Since its creation ICAP’s outreach has grown significantly across Canada and international-ly. Some of its supporting or affiliated organizations and members include: the Ontario Historical So-

cietly, Toronto; Mauro Peressini, Curator, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau; The Mariano A.Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies, York University; Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver: Istituto Ital-iano di Cultura, Montreal; Casa d’Italia Montreal;

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Annual national working conferences held to date include : Italian-Canadian Lives: Past, Pres-ent, Future, 1-3 October, 2010, Lakehead Univer-sity, Thunder Bay, Ontario; Towards a National Italian-Canadian Archive, 2-4 February, 2012, York University, Toronto, Ontario; From Con-cept to Incorporation: Implementing Projects and Plans, 1-2 March 2013, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Montreal, Quebec; Reaching Across, 9-10 May 2014, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau, Quebec.

The ICAP initiative has been created to en-sure a national strategy is in place to gather, preserve, and make accessible the Italian-Canadian experience within the Canadian story.

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# Liberals Lead on Senate Reform

Trudeau leads on Senate Reform: Liberal Leader takes concrete action to remove partisanship and patronage from the Senate

OTTAWA – The Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement:

“Canadians expect their leaders to be open and honest with them, and they expect us to come forward with practical solutions that address problems directly. The Senate, through extreme patronage and partisanship, has become an institution that poorly serves the interests of Canadians.

“Paired with patronage, the pervasive issue of partisanship and control in the Senate is a deeply negative force. We need immediate action to address this. That is why, as of today, the National Liberal Caucus will only include elected

Members of Parliament, and not Senators. This action will immediately mean that each of the 32 current Liberal Senators will become independent of the Liberal Caucus.

“This is about doing the right thing for Canadians and our institutions. I believe that Canadians are rightly seeking an effective institution that debates the difficult issues they are facing today. Equally, I believe that Canadians have no desire to re-open the Constitution. I am taking action today with these reforms, and I hope to earn the opportunity to go further as Prime Minister.

“That is why I am also announc-

ing today that if I am elected Prime Minister, I will put in place an open, transparent and non-partisan appointment process for Senators. This process will be developed working with experts and informed by other non-partisan appointment processes, such as that of the Supreme Court Justices and Order of Canada recipients.

“Further, as the majority party in the Senate, immediate and comprehensive change is in Conservative hands. I’m calling on the Prime Minister to do the right thing and join us in ending patronage and partisanship in the Senate. All he needs is the judgment and will to get it done.

“Taken together, these steps represent the most significant and concrete actions to reform the Senate in its history. At our best, Liberals are relentless reformers. When public institutions fail to serve the public interest, we take bold steps to change them. These proposals will bring real, positive change for Canadians.”

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## Powering Ottawa by Investing Locally

Social finance movement is the focus at Invest Ottawa event Thursday

OTTAWA—The Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-op and Invest Ottawa are hosting an event on Thursday, February 13th that will highlight the strength of Ottawa’s social finance movement.

**Where:** Invest Ottawa, 80 Aberdeen St, Suite 100  
**When:** Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7pm  
**Refreshments provided**

Ottawa tops the charts in the local food movement. Why not local investments? Participants will learn about local investment opportunities that strengthen the local economy while also providing social and environmental returns.

The panel will be moderated by City Councilor, David Chernushenko, and will include the following experts:

- **George Brown, Lawyer, George Brown Law**
- **Janice Ashworth, Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative**
- **Bill Shields, West End Well**
- **Jennifer Benedict, United Way**

Panelists will explain how investing locally creates more local, sustainable jobs. This particular panel is well positioned to speak about how individuals can empower social and environmental change through their investment choices.

The topics of ‘social finance’, ‘impact investing’, and ‘corporate social responsibility’ are all gaining popularity. George Brown will dig into those buzz words and paint them in a very Ottawa-focused context as well as explain how the movement globally has grown to include \$50 billion in assets. Janice Ashworth of the Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-op will explain how they have been able to raise over \$1.5 million from individual investments in Ottawa to invest in solar power systems. Bill Shields of West End Well will explain the local food hub they are building through social finance in Wellington West. Jennifer Benedict of United Way will discuss the positive impact their investments have made in Ottawa’s communities.

“Social finance investments provide an option to vote with our dollars,” says Ashworth. “Our investors say they appreciate the opportunity to invest in something that is in line with their values. They can see where their money is going and feel good about contributing to environmental sustainability and community strength—two key challenges of our time.”


4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION

Good Friday, April 18th 2014 10:00 a.m. Via Crucis

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# Canadian Olympic Committee Responds To Federal Budget

## The Canadian Olympic Committee Applauds The Harper Government For Their Renewed And Permanent Support Of Canadian Athletes And All High Performance Communities

COC President Marcel Aubut thanks Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his commitment to our athletes

OTTAWA – The Canadian Olympic Committee congratulated the Harper Government for his continued support of athletes, coaches and National Sports Federations through the permanent implementation of annual financing included in the 2014 Budget.

“The Harper Government demonstrated its leadership once again by making a strong and permanent commitment to High Performance sport. By continuing to do whatever is necessary for our athletes, the Government showed its dedication to help them reach the podium, and underlined the unifying influence of sport” said Marcel Aubut, President of the Canadian Olympic Committee. “We now have a long-term guaranteed base level of funding to allow us to be competitive against the best in the world. On behalf of the Olympic movement in Canada, I want to personally thank the Prime

Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Finance, Jim Flaherty, and Minister of State (Sport) Bal Gosal, for their commitment to sport in Canada.”

Two key measures were announced in the 2014 federal budget:

1. Beginning in 2015–16, Economic Action Plan 2014 proposes to dedicate ongoing funding of \$23 million per year for the Sport Support Program. This includes \$11 million targeted for winter sports through Own the Podium, \$6 million targeted for team sports, \$5 million for the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and, as recently announced, \$1 million for Special Olympics Canada
2. To recognize Canada’s pride in its amateur athletes in this year of the 2014 Winter Olympics, Economic Action Plan 2014 proposes to allow income contributed to an amateur athlete trust to qualify as earned income for the purpose of determining an athlete’s annual RRSP contribution limit. This will

provide amateur athletes with more flexibility to save for retirement on a tax-assisted basis and ease their eventual integration into the workforce by deferring tax on income from their athletic endeavours.

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## Reforming the National Capital Commission

I have long been an advocate for reform at the National Capital Commission (NCC) and since being elected Mayor in 2010 it has only become more apparent to me that this is an organization that needs to change or else risk hindering the progress of our great city. As a first step toward reform Mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin of Gatineau and I recently wrote to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to ask that the Mayors of Ottawa and Gatineau be given the ability to each name a directly elected representative to the NCC board of directors, to be nominated by our respective City Councils.

The key reason for this letter is that the majority of the NCC’s current board members are neither from the National Capital Region nor chosen by its residents and that should not be the case. I understand wanting to bring pan-national representation to the board but those who know Ottawa best are those who live here not those who fly in for board meetings. It would be a common sense reform towards accountability to make the majority of the NCC board members National Capital residents. More broadly, I believe that the NCC needs to refocus its mandate. Over the past three years as Mayor, my council colleagues and I have worked well with the NCC but of-

ten we are discussing the minutia of city projects such as what types of plants will be planted at our Light Rapid Transit (LRT) stations. These are issues that our city staff members are more than capable to handle on their own while the NCC should be focused on the large-scale issues of national significance for which they are mandated. Refocusing the NCC’s mandate could understandably take some time but I believe that the board of directors of the NCC can be made more accountable and representative of Ottawa’s interests immediately should the Prime Minister act on the recommendation of our joint letter to him. The taxpayers of Ottawa and Gatineau deserve to be represented

at the NCC because the organization’s decisions have direct financial implications for them. It is time for their voices to be heard not only at the city council table but also at the NCC board room table and I believe that this would be a welcome first step towards reforming an organization that has lost its way. Help me convince the Federal Government to bring greater accountability to the NCC by emailing me your comments at [Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca](mailto:Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca)

By Mayor Jim Watson



## Fireworks 10 Dinner and Auction

May 3, 2014 at 6:00pm

Hampton Inn, 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa

Tickets: \$65 (Full course dinner with wine and music by The Divas)

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## LA MARCA: "NELLE POLITICHE DI INTERNAZIONALIZZAZIONE DEL PAESE ACCORCIARE LE DISTANZE TRA IL DIRE E IL FARE"

**L**a parlamentare eletta nella ripartizione Nord e Centro America è intervenuta nel Comitato per gli italiani nel mondo della Camera nel corso dell'audizione dell'Ambasciatore Andrea Meloni

L'on. Francesca La Marca è intervenuta nel Comitato per gli italiani nel mondo della Camera nel corso dell'audizione dell'Ambasciatore Andrea Meloni, direttore generale della Direzione del MAE per la promozione del Sistema Paese.

Nel suo intervento, l'on. La Marca ha raccomandato di spostare l'attenzione dagli obiettivi generali agli strumenti da usare per favorire concretamente il raggiungimento degli obbiettivi, in particolare quello di una più solida internazionalizzazione del nostro Paese nel mondo. Soprattutto in una fase di risorse scarse, come quella che attraversiamo, è necessaria "una più stretta coerenza tra strategia e strumenti operativi", ha affermato la parlamentare. "In questa ottica – ha

aggiunto –, credo che il MAE debba riflettere meglio sulla necessità di evitare che nella sua azione generale di promozione dell'Italia nel mondo la mano destra non sappia ciò che fa la mano sinistra".

Per portare alcuni riferimenti concreti, l'on. La Marca ha citato la questione della rete consolare, ricordando che "da un lato si enfatizza la "diplomazia della crescita", dall'altro si procede a tappe forzate verso la chiusura di decine di strutture che di quel tipo di diplomazia rappresentano gli assi portanti e le gambe per camminare. In Nord America, ad esempio, nel passato si è chiuso il consolato di Edmonton che insiste su un'area di enorme ricchezza energetica, materia estremamente sensibile per un Paese come il nostro. Di recente lo stesso si è fatto per Newark nel New Jersey, che è uno snodo essenziale di rapporti umani e commerciali con l'Italia. In Centro America, si è decisa la chiusura dell'ambasciata di Santo Domingo e

ancora non è stata data risposta alla richiesta, che io stessa ho fatto pubblicamente qualche giorno fa, di sapere quali servizi saranno assicurati agli italiani presenti e alle decine di migliaia di connazionali che ogni anno si recano in quell'area per turismo e rapporti commerciali".

Un secondo punto toccato dall'on. La Marca è quello riguardante la promozione della lingua e della cultura italiana nel mondo come asset strategico per la proiezione globale del Paese. "Su questo tema si fanno molte e belle parole", ha ricordato la parlamentare nordamericana, "e tuttavia, oltre alla riduzione negli anni passati del 70% dei finanziamenti pubblici, di recente si è fatta la scelta di chiudere anche alcuni istituti di cultura, per risparmiare. Si tratta di un atto di evidente schizofrenia, tanto più che gli istituti rendono più di quello che costano". In questo campo, la parlamentare ha richiamato il caso dell'istituto di Vancouver, che

svolge un'azione positiva in una zona strategica come quella della costa canadese sul Pacifico.

Concludendo, l'on. La Marca ha richiamato l'attenzione sulla ormai insostenibile dicotomia che persiste presso il MAE tra la Direzione competente per le scuole italiane all'estero e gli istituti di cultura, e la Direzione per gli italiani all'estero, competente per i corsi integrati nei sistemi scolastici di altri Paesi. "Spesso la mano destra non sa quello che fa la sinistra, si diceva, con rischi di sovrapposizione e sprechi di risorse. Non sarebbe il caso di realizzare uno strumento di più stretto coordinamento?".

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## Flashback from November 2013

Opera Lyra Young Singers performed *Pirates of Penzance* with some pupil participation at St. Anthony's School recently. The musical was sponsored by Italo Tiezzi who attended the same school when it was Dante Academy.



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# Un Bicchiere di Vino con IL Postino

## Robert Mondavi

This week's column continues with the theme of great men and women of Italian origin that left their mark on winemaking around the world. One man I greatly admire is California's Robert Mondavi. To be truly successful in any endeavour, you must have a vision. Mondavi's vision was to create wines in Napa Valley that could compete with the great wines of Europe. In order to do so, he was determined to modernize the art of winemaking. Being a savvy businessman he also knew the importance of marketing. Today, everyone is used to seeing the name of the grape variety on wine bottles. You can thank Robert Mondavi for that. Buying wine, thanks to him, became consumer friendly. In short, he was a visionary that believed in the potential of California winemaking. He was determined to put Napa Valley wine on the map. He was, and is, an icon to the many California winemakers of yesterday and today.

Mondavi was born in 1913 in Virginia, Minnesota. His parents emigrated to the United States from Sassoferrato, Ancona in the Marche region in 1905. His father Cesare worked in the iron ore mines while his mother Rosa ran a boarding house. Cesare Mondavi would travel often to California from Minnesota to purchase grapes for home winemaking on behalf of the local Italian club.

In 1923, when Robert was 10 years old, the family moved to Lodi, California. There, Cesare Mondavi got into the business of shipping grapes for home winemaking across the United States. Together with his two sisters and brother, the young Robert Mondavi would help his dad package the grapes in wooden boxes.

After high school, Mondavi attended Stanford University and studied economics, business and chemistry. After graduating he worked at a small winery in 1936. This was pivotal. The more he learned about winemaking, the more he wanted to understand what went into fine winemaking.

In 1943, the Mondavi family bought the Charles Krug Winery in St. Helena in the Napa Valley. In those days he was already ahead of his time. He had tours of the winery. He invited tourists to sample the wines. The winery even had a newsletter!

He visited other wineries in California and witnessed how they produced wines using different styles of winemaking. In 1962 he travelled to Europe to see how they made wine. It would be a voyage that changed winemaking as California had known. In Europe they used smaller barrels to produce complex flavours. He noticed that barrels were made with different types of oak producing different flavours. He noticed as well, that the French left the skins with the must longer during fermentation in the production of Cabernet Sauvignon. Again this produces a more complex wine. In Burgundy, he saw how during the production of Pinot Noir, they would leave the stems with the grapes during fermentation. He brought all these techniques and more back to the family winery in St. Helena.

Unfortunately, his brother Peter, did not appreciate what his brother learned in Europe. The two disagreed on the future direction of the winery. And by 1965, the clash of visions between the two hit rock bottom. Robert decided to go on his own and opened up the Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville, just a short five miles from the family winery.

With his own winery, Mondavi did not stop learning about wine making techniques. He was convinced that certain grape varieties thrived in certain soils. The soil and the climate, he concluded would determine the grape's final flavour. He also knew that the winemaker's intervention also played a role. He experimented with different types of oak barrels and used pneumatic presses to gently crush the grapes thereby avoiding harsh flavours. While many winemakers were on the Chardonnay bandwagon, he was convinced that he could produce a fine dry white wine using the Sauvignon Blanc grape which at the time was hardly used or known. For this he came up with the term Fumé Blanc. It was a marketing success. The French, of course, hated the term, insisting there was no such grape. Today, the term is synonymous with great Sauvignon Blanc.

In 1993, the winery became a public company. While his children ran the company, he travelled the world to promote it. He formed partnerships with the great winemakers of Europe and South America. In Napa, he and Rothschild from France produced Opus One, a premium red wine. In Italy, with the Marches de' Frescobaldi family he produced Lucente. In Chile, along with the Chadwick Family he produced Caliterra. The Rothschild and Frescobaldi families have been famous winemakers for centuries and are part of Europe's history. But here was Robert Mondavi, the son of poor Italian immigrants making wine with them!

In 2004, the Mondavi Corporation in a controversial takeover, was acquired by Constellation Brands (the world's largest producer of wine) for over \$1 Billion. He decided to form a new family winery with his children Tim and Marcia called Continuum Estate.

Robert Mondavi passed away in 2008. What was his legacy? Above all, I would say he achieved his goal of putting Napa Valley among the world's great wine producing regions. He proved to the world that Napa Valley could produce some of the world's great wines. In his 1998 book on the history of the company, Robert Mondavi Harvest of Joy – How the Good Life Became a Great

Business, Mondavi recalled:

*"We in California had enormous potential; I knew we could become one of the great wine-producing regions of the world. But the American wine industry was still in its infancy, and no one seemed to have the knowledge, the vision, or the guts to reach for the gold, to make wines that could stand proudly next to the very best from France and Italy, Germany, and Spain."*

This is a short synopsis on the man who "reached for the gold" What about his wines? Mondavi made wines at all price points. From the ultra-premium wines he aimed for, to the more affordable wines, Mondavi had a wine for all consumers in every price range. At the LCBO, many of his wines under the Constellation Brands line are available. These tend to be more affordable. While the wines produced under the Continuum Estate line are premium wines. I would recommend the Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi, Cabernet Sauvignon at \$23.95 or for those of you with deeper pockets his son Tim's Continuum Estate Proprietary Red 2009 at \$229.00.

Finally, Robert Mondavi was like many of us. He was known as someone who enjoyed a glass of wine with every meal. He believed that wine was healthy, if consumed in moderate amounts. He knew the importance of food and wine matching. While he was a trailblazer in winemaking and marketing, what I admire about him the most is quite simple: he promoted the idea that wine should be present on the kitchen tables of all Americans, just as it had been present for generations of Mondavis.

Grazie e salute!

If you have any questions or suggestions for future columns, please contact me at [vinumbonumest@yahoo.com](mailto:vinumbonumest@yahoo.com).

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by Domenico Cellucci



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# OTTAWA HISTORY OF THE ITALIAN CANADIAN COMMUNITY



## ONTARIO ATHLETES SHINE IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT SOCHI

Province’s Athletes Net Huge Gains for the Canadian Winter Olympic Team

Ontario is celebrating its athletes who competed and excelled at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

This year, 63 Ontario athletes were a part of the largest Canadian team ever to be sent to a Winter Olympics - competing in 93 of 98 events. Thirty-four Ontario athletes reached the highest level of their sport by securing a spot on the Olympic podium for Team Canada. Some of the Ontario athletes who won the top honours for Team Canada include:

- Dara Howell from Huntsville won the gold medal in the ski slopestyle event.
- One of the five women on the gold medal winning curling team is Ontario athlete Kirsten Wall.
- Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden from Sault Ste. Marie and Caleb Flaxey from Caledon won the gold medal in men's curling.
- Ontario athlete Heather Moyse is one of the two members of the gold medal winning bobsleigh team.
- Ten of the 21 athletes on the gold medal winning women's hockey team including Meghan Agosta-Marciano, Rebecca Johnston, Laura Fortino, Jennifer Wakefield, Gillian Apps, Jayna Hefford, Brianne Jenner, Haley Irwin, Natalie Spooner and Tara Watchorn.
- Nine out of 25 athletes in the gold winning men's ice hockey team are from Ontario including Mike Smith, Drew Doughty, Alex Pietrangelo, P.K. Subban, Matt Duchene, John Tavares, Corey Perry, Rick Nash and Jeff Carter.
- Patrick Chan from Ottawa won the silver medal in men's figure skating.

- Tessa Virtue from London and Scott Moir from Ilderton won the silver medal for ice dance.
- Seven of the nine athletes on the silver medal winning figure skating team are from Ontario including Patrick Chan, Scott Moir, Tessa Virtue, Meagan Duhamel, Eric Radford, Dylan Moscovitch and Kirsten Moore-Towers.

Ontario supports its athletes year round with direct financial assistance through programs like Quest for Gold, and celebrates athletic achievement through recognition programs like the Ontario Sport Awards. Ontario also assists provincial and local sport organizations to ensure that high performance athletes have the tools they need to succeed at the highest levels of competition, including the Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games. Helping athletes compete and win is part of the government's plan to work together as One Ontario, to build a successful, vital province where everyone has the opportunity to connect, contribute and achieve their goals.

### QUICK FACTS

- Team Canada won 10 Gold, 10 silver and 5 bronze medals at XXII Olympic Winter Games.
- Top Paralympic athletes from Ontario will represent Canada at the Winter Paralympic Games from March 7 to March 17, 2014.
- Since 2006, Quest for Gold has provided Ontario athletes and coaches approximately \$80 million in support.
- The province has nearly tripled support for amateur sport from \$8.78 million in 2003 to more than \$23 million in 2013-14.

- Ontario will host the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games which will be an opportunity to showcase the province to an international audience of 250,000 visitors and 10,000 athletes and officials.

### LEARN MORE

- Ontario Athletes on Team Canada
- Team Canada
- XXII Olympic Winter Games
- Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games

*“Congratulations to all of the athletes and coaches who proudly represented Canada and our province in Sochi. Regardless of their standing or rank, they each inspired us and showed the world the remarkable Canadian spirit. Our government is pleased to continue to support our athletes as they strive to achieve excellence in sport at all levels of play.”*

*— Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games*



## I DEPUTATI DEL PD ELETTI ALL'ESTERO CHIEDONO IL RITIRO DEFINITIVO DELLA MISURA SULL'ACCONTO DEL 20% SUI BONIFICI ESTERI

**S**iamo stati tra i primi a chiedere al Ministro dell'Economia di disporre il ritiro del provvedimento che prescriveva agli intermediari finanziari di applicare indiscriminatamente e preventivamente la ritenuta del 20% sui bonifici provenienti dall'estero, sicché non possiamo che essere soddisfatti della decisione del direttore dell'Agenzia delle entrate di sospendere la misura entrata in vigore dal primo febbraio. A tale decisione si accompagna l'indicazione di rimettere a disposizione dei legittimi beneficiari le somme che fossero state già accantonate, il che contribuisce

a superare le negative conseguenze di un provvedimento sbagliato.

Saremmo ancora più contenti se il nostro Paese evitasse questi passi falsi che scaricano sui cittadini l'ordinaria inefficienza della pubblica amministrazione e che, soprattutto all'estero, danno dell'Italia un'immagine di un paese fiscalmente vessatorio e burocraticamente cristallizzato.

Il rinvio all'ugliodell'applicazione delle procedure relative alle ritenute tuttavia non è sufficiente, anzi è in esplicita contraddizione con le motivazioni dello stesso rinvio. Il direttore dell'Agenzia delle entrate, infat-

ti, precisa che la ritenuta preventiva è di fatto superata dallo sviluppo negli ultimi giorni dello scambio automatico multilaterale di informazioni sui redditi di fonte estera dei residenti italiani. Bene, se questo è vero – e non c'è ragione di dubitarne – esiste una ragione in più per abolire, e non solo per sospendere, una misura tanto vessatoria quanto inutile.

Ci attendiamo che questo sia fatto al più presto. Per quello che ci riguarda continueremo a vigilare e a sollecitare il Governo, non appena sarà nelle pienezze delle sue funzioni, affinché la misura sia definitivamente ritirata e la giusta

lotta all'evasione e all'elusione fiscale per i guadagni finanziari e gli investimenti fatti all'estero avvenga con gli strumenti moderni ed efficaci che le tecnologie e gli accordi multilaterali mettono a disposizione. La vita degli italiani di questi tempi è già tanto complicata che non si sente veramente di aggiungere altre complicazioni, per altro ingiuste ed inutili.

I deputati del PD estero: Farina, Fedi, Garavini, La Marca, Porta

## IL NUOVO ACCORDO DI SICUREZZA SOCIALE CON IL CANADA A UN PASSO DALLA RATIFICA, VINTA LA NOSTRA BATTAGLIA

**I**l Consiglio dei Ministri, su proposta del Ministro degli Esteri Emma Bonino, ha approvato il Disegno di legge di ratifica e di esecuzione dell'Accordo di sicurezza sociale fra l'Italia ed il Canada, firmato a Roma il 22 maggio 1995 (il Protocollo aggiuntivo è stato firmato a Roma il 22 maggio 2003). Il Disegno di legge per essere definitivamente ratificato dovrà essere approvato dai due rami del Parlamento italiano, prima dalle Commissioni competenti e poi dalle aule. Tuttavia il fatto che il Governo ha già dato l'ok ci fa buon sperare che la discussione in Parlamento sarà solo una breve e semplice formalità.

Si tratta di una decisione attesa da tempo e di un concreto successo di coloro i quali si sono battuti per questo risultato da tantissimi anni, in prima fila i parlamentari del Partito democratico (Bucchino nelle scorse legislature e La Marca in quella attuale) che con le loro iniziative politiche e parlamentari hanno contribuito in maniera determinante a sensibilizzare Governo e Parlamento sulla importanza del rinnovo dell'accordo.

Il rinnovo dell'accordo di sicurezza sociale con il Canada, accordo che come è noto è già stato approvato dal Parlamento canadese, garantirà importanti benefici per la collettività italiana in Canada e per i cittadini canadesi che vivono in Italia.

Ricordo che il nuovo accordo di sicurezza sociale sostituirà quello precedente entrato in vigore nel 1979 ed attualmente ancora vigente. Ho sempre ritenuto ingiustificabili e incomprensibili i ritardi da parte dell'Italia nell'onoreare gli impegni presi con il Canada e con gli italiani lì residenti.

Il nuovo Accordo era nato dall'esigenza di valutare l'evoluzione intervenuta negli anni nelle legislazioni dei due Paesi, di migliorare lo standard di protezione dei lavoratori, e di elaborare tecniche e procedure tese a garantire una più rapida erogazione delle prestazioni previdenziali.

L'Accordo non solo conferma e consolida i benefici già previsti dall'Accordo del 1977, ma ne prevede altri che renderanno più ampia ed equa la tutela sociale.

Nelle passate legislature i Ministeri degli Esteri, del Lavoro e dell'Economia non ave-

vano mai chiarito i motivi per cui l'importante accordo di sicurezza sociale – un accordo che introduce misure migliorative e i cui costi sono molto limitati – non veniva inserito nell'agenda dei lavori del Parlamento italiano. Sebbene il nuovo accordo rivesta grande importanza per la collettività italiana in Canada, i Ministeri competenti avevano sempre sostenuto che le difficoltà di bilancio non consentivano di perfezionare l'iter di ratifica. In realtà il rinnovo dell'accordo di sicurezza sociale italo-canadese – secondo le stime degli enti competenti (Ministeri e Inps) – comporterà un onere finanziario limitato che comunque verrà compensato dai benefici previdenziali e procedurali (la totalizzazione multipla, le deroghe territoriali per i lavoratori distaccati, il miglior coordinamento per le pensioni di invalidità, le migliori procedure di collaborazione amministrativa fra le parti, ecc.). Il Governo ha quindi finalmente risposto positivamente alla mia interrogazione con l'approvazione in Consiglio dei Ministri e la prossima presentazione in Parlamento del Disegno di legge di ratifica del nuovo accordo di sicurezza sociale italo-canadese.

In un prossimo comunicato illustrerò le innovazioni più importanti introdotte nel nuovo accordo e i benefici che ne deriveranno per lavoratori e pensionati. Credo tuttavia che per il fatto che il "nuovo" accordo fu predisposto negli anni '90 e per il ritardo di questa ratifica, sarà necessario in un prossimo futuro introdurre, magari con uno scambio di note, alcuni aggiornamenti attinenti alle modifiche intervenute in questi ultimi anni nei rispettivi sistemi pensionistici ed inserire nel campo di applicazione soggettivo anche i dipendenti pubblici e i liberi professionisti che sono rimasti ingiustamente esclusi.

Infine vale la pena sottolineare che l'Accordo stabilisce che le province del Canada possono concludere con l'Italia Intese in materia di sicurezza sociale che siano in conformità con le disposizioni dell'Accordo stesso. Ciò comporterà la necessità di rivedere l'Intesa di sicurezza sociale conclusa con la provincia del Québec nel 1979, per coordinarla con l'Accordo.



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# Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act

## Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements

Today, Canada’s Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander launched the Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements as a part of the government’s introduction of Bill C-24, the Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act.

Overall, Bill C-24 reinforces the government’s commitment to reduce backlogs and improve processing times while strengthening the integrity of Canadian citizenship. The Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements was launched to highlight specific action the government will take to reform the citizenship application process.

The government’s Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements aims to improve and streamline Canada’s citizenship program by reducing the decision making process from three steps to one. It is expected that by 2015–2016 this change will bring the average processing time for citizenship applications down to under a year. It is also projected that by 2015-2016, the current backlog will be reduced by more than 80 percent. Citizenship application fees will be better aligned with the actual cost of processing, relieving the burden on Canadian taxpayers who currently subsidize 80 percent of the cost. Finally, with less time spent processing incomplete citizenship applications the government can focus on reducing backlogs in the current inventory.

The Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements is just one aspect included in Bill C-24, Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act introduced by the government today. Bill C-24 will:

- support newcomer’s integration to the Canadian economy and communities and ensure new citizens have a stronger attachment to Canada;
- protect the value of Canadian citizenship and prevent fraud, and
- improve processing by cutting red tape and saving taxpayers’ dollars.

Quick facts

- Legislative reforms under the Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act are the first comprehensive reforms to the Citizenship Act since 1977.
- Canada welcomed more than 16,000 new citizens in January 2014, more than doubling the number of citizenship grants given in January 2013.
- More than 85 percent of eligible permanent residents become Canadian citizens.

*“The Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act, along with the launch of the Blueprint for Citizenship Improvements, helps improve the citizenship process by reducing backlogs and wait times. Our government is proud to table improvements to the Citizenship Act that reinforce the value of citizenship and make the process quicker and easier for new Canadians who play by the rules.”*

*Chris Alexander,  
Canada’s Citizenship and Immigration  
Minister*

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# Giovanni Gets Up Close with Remigio Pereira

Remigio Pereira is a Singer, Musician, Producer, Song Writer, Composer with The Tenors. Giovanni interviewed Remigio back stage at the National Arts Centre when the Tenors were in town preforming that evening.

**1. Formerly known as The Canadian Tenors, why the name change?**

Always been referred to as the tenors it was just a natural progression we want the world to embrace us as their own. we will always be the canadian tenors because we tell our canadian story from the stage and we sing our songs which are written by us - canadians

**2. Where did you classically train and when did you realize that you could sing?**

I started singing when i was 21 at the university of ottawa. i was there for classical guitar and there were some singers that heard me sing and asked me if i sing solos and i was too shy. penister taking voice lessons with lawrence ewashko and then later with maria pellegrini.

**3. The group performs a wide range of music from pop to opera. What is your favorite genre to sing?**

I love all styles of music from hip-hop to js bach to instrumental music symphonies. i put no limitations on music. i love it all esp. portuguese fado or the clas-sical repertoire.

**4. What was it like to perform for the Queen of England?**

She was great. she was very kind and we spoke with her for a while. we had a private tea with her and we sang hallelujah, god save the queen and the canadian national anthem and we sang at the royal jubilee songs from our record

**5. What was your first job ? What did you enjoy and hate about it ?**

My first job was when i was nine years old. the superintendent of my building gave me his dirty job which was to clean the garbage disposal, mop and sweep, basically wax floors and take all the garbage out. one time a fire broke out in that room so i figured i might as well keep my life and not do that anymore.

**6. What age did you realize you wanted to sing?**

I realized i wanted to sing at 21.

**7. Fondest memory of being apart of the Tenors?**

Singing on oprah winfrey show with Celine Dion

**8. Indulgence ?**

Hot sauce

**9. Where do you get your inspiration?**

Relationships, nature, great musicians, great composers. movies.

**10. Greatest accomplishment in your life ?**

Being a father.

**11. What are some of your Vices?**

Music is my life and it's also my vice

**12. What is your biggest pet peeves in life?**

Liars.

**13. Who you would most want to meet in your life? and why ?**

God. i like to ask him why.

**14. Everyone has friends, what do your friends tease you about ?**

Tease me about my stubbornness.

**15. What are five things you can't live without?**

Music, love, sex, nature.

**16. Who is you hero and why ?**

My father; he's an inspiration. he is testament to being a great man: responsible, loving, caring father and so much fun and love in his heart

**17. In today's fashion, what wouldn't you be caught wearing?**

My birthday suit



**18. What would your fans be surprised to know about you?**

That i am shy

**19. Who is your favourite musician ?**

The passionate ludwig von beethoven

**20. What is your favourite tv show ?**

Breaking bad was pretty good

**21. What is your all time favourite movie?**

The notebook reminds me of my father

**22. What is your all time favourite food ?**

Mama's portuguese cooking. second thai food

**23. What is your all time favourite time of year ? and why ?**

The fall. the leaves changing color, cool breeze smell of fireplaces and cozy sweaters very romantic.

**24. What was going threw your mind when you noticed the legendary diva celine dion, who surprised the group during an emotional performance of the leonard cohen classic "hallelujah" on theoprah show ?**

Hearing my dad's voice after she came on like he said 10 years ago sitting at the table "*one day you will sing with celine dion*" i had goosebumps and i lost my voice for two hours after the performance.

**25. What advice would you give the younger generation, who wants to get into showbiz ?**

Never give up stay true to your dream. one day u will be living it.

**26. What is the biggest lesson your person taught you ?**

Lead with your heart and you'll never go wrong. listen to the voice before beginning any decision... that is your heart speaking

**27. How many siblings do you have? brothers? sisters? where do you fit in ?**

My parents had eight kids. two of them passed away early on so there's six of us left. two boys four girls and i am the baby.

**28. How do you enjoy a day off ?**

Always

**29. With the holidays coming up how will you send them ?**

Going to spend them with my family. i will be hosting my first christmas party at my little lake-house.

**30. Do you have a nick name and what is it ?**

Remi - x sounds like remix

**31. If you could have another career, what would it be and why ?**

I'd like to be the prime minister of the country make changes that this world needs.

**32. What do you want to do in the future that you have not done yet ?**

Have more kids

**33. What is your 2014 new years resolution?**

I'm going to be a vegan

**34. How do you like to unwind after a long day at preforming ?**

Bubble baths

**35. What is the best part of your job? and the worst part?**

Making people happy. worst - not being with my family and my daughter. traveling odd hours.

**36. The one thing you always do around the house is ?**

Sing and write

**37. The most challenging part of being a dad is ?**

Not being there for my daughter every day. i see her on skype every day and see her once a month but it's just not the same.

**38. My favorite family ritual is ?**

Laughing and eating

**39. What is your ritual before you go on stage?**

I don't sing very much, stay quiet and calm.

**40. What is your 2014 new years resolution?**

Be happy, reach my dreams help people aling the way and be the best father to my baby girl.



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