

A photo salute to the past

By Gail Paquette

An iconic photograph of Pierre and Justin Trudeau in an intimate moment in Canadian history became a matter of the heart on Valentine's Day at Loyalist College.

The photograph, captured by UPI photographer Rod MacIvor, of Pierre Trudeau carrying baby Justin made front-page news in Aug. 1973 and won a National Newspaper award, included in a magazine feature called *10 Photographs that Changed Canada*.

On Thursday, it brought Justin, now 41, to tears as he was presented a copy of the photo by Belleville Constable Jeff Ling.

Hanging in the home of Ling and his wife, Danielle, is the original photograph of Pierre and Justin Trudeau and the saluting Mountie. The Mountie in the photo is Jeff Ling's father, RCMP Inspector Denis Ling, who was assigned to 24 Sussex and the prime minister and his family. Ling was sitting with Trudeau when Justin came into the world.

When Danielle Ling heard Justin would be stopping on his cross-country tour at Loyalist College on Valentine's Day, she knew it was the right time for the 'second generations' to come together. After Trudeau's speech in Alumni Hall, Constable Ling presented him with a framed copy of the photograph.

"Almost every single stop in this country, I am overwhelmed by people who come to me and tell me great stories about my father and great stories about my mother and so far I have been able to resist the tears that almost inevitably flow. Today I failed in that," he said.

"I am so touched and so honoured and so grateful to the men and women who have chosen to serve this country with their very lives. I am not a cry-baby but Valentine's Day and the kind of love I have been shown has just left me very emotional today."

"It would appear that family values are passed down from generation to generation and history can repeat itself and in that regard, we wish you nothing but success, good luck and I salute you," said Ling.

History repeated itself, as Constable Ling saluted Justin Trudeau, just like his father had in 1973. The salute sent cheers through the crowd and brought tears to Justin's eyes.

Ling is as important in the meaning of the photograph as the prime minister carrying his baby under his arm. MacIvor, the photographer of the original photograph, is adamant that Ling was the essence of the photo even though he was sometimes cropped out, focusing in on the prime minister and his 2-year-old son Justin.

During a garden party at Sussex Drive, wrapping up the Commonwealth Conference in 1973, MacIvor snapped the photo of the prime minister in a moment he has said depicted him as, "a family man with style and humour."

"Trudeau, realizing he had Justin under his 'saluting arm,' gave Inspector Ling a sly smile on the way by," said MacIvor.



Belleville Police Service Const. Jeff Ling salutes Justin Trudeau after presenting him with a photo of Justin as a toddler being carried by his late father, Pierre Trudeau. Ling's father Denis is the saluting mountie in the original photo (inset). Ling's family heard of Trudeau's Loyalist visit and offered to present a framed copy of the photo as a memento of Trudeau's visit to Belleville. The iconic photo was shot by Loyalist photojournalism advisory board member Rod MacIvor.

Justin time for Valentine's Day

By Gail Paquette

Liberal Leadership frontrunner Justin Trudeau said Thursday he was impressed with all of the media attention he received at Loyalist during a morning tour.

But he said he knew why students were taking tons of pictures and recording his every move.

"I know it was homework, but it was still very flattering."

The Liberal MP has visited several colleges and universities on his tour across Canada and his attention to youth in this country is apparent.

Arriving a bit early, he walked through the doors and was greeted by President Maureen Piercy.

"We are very excited to have this very special Valentine's Day guest," said Piercy. "We have some very excited media students."

Travelling from the main entrance to the media wing, Trudeau was surrounded on all sides by cameras and microphones capturing his every move and every word.

Said to have the same charisma of his father, many are wondering whether he will follow in his father's footsteps.

"I love this and I love him," said Denyse Mouck, president of Prince Edward-Hastings Provincial Liberal Association.

"He has had more education politically than any other person in Canada. He lived it and breathed it."

For 16 years, Pierre Trudeau was prime minister of Canada and Justin arrived three years into that leadership.

Now in the running to lead the Liberal party, Trudeau started hitting the campaign trail hard, four months ago.

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V-Day raises awareness for women's rights

By Myriam Lublink

One in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime.

It's a horrible thing to hear, but it's a reality as stated on the One Billion Rising website. The organizers of the event feel that it is time that statistics like these be addressed and dealt with.

Feb. 14, 2013, is the 15th anniversary of 'V-Day', a day to end violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sex slavery. 'V-Day' is a day to raise awareness for the cause. 'V-Day' is a day of victory.

One Billion Rising is a worldwide day where women stand up in countries around the world against this violence. The goal of the event was to have one billion women and those who love them walk, dance and rise up to the end the violence.

Christine Chomyn, a Trenton mother, organized the local One Billion Rising activity in Trenton with her daughter Darielle on Thursday morning. She had heard about the awareness campaign through a social media website and decided that she had to do something.

"I watched the mini film that was created for One Billion Rising and I was so moved. It was heartbreaking but empowering at the same time. When I saw what these women were going through, and what they overcame, I thought what courage and strength," explained Chomyn.

On Thursday, women in different countries and cities got together and sang, danced, walked or whatever they felt would bring the most awareness.

"When I saw the film I thought I



Sarah Gagnon (left), her daughter Gabrielle and friend Colleen Patterson stand on the bridge in Trenton, Ont. holding signs and doing the international sign for One Billion Rising, an international awareness campaign to stop violence against women. The sign was created as a representation of overcoming and rising above violence.

can't sit back and do nothing, I need to do something to help raise awareness so I don't know why but a peace walk

came to mind," said Chomyn.

At 8 a.m. women, men and children came together with signs

in preparation for the peaceful walk around downtown Trenton.

Almost 20 people joined the walk.

Starting at the parking lot at the Metro in Trenton, they weaved their way up and down the streets to ensure lots of exposure. Many cars honked in support of the walk as the group stood on street corners despite the cold temperatures. To conclude the walk, the group stood on the bridge and did the international sign for One Billion Rising: one hand pointing towards the sky to represent overcoming and rising above violence against women.

With so many women exposed to violence every day, Chomyn said she feels that she has a responsibility to do what she can to bring awareness to the issue and hopefully one day end it.

"We are all equal. We are all souls, whether you are a man or a woman. I think it's just so wrong for one person to think they have enough power over others that they can harm another being.

Cindy Martin, one of the participants in the walk, said that it was great to be able to support Chomyn and great to be a part of the campaign to bring awareness to the issue of violence. Martin was walking with her mother Rita Joyce, and their dogs Girly and Poppy and plan on joining in the walk again next year if there is one.

Chomyn said that she was really happy with the turnout of the event. She joined One Billion Rising late and was worried that she would end up walking and singing with just her daughter.

"I am beyond thrilled that so many people came out. Without supporting each other, this kind of stuff just doesn't happen," said Chomyn.