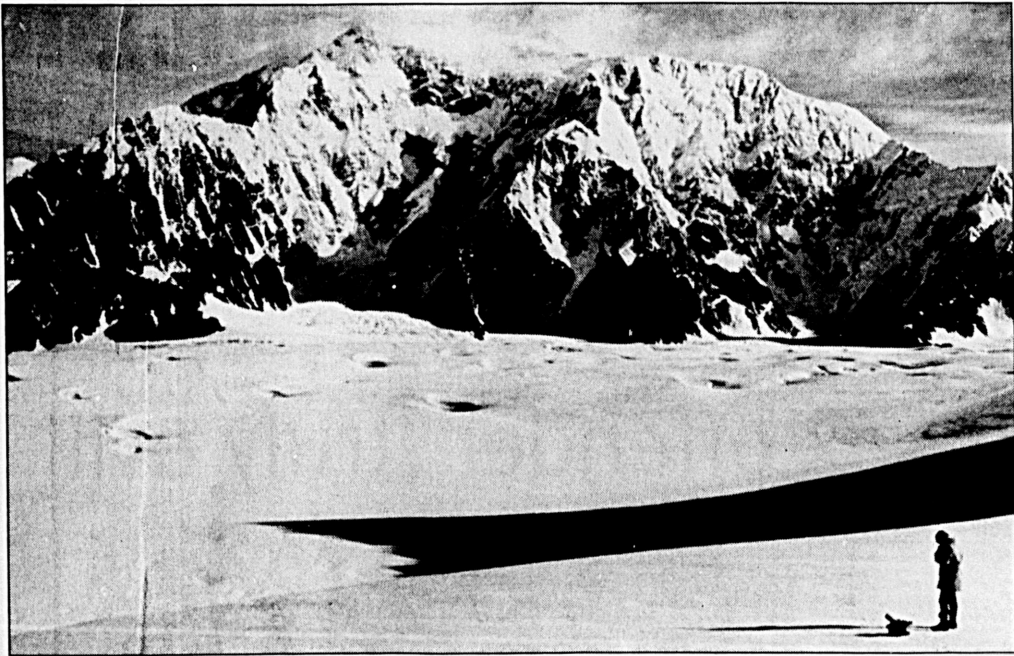


# Mailbox:



# Your Letters



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Mount Logan in the St. Elias range in southwest Yukon Territory is shown here. Mount Logan, the highest peak in Canada, could soon be named Pierre Elliott Trudeau Mountain, Prime Minister Jean Chretien announced recently.

## Thanks, for stealing from us

Dear sir:  
To the thieves who stole my seven-year-old son's dirt bike:  
You not only broke his heart, but also took all of the food which we had stocked up to nourish him and his brother and sister over the winter months.  
I hope you need the meat more than we do, but that is doubtful, since my husband did not work for five out the 10 months this year.  
The moose meat you took is quite fresh; we did not even touch it yet. Only two weeks ago, we paid \$200 to have the meat packaged.  
The chili I spent two days cooking to perfection and freezing should be delicious.  
As a full-time student, I probably will not

have time to make another batch, but that is all right, since you took the meat I would have used, had I found the time.  
You timed your break-in perfectly. How did you know that my paraplegic brother-in-law would not be home to stop you? I can see why you waited until he was gone. You courteously saved him the hassle of chasing you down in his wheelchair.  
My little boy worked hard to keep that sharp looking dirt bike in top shape, so whomever you sell or give it to should get plenty of use from it. I hope your conscience does not keep you up at night, the way my son's crying does for me.  
— Dawn Desrochers  
Prince George

## Transit system flawed

Dear sir:  
As a regular user of the Prince George Transit system, I feel an urgent need to bring attention to the fact that rider safety is often put at risk, and getting from one point to another in town is often impossible, because of our city's fine bus service.  
The best two examples of bad connections are the connections between the Queensway and 19 University bus, and the Queensway and the Crosstown 10 bus to Spruceland.  
When I catch the 6 Queensway in the morning, it arrives at Pine Centre five minutes after the 19 University bus leaves. This makes a lot of sense. As a result, passengers, such as myself wishing to catch the University bus, have to cross Ospika Blvd. at Campbell Dr.  
There is no crosswalk at this intersection, and I happen to catch the bus in the middle of morning rush hour. Anybody who knows Prince George, knows that Ospika is a main drag that's very busy at this time of the day.  
Not all drivers are courteous enough to stop, and sometimes I have to wait a few minutes before it's safe to cross the street. This delays the University bus, and might make some people late for classes, especially in the winter time.  
If the Queensway bus is running late (which it often is, because it has far too much ground to cover in a short period of time), passengers wishing to connect with the Spruceland bound Crosstown 10 have to walk from Massey Blvd. and Coyle Rd. all the way down to Massey and Nicholson.  
Massey and Ospika has traffic lights; Massey and Nicholson, equally as busy, does not. One of these days a passenger transferring from one bus to another in these situations is going to get hurt or killed by a speeding vehicle. Why doesn't Prince George Transit have all buses meeting at their respective exchanges at the same time, instead of several minutes apart?  
My final beef is about the Dennis Dart buses, the new 'cutting edge' mini-buses that BC Transit, a taxpayer-owned corporation, and our fair city, decided to go all the way to England to purchase, costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars extra. These buses are cold in the winter time, rattly, and are top heavy, making them wobbly too when going around corners. The 40-foot low-floor buses our city has were assembled and partially made in Winnipeg. For city council's information, they also make 30-foot buses. Only these buses will react better than a child's toy in the event of an accident.  
At least, the city bus drivers are excellent. Most of them are friendly, helpful and go above the call of duty to assist passengers in making these almost impossible connections. A big bouquet to them for a good job. I encourage others who share my concerns to write in and complain about their experiences.  
— Corey Walker, Prince George

## Not everyone wants Mount Pierre Trudeau

Dear sir:  
The Liberals have done it to us again. Prime Minister Jean Chretien has taken it upon himself to strip the name Logan from the mountain in the Yukon and rename it Mount Pierre Elliot Trudeau.  
Chretien noted that there are other mountains that can be renamed in honour of Sir William Logan. I, along with many other Westerners, do not bear fond memories of Mr. Trudeau. We remember when he tried to play Robin Hood with the resources of the West through the National Energy Program. We remember the introduction of the metric system. It was and still is a complete failure. Its introduction cost Canadian businesses

and provinces millions of dollars for nothing.  
We remember the introduction of official bilingualism with threats that if you did not speak French you could not expect to get a government job. We all know that Canada is not a bilingual country but is multilingual with English as the predominant language. We remember when Trudeau gave us Westerners the one-finger salute as he rode by in his stately rail car. Things like these are not easily forgotten. Now to add insult to injury the Liberals have seen fit to use Mount Logan as the world's largest one-finger salute to the people of Western Canada.  
— Joe Figura, Dawson Creek

## Mount Logan is a landmark

Dear sir:  
An open letter to Prime Minister Jean Chretien:  
I am at a loss to understand why you would want to displace Sir William Logan from the mountain which has carried his name for over 100 years.  
"Logan" is a landmark among climbers worldwide; to change this mountain's name is to show disrespect not only to Sir William, but also to the man you want to honour, Pierre Elliott Trudeau.  
There are many suitable unnamed peaks in B.C.'s Premier Range. Certainly one of these

would be a more appropriate tribute. Perhaps in consideration of Mr. Trudeau's reputation as a canoeist there might be a suitable lake that could be named in his honour. He certainly had a lot of influence over a lake called Meech a few years ago.  
I sincerely hope that you will re-consider your decision; people I know who have voted Liberal all their lives are unable to support renaming Mt. Logan.  
— Sheldon D. Clare  
Director Prince George Section  
Alpine Club of Canada

## Find another monument for Trudeau

Dear sir:  
I find it nauseating to have to sit back and watch so many of these self-important twits running around tripping over each other to name bridges, highways and now mountains after each other.  
The head of the Canadian Geological Society spends years mapping out the country, living in unimaginable conditions, with low pay, during difficult times, and we (back then) honour his efforts by naming the largest mountain after him ... not bad I guess.  
Then years later Pierre Trudeau comes along, maps out his own personal version of the country,

creates even more difficult times for everyone else than before, earns more and gets himself a better pension than 95% of the population, and as a final insult has the other guys' mountain re-named after him by yet another "pioneer" of Canada.  
We live in a province, in fact a country full of beautiful (and as of yet unnamed) landmarks. I'd bet the powers that be could lob a dart at a map of Canada and hit a less controversial spot. But knowing them, someone would lose an eye — I'm guessing a taxpayer.  
— Larry Sivell, Prince George

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