

# Ed has a passion for making the connections

## Profile of One of Our Best

### Ed Miller, MGEU/NUPGE Champion

IN PORTAGE LA Prairie, Manitoba, many people know Ed Miller from his work at the local Liquor Mart. He's quick with a joke and a smile, good advice on the appropriate wine and the nuances of fine single malt scotches.

The affable Miller sees himself a little differently.

"As a Liquor Mart employee, I know our hard work and service contribute to better schools, health care, parks, recreational amenities and social programs," he says. "Unlike private liquor stores, I know the profits from the sale of beverage alcohol go to help all Manitobans by supporting services that make a difference in our communities and to families."

Miller knows better than most the importance of quality public services, such as universal health care, because families like his have been helped immeasurably during difficult times.

"All three of our children have, at different points in their young lives, been saved by our health care system and the dedicated professionals working in our hospitals," Miller says. "For example, our daughter had cancer and we watched how families were dealt with and treated by those professionals. Not every family was as lucky as us but everyone was treated with exceptional care and dignity."

Miller, a 20+ year union activist with MGEU/NUPGE, understands the importance

of protecting and strengthening public services. That's part of the reason he became a *Champion 4 Change* and a *Champion 4 Pensions*.

"Families shouldn't go bankrupt trying to save their children. I'm proud to live in a place that requires only a health card, not a credit card, to make that happen. I am happy spreading the word about tax fairness and why defined benefit pension plans ensure a stable standard of living for seniors on fixed incomes."

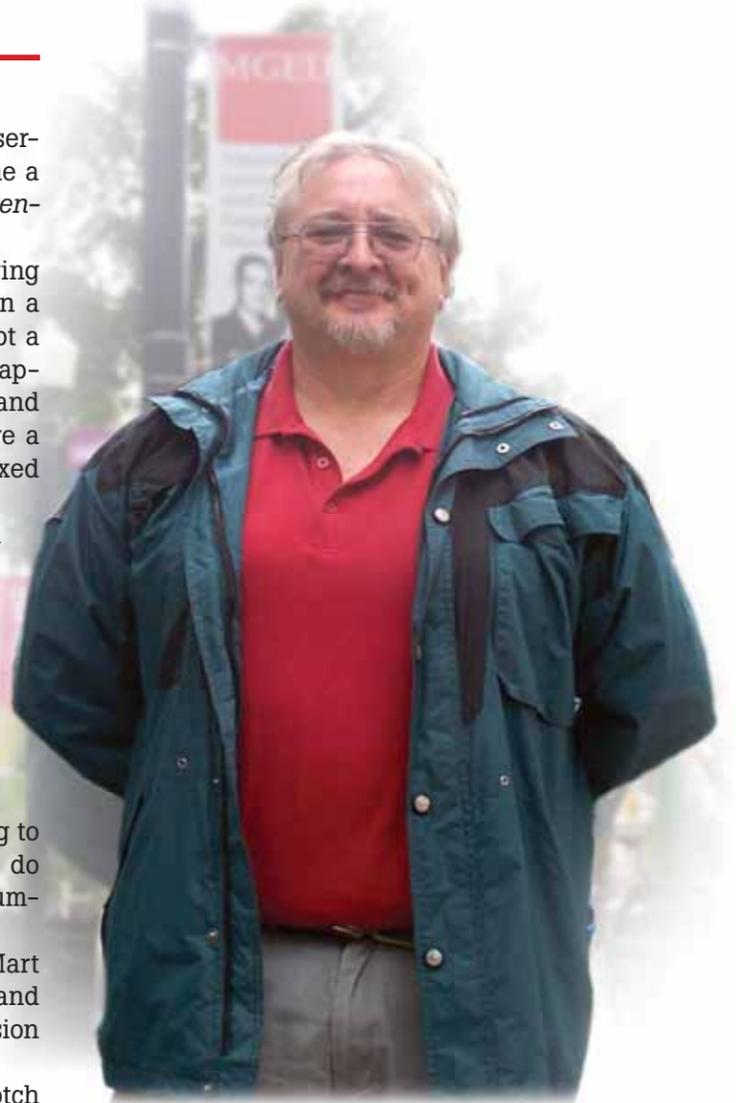
"Some people simply don't understand what's at stake with Harper's tax cuts, pension changes and cuts to Old Age Security," he explains. "I'm passionate about getting the truth out and helping strengthen the fabric of our social safety net."

"It's been a rewarding experience," he says.

"I like meeting people, I like connecting to members of my community, and I get to do that in this role which is fulfilling on a number of levels," he says.

And on another level, too, as a Liquor Mart employee, he gets to deal with the public and talk about things that he feels some passion for.

"That's for sure," he laughs. "A good scotch is worth talking about, too."



## Watch out for the 'Monster in the Closet'

*New video has scenes of graphic income inequality. Viewing is advised.*

SOME PEOPLE NEED a picture drawn for them to understand how income inequality impacts our world. So, that's exactly what the *All Together Now!* (ATN) campaign has done! This new six and a half minute animated video reveals the story of rising inequality right in front of your eyes.

We can see on the screen how political decisions of the past have brought us to one of the worst periods of economic inequality in our history. It also shows us how to get back on track to restoring fairness and equality for everyone.

This video is yet another tool in the ATN campaign resource kit, to help us continue the national discussion on how we tackle the income inequality monster. In the past when Canadians faced big challenges, we found the collective will and purpose to find a solution.

You can continue the conversation by sharing the video with your friends and family, posting it on your Facebook page or tweeting about it. Find the video on the ATN campaign website at [alltogethernow.nupge.ca](http://alltogethernow.nupge.ca).



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 ■ Send your letter directly from the [alltogethernow.nupge.ca](http://alltogethernow.nupge.ca)

website and it will automatically go to Prime Minister Harper, the Finance Minister Flaherty, in addition to your premier and provincial finance minister. ■ As soon as your letter is sent, you will be entered in our monthly draw.

## NEEDED: A MODERN INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

# Northern Gateway: welcome to yesterday

THE NEED FOR a modern industrial strategy is clearly illustrated by Enbridge's proposal for the Northern Gateway pipeline. The fact that a last minute proposal to add a \$13 billion oil refinery which more than triples the cost of the Northern Gateway project is being taken seriously in many quarters highlights the problem even more.

Enbridge's plan is to have Canada exporting crude oil to be refined overseas, despite decades of government attempts to move us away from just being an exporter of raw materials. Without an industrial strategy to guide the decision-making, the Northern Gateway proposal effectively reverses those efforts without any discussion. Rather, the debate has focused on the environmental impact and revenue sharing, without any discussion on how this project fits into the economy as a whole.

When projects are debated in isolation, with no thought as to how they affect other priorities for Canadians, we lose oppor-

tunities to build our economy and create decent jobs.

To succeed, a modern industrial strategy must involve government, business, labour, academic institutions and other stakeholders. That is the reverse of what is happening now where key decisions on our economy are being made on an ad hoc basis as individual proposals come forward.

There are a lot of different opinions about what a modern industrial strategy would look like. The range of opinions makes it all the more important that we have a discussion that consists of all stakeholders including provincial premiers, the federal government and citizens.

Find out more about the need for an industrial strategy in Canada at [industrialstrategy.ca](http://industrialstrategy.ca)



**Hot off our presses!**

### The 1% vs Fairness and You

Get more insight about the deliberate campaign to increase income inequality across the world and our counter-attack. By defending labour rights, more workers will be treated fairly. By pushing for an industrial strategy, more decent jobs will be created. By arguing for greater tax fairness, quality public services will be created and maintained. The overall result: greater income equality!

### Right to Work Laws

You mean, "right to work for less," don't you? Find out everything you need to know about the American-style "right to work" laws and how some governments in Canada are talking about adopting this approach. By campaigning against income inequality and for better labour rights for all, we can stop this low-wage strategy from infecting our country.

### New Forms of Privatization

Privatization by any other name is still privatization. The game is the same as it ever was: rich corporations want to turn public services into cash cows for themselves.

Our updated analysis reveals the new names for the same old game and exposes the terrible track record of privatization that only keeps getting worse.

## Finding all the hidden treasure

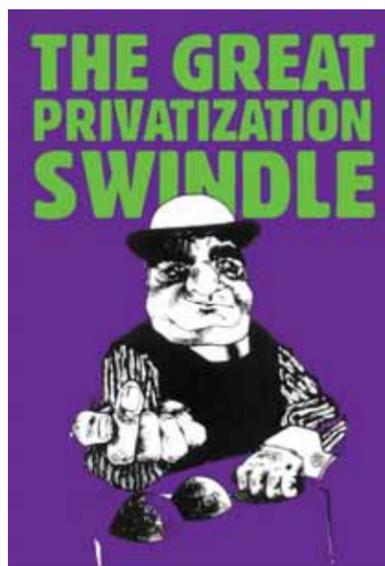
DO YOU KNOW how rich people, Canadian banks and resource companies avoid paying billions in taxes each year? We can tell you: tax havens!

In 2011, there were 130 billion Canadian dollars stashed in the top five tax havens alone. Barbados leads the list with \$53.3 billion, followed by the Cayman Islands, Ireland, Luxembourg and Bermuda. The amount grows every year.

Now, two recent studies by the Tax Justice Network (TJN) show us a much clearer picture of the true state of inequality globally. *The Price of Offshore Revisited*, authored by James Henry, a leading economist in the UK, found that there is more money than originally estimated being hidden away. Henry says that at least \$21 trillion, and at most \$32 trillion, of unreported wealth was deposited in tax havens by the end of 2010. These figures are conservative since they don't take into account assets such as real estate, yachts and other non-financial luxury items.

*Inequality: You Don't Know the Half of It* shows that our tracking of inequality has been routinely lower than what it actually is since this missing wealth has not been included.

Find out more at Canadians for Tax Fairness ([taxfairness.ca](http://taxfairness.ca)).



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# C'mon, get involved!

The goal of this campaign is to get Canadians talking about quality public services and tax fairness. We need you to get involved, to talk it up and to get others to do the same. Help us spread the word!

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- Join the campaign on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ATNcampaign>
- Book a presentation from a **Champion 4 Change** <http://alltogethernow.nupge.ca/book-presentation>
- Become a **Writer 4 Change** <http://alltogethernow.nupge.ca/become-writer-4-change>
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