

Equality

Dear editor:

I do hope that after a brief address of some notable misconceptions published in your newspapers of January 30, 2014 that this subject will be only discussed in a complete and meaningful manner at the right time, place and forum. This space is not for all of that.

First it was Shelburne and immigrants that were insulted in the article. Now that insult has been broadened to the whole of Canada and offshore to other continents.

Our Canadian government, and the Canadian people, did not wait for directions from Bickram Lamba before requiring certain foreign doctors, and other such professionals, to re-qualify prior to entering our facilities as part of the labour force. For this man to suggest that we may have quacks operating in our hospitals or other institutions and firms is to promote the myth that some people hold on to that immigrants, and particularly visible minorities, are employed only to fill quotas rather than based on proper qualifications.

Judging from the physical construction of this man's letter to the editor, intelligent readers will rightly conclude that they must think well before giving consideration to his most recent outbursts.

However, serious attention must be given to the importation to Shelburne of that patriarchy in its ugliness. How dare Bickram Lamba conclude that only a man can write a letter to the editor of our newspapers and have it published? How dare he refer to me only as 'he/his'? no less that eight times in his short diatribe? If my name were Canada Ramnath it would have been forgivable as indistinguishable by gender.

A patriarchal society is not ours. In this country both genders are given equal opportunities and respect. Our intelligent men and women, and boys and girls, will have it no other way.

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