

Houlton to Ottawa

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Michael Houlton, the 25-year-old Mississauga man who has twice unsuccessfully run for the federal Liberal nomination in this riding is moving to Ottawa where he says he will consider running again.

Houlton, who grew up in Mississauga and ran as an

independent candidate in the 1971 federal election refers to himself as a "full-time politician".

He has a job in Ottawa as a despatcher for a trucking company and says he will operate his company, Can-Ad Promotions Limited at the same time. His company

promotes a Canadian-made insignia for firms owned at least 50 per cent by Canadians.

"I'm considering running in the provincial election," says Houlton who will be residing in the Carleton-Grenville riding. He says he would run as a Liberal.

Houlton has lived in Ottawa before as he lobbied to receive a federal grant for his company. He has twice been ejected from the House of Commons for speaking from the public gallery.

In an incident last year, he pushed past security guards outside the House of Commons doors and ran into the chamber shouting for freedom of speech. He was held by the RCMP for about two hours and then released without being charged.

As a result of the incident, Houlton says he is, as far as he knows, "the only Canadian citizen not to be elected to be quoted in Hansard." His remarks were later struck from the public record.

Unemployed for the last year and without any money Houlton lived in Mississauga through the generosity of friends. "I'd like to thank a lot of people. A lot of good people helped me out," he says.