

# The Western Separatist



Sir Wilfrid: "I don't think these cutlets are good for you, my dear Alberta, so I'll just eat 'em myself. But you can ask a blessing, if you like."

Our cover this month is from the Calgary Eye-Opener of September 2, 1905, showing that when the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan were formed, Ottawa retained power over the natural resources. Seated at the table, prepared to enjoy a bountiful repast of Alberta's resources, is Prime Minister of the time, Wilfred Laurier. He is saying: "I don't think these cutlets are good for you, my dear Alberta, so I'll just eat 'em myself. But you can ask a blessing, if you like." This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alberta & Saskatchewan joining Confederation. What has changed?

## Letters to the Editor

### ***Wanted: a few strong people***

*To the Editor:*

I have been a Conservative voting person all my life and would like to consult with you as to Western Canada separating from the lying Liberals and the Quebec domination of this country.

If a Western Canada was formed from the Manitoba-Ontario border to Vancouver Island, it could and would in my estimation become one of the world's leading countries. With this alliance of provinces it would be a

country with access to the Atlantic ocean through the port of Churchill on the Hudson Bay to the Pacific ocean.

Russia is anxious to develop massive trade through the Port Churchill route as it is the most viable route for them to access the huge U.S. markets. With trade from Europe in the east and trade from Asia in the west, we have the best of both worlds.

Western Canada has all the potential we could hope for e.g. mining, farming, oil and

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*"Separate or Surrender"*

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natural gas, coal, hydro-electric, timber -- the list goes on -- and multiple new industries and manufacturing could be formed.

We all know that the U.S. would be more than willing to invest in a venture such as this. We would have to beat them back with sticks.

It is time, and the only thing holding us back is the lack of politicians with enough backbone and courage to create a better place for our children and grandchildren, with real chance at progress at home. Even if you don't agree with me on this one, then it is time that people in your position, as you are well-respected and known to voice to the people in so-called central Canada that we are hoping and looking for a new deal within confederation and if this is not possible, then we will simply build our own new deal. It just takes a few strong men to stand up and say yes.

*Thomas J. Adair, Winnipeg, MB.*

### ***Perspective From a Quebec Student***

*To the Editor:*

Hi, I'm from Quebec and I'm separatist. I would like to tell you that even if a lot of people don't know the existence of your party here, they have that impression that the next province to go out of Canada will be one of the western provinces.

There's a feeling here around people (Quebecers) of thinking that Western people have their own way of thinking and culture that is different than the center of Canada (Ontario and Eastern Manitoba), Quebec (and Acadia) and Atlantic region.

Canada's confederation is a project that can't work indefinitely, the way it's managed now. Hoping that my English is not so bad and I wish you guy good luck with your project. I'll talk about your party to many people.

*Wayne Duguay, Montréal, Qc*

### ***"Ontario First" Makes Overtures***

*To the Editor:*

Ontario First is a new political party the primary goal of which is to establish the new nation of Ontario. Our thought at this time is to engage in discussions with other independent movements in Canada to determine the political structure within which our new nations would interact.

We would very much appreciate learning your views on this initial issue. I am looking forward to our on-going dialogue.

*Respectfully yours, David Maxwell*

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## *The Cost of Confederation*

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### *Tax Freedom Day: June 26<sup>th</sup>*

According to calculations by The Fraser Institute, this year, Canadians start working for themselves on June 26th. Canadians worked until June 25th to pay the total tax bill imposed on them by all levels of government.

The Fraser Institute calculates Tax Freedom Day to provide a simple reference point about the impact of government tax collection. The Institute has been researching the comprehensive tax burden for the average family in Canada, and each of the provinces, since 1977.

"It is nearly impossible for an ordinary citizen to have a clear idea of how much tax they really pay. Tax Freedom Day gives Canadians a true picture of their total tax burden," said Niels Veldhuis, senior research economist at the Institute.

Veldhuis points out that Tax Freedom Day is not intended to measure the benefits Canadians receive from governments in return for their taxes.

Rather, it looks at the price that we pay for a product: government. "Tax Freedom Day is not a reflection of the quality of the product, how much of it each of us receives, or whether we get our money's worth. It's up to individual Canadians to decide how much value they receive in return for their tax dollars," he noted.

Tax Freedom Day calculations include all taxes levied on Canadians such as income taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes, as well as profit taxes, health, social security and employment taxes, import duties, license fees, taxes on the consumption of alcohol and tobacco ('sin' taxes), natural resource fees, fuel taxes, hospital taxes, and a host of other levies.

It's really shocking to look at the actual figures, broken down by specific taxes, for an average family, for example: An average British Columbia family of two or more individuals, with an income of **\$69,701**, would pay the following taxes:

<b>Income tax</b>	<b>\$10,258</b>
<b>Sales tax</b>	<b>5,309</b>
<b>Liquor, Tobacco, amusement &amp; other excise taxes</b>	<b>2,414</b>
<b>Auto, fuel, vehicle licence taxes</b>	<b>875</b>
<b>Social security, pension, medical &amp; hospital taxes</b>	<b>6,734</b>
<b>Property taxes</b>	<b>3,116</b>
<b>Import duties</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>Profits tax</b>	<b>2,798</b>
<b>Natural resource levies</b>	<b>1,303</b>
<b>Other taxes</b>	<b>1,201</b>
<b>Total tax bill</b>	<b>\$34,254</b>

## \$250,000 Spent on Memorial

An access to Information query by a Canadian newspaper has elicited the information that the Canadian Government spent **\$250,000** on a memorial service for tsunami victims, to which few people came.

## Freedom's Voice

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"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

*African Proverb*

"Liberty is the soul's right to breathe and, when it cannot take a long breath, laws are girdled too tight."

*Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, (1813-1887)*

"Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember that the only taste of success some people have is when they take a bite out of you."

*Zig Zaglar, Author & Speaker*

"Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts."

*Edward R. Murrow, 1908-1965, Journalist and Broadcaster*

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

*Mark Twain*

"The first and last thing required of genius is the love of truth."

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

## Western Block News

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### Update on Registration

The documents for the Western Block Party have been in the hands of the Chief Electoral Officer since April 2005.

As many of you may know, the Chief Electoral Officer has forwarded requests to all the signatories of the petition, for confirmation of their signatures. These, in most cases, have now been returned. The Chief Electoral Officer is calibrating, accounting and deciding whether to allow the registration.

At our regular Thursday night meetings at the Victoria location, a draft constitution has been prepared, it is under frequent ongoing discussion. We have decided to hold a barbecue in Victoria

on July 30. We have also decided on the date of our first convention in Victoria on November 20th 2005. There have been numerous inquiries for literature and information.

### ***Amazing Poll Results!***

The Western Block Party was very successful in a telephone poll conducted on radio station CFAV in Victoria recently. The poll was conducted on June 22nd 2005. The question was: "if a federal election were called tomorrow, who would you vote for?" The results were: Conservatives 16, Western Block 15, NDP 8, Liberals 4, and Communists 1.

### ***Regular Weekly Meetings in Edmonton***

The members of the Western Block in the Edmonton area are now holding regular Monday night meetings. These are being organized by Mr Ace Cetinski. We hope that this new initiative will result in a number of new coffee meetings. In discussions with Mr. Cetinski it was suggested that it would be preferable to keep the evening meetings to a number of approximately 15. This will maintain the atmosphere of informality and friendly association. It is hoped that these Block meetings will constitute the building blocks for larger assemblies. It is hoped that an organizer of the ability of Mr. Ace Cetinski will focus on larger organizational tasks.

Therefore we suggest that the evening get-togethers be assembled around the nucleus of about 15 people, maintaining informality, and being held at limited expense in a coffee shop, or private home. It is only through this small nucleus activity that personal friendships are developed. If this could be done in your immediate neighbourhood, the nucleus necessary to function during elections would be more readily available to you.

This is a kind of grass-roots organization that a political campaign really requires. In the absence of money, big money, small local organization is essential to do the job of door-to-door campaigning. It is the local contact and the

local connection, which will build a solid foundation. You need to find Western Block members in your immediate area. You need to build a close personal contact with those individuals. Let's not try to be all things to all people when the job of doing door-to-door work is immediately at hand. I hope that you will find sufficient reward in making sure that in your neighbourhood, you have found the people who agree with you and who will work in the next federal election to elect our Western Block candidate.

If you're holding regular weekly meetings with a few people, and new Block meetings are created everyday, it won't be long before our movements can blanket the whole of Western Canada. It is a small local organization which really makes a difference.

Large public assemblies are encouraging and exciting but they do not do the work that needs to be done on the ground. Leadership starts at home. The organization starts in your locality. Don't wait for someone else to do it. Reach out to your neighbours and start finding friends. In this way, every individual will put their shoulder to the wheel.

### ***Constitution & Founding Convention***

Our draft constitution has only resolved on 21 points. We're still debating the issues of administration, organization, and duties of membership. If you have any suggestions for the draft constitution please send them to us. We will present the draft constitution at our convention November 20, 2005 for consideration of adoption at our founding convention.

On the subject of the founding convention and the Constitution of our party, please bear in mind that many people have intensely strong opinions on these matters. It would be totally counterproductive if we should make arguments over the constitutional documents a divisive or hostile debate. We must all be prepared to compromise on these matters so that the Constitution creates a workable organization and

does not become the obsession of ideology. Our first goal is independence. All other goals are subordinate. Let's not make arguments among ourselves the obstacles to our primary success. This has happened all too often in the past.

### ***Meetings***

Victoria: Our weekly meeting at the **Waveside Café, Saanich Commonwealth Place** **Thursday evening at 7 p.m.** Everyone welcome. Recent events have prompted new people to come, so it's very interesting.

### ***Western Block on the Web***

The website of the Western Block Party is located at: **www.westernblockparty.com**. Join the forum and participate!

### ***Candidates Getting Ready***

We are in the process of lining up candidates to run in a federal election. If you are interested, or know of someone who would make a good one, please contact us! We have many people from all over Western Canada, who are interested, and just awaiting registration.

## ***A Separatist Speaks***

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*A Commentary on Current Events*

*By Doug Christie*

*(More articles by Doug can be found on the [www.westcan.org](http://www.westcan.org) website.)*

### ***Western Canadians "Knuckle-Dragers"?***

The following letter was written in response to a column by Don Martin, that appeared in many newspapers at the end of May, advocating the makeover of Stephen Harper.

*To the Editor:*

In his column of advice to Stephen Harper, Don Martin uses the fascinating phrase "not just Prairie knuckle-draggers." Would he say, "Quebec knuckle-draggers" or "Ontario

knuckle-draggers"? No, because we all know it's true, don't we? Those Ontario and Quebec people are pure, intelligent, sophisticated, nation-builders. Didn't Belinda Stronach and the Gomery Inquiry teach us that? Justice Gomery hasn't found one Western Canadian smart enough to take a bribe. The people on the Prairies are just "knuckle-draggers." Coming from Don Martin, this is all the more discouraging.

The fact that a mainstream so-called "intelligent" commentator can get away with this choice of words lets you know how far racial or ethnic stereotyping can go with impunity. As long as you are reinforcing multicultural Ontario's conceited self-image of superior intelligence, you can say what you like. As usual the syndicated columnist can tell everyone everywhere that the only smart thing for Mr. Harper to do is lose his Prairie persona and become a trendy Torontonion.

The Upper Canada establishment feeds on such contemptuous treatment of Westerners. We are, after all, not like some groups who would raise hell over slurs like this. Mr. Martin says Mr. Harper should have fun, or look like it. Would it be too much for Mr. Martin to avoid considering Prairie people knuckle-draggers and expecting we will find this funny? If Mr. Harper has to go on both knees to the 905 area and turn the party over to the liberals to please Toronto and Mr. Martin, we Prairie knuckle-draggers just might be angry enough to cut off the money flowing to keep all those liberals in the trough and Mr. Martin in the Ottawa sneering gallery.

*Yours truly, Douglas Christie, [end of letter]*

### ***The moral deficit of Canada :***

In a recent article by Father Raymond DeSousa published in the *National Post*, the fundamental question was asked "what would Thomas More do?"

In this article father Raymond DeSousa observes that Wednesday the 22nd of June marked the feast of St. Thomas More, leading statesman of the 16th century, and one of the most noble figures in the history of law and politics.

St. Thomas More was executed because he would not recognize King Henry VIII's declaration that he could be head of the Church of England. He was actually executed because he did not openly support the divorce by Henry VIII from his first wife.

In this article, published on June 23rd 2005, DeSousa contrasts the tremendous moral courage of the 16th century with the total lack of moral courage of the 21st century. He observes a scene from the movie "A Man for All Seasons" which was made about the life of St. Thomas More.

In this movie, Thomas More is betrayed by his one-time friend and protégé, Richard Rich. After Rich promises and offers his perjured testimony at the trial, More notices that he is wearing a chain of office and inquires of Rich what it signifies. Rich informs him that he is now Attorney General for Wales. Moore's reply is extremely revealing: "Richard, the Lord said that it did not profit a man to gain the whole world if he lost his soul. The whole world, Richard...but for Wales?"

Fast forward to the 21st century. We have numerous cabinet ministers, all of whom shall remain nameless due to their insignificance, clamouring to abandon their consciences to approve same-sex marriage and thus to cling to power. There's a so-called nominal Catholic leader, none other than the Prime Minister Paul Martin, who insists they support the concept of homosexual marriage. They all agree. They do not sell out for the Attorney-Generalship of a country such as did Richard Rich, no: they sell out for a little portfolio. Their names are all of distinctly Latin origins and appear to some probability that they might be Catholic.

The contrast between the noble soul of Thomas More, and the contrary to insignificant personalities of these liberal cabinet ministers is overwhelming. It demonstrates that strength of character seems to be a lost quality in modern politics. DeSousa comments extremely

effectively when he observes that one or more of these ignoble characters have sold out for such trivial trinkets of office as "federal Economic Development Minister for Northern Ontario"; one can readily observe how insignificant that must be.

Thomas More and his struggle of conscience has been remembered for almost 500 years. Who will remember these insignificant liberal cabinet ministers 20 years from now? However, if same-sex marriages are established as a normative value in Canada, their damage will last forever or alternatively as long the country lasts.

This brings me to the conclusion on this topic. The Conservatives (the perpetual opposition party) are putting up a phoney fight on this issue. They know they can't win and they really don't care. They wish again for the power of office. They too, like Richard Rich, are selling their souls. Long after all else is forgotten, this parliament will be remembered for what it did to marriage. This was the observation of Raymond DeSousa. He was a brave man even to have published his opinions.

The truth of the matter is that Canada has no moral character and has made ethical relativism the standard of tolerance. Tolerance is the only virtue of Canadian public life -- tolerance of everything. Canada is a moral vacuum. In its glorification of multiple cultures, it has abandoned our traditional culture. It has not substituted any alternative sound moral values.

The virtue of liberalism is the tolerance of everything and the assertion of nothing. Canada has become completely dominated by liberal philosophy. It even adopted the Liberal colours as its flag in 1964. Nothing remains of the traditional Canada except a vague longing in the hearts of many who remember it. Nothing better has been substituted for those long-held values. Home, family, country: these three words have ceased to have any meaning to the average citizen of this amoral misguided land.

Western Canada needs to create a new nation where fundamental, language, values, traditions can be developed and cherished, over time. Independence is about more than just money and resources. Independence is necessary for prosperity but also for the reassertion of a cultural tradition of values. Western Canada has this one last chance.

### ***Alaska and Western Canada***

British Columbia and Alberta are uniquely situated to provide for Alaska a land bridge for the delivery of resource wealth to market. The Canadian government has constantly stimulated obstacles to the development of this bridge. It has deprived Canadian companies of depreciation on pipelines to make them economically possible.

It established the Northern Pipeline Act of 1978, which basically became a government method of regulation and elimination of effective resource development in the North. The Governor of Alaska, Mr. Frank Murkowski, is a passionate believer in the development of trapped resources in the North and their delivery to the energy hungry markets of the South.

It is obvious that the United States of America is our best ally and trading partner. Why we should continue irritate and alienate them is beyond any commonsense. The American reaction to mad cow disease, a disease which now appears to exist equally on both sides of the border, was to close the border and you can see the results. The trade war with the United States would be a disaster for the Western Canadian market.

Why not therefore offer to the United States, a friendly free trade land bridge to Alaska in exchange for support of Western Canadian independence? It's obvious America

will never be well received into Francophone Ottawa. It is equally obvious that left-wing liberals dominate Ontario. Their hatred for the United States is obvious and manifest. Why would any reasonable President of the United States not realize that a Western Canadian attitude to America is far friendlier and more reasonable than he could ever hope to achieve in Ottawa? Why should Western Canadians not make a committed effort to achieve American support for Western Canadian independence?

Why should we not be approaching Mr. Frank Murkowski, the governor of Alaska, with the same attitude? Would it not be obvious to a practical governor of Alaska that Western Canadian independence from Ottawa is likely to create a far better atmosphere in regard to issues like native land claims, which are Ottawa-funded obstacles to development? In the long run the situation of natives in Alaska is individually far more prosperous than the welfare handout system of the Canadian dependency.

The whole attitude of Ottawa to every problem is spend more money on celebrating tolerance while undermining prosperity. In western Canada we know the best way to create tolerance is the widest distribution of prosperity. Free enterprise, not government intervention, in the long run will achieve a maximum attitude both of tolerance and individual happiness.

How long can Ottawa continue to allow Alberta to be that free, without raking back some of its resources? Why wait until Ottawa has plundered the west again through combination of devalued currencies, interest rates, or taxation, all of which Ottawa controls?

*Yours for independence,  
Douglas Christie*

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