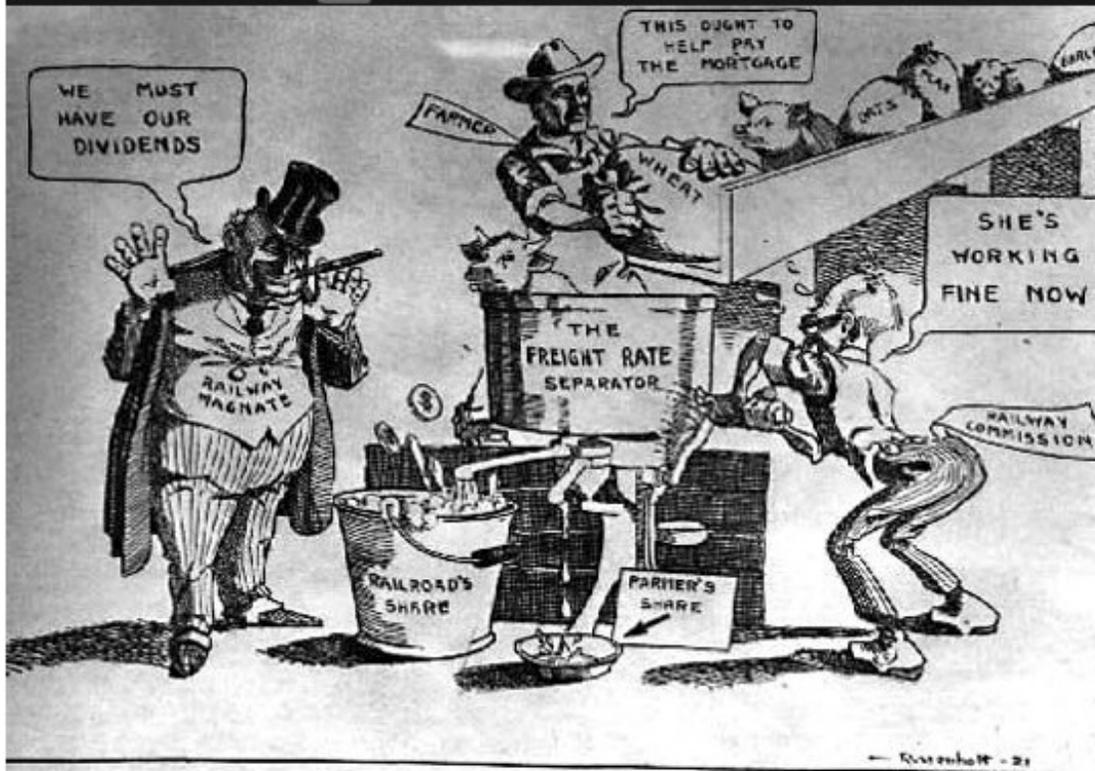


The Western Separatist



Separating the Farmer from his Profits

Our cover: This cartoon by Russenholt, from the *Grain Growers' Guide* of December 28, 1921, demonstrates how in the old days, it used to be the railroads and the banks that were bailed out whereas in modern times, it is the banks and the automotive manufacturers. It's still, however, the Western Canadian resource-producing sector that pays.

Stephen Harper, Go Home!

By Richard McBride

Stephen Harper turned 50 last month. George Orwell said that at 50 everyone has the face he deserves. So what does Harper's face tell us at midcentury? His is a face that's discovered the cream in his coffee has gone sour. The face of a man with a stone in his shoe. In other words, Harper is an unhappy man. But why?

John Ivison reports in the *National Post* that Harper "neglected" to invite a single Conservative MP to his birthday party. Ivison's explanation for this slight is that "No one could ever accuse Stephen Harper of being gregarious." Well, that's one way to put it. A better one would be that Harper knows he's in the wrong party.

It must be galling for Harper to see Michael Ignatieff leapfrogging over him in the opinion polls. After all, Harper can look at the Liberal leader and ask, with all hon-

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esty, “What’s he got that I don’t got?” (Besides the eyebrows.) Let’s run down the list.

Leftist, globalist, multiculturalist, feminist, interventionist? *Check.*

Intellectual? *Check.* (Of course Ignatieff’s actually written books and such.)

Disdainful of Canada? *Check.* (Of course Ignatieff’s disdain was manifested by refusing to actually live here for most of his life, while Harper has been more of an internal *émigré*.)

Foursquare in the belief that the United States of America must rule the world and that Canada must be, well, not its poodle (that’s Britain’s role) but its lapdog? *Check.*

Here are five recent statements from our Prime Minister.

December 6, 2007, on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: “Let us rededicate ourselves to preventing and eliminating violence against women. The Montreal Massacre was a monstrous insult to our core Canadian values...Our Government is taking action to address poverty, which disproportionately burdens single mothers...”

March 6, 2009, on International Women’s Day (a Communist holiday): “For my part, I am delighted to lead a cabinet that contains the highest percentage of female ministers in Canadian history...We continue to work to improve foreign credential recognition in Canada.”

April 4, 2009, “PM Joins World Leaders in Supporting NATO’s Commitment to Afghanistan”: “Canada continues to call on the Afghan government, in the strongest of terms, to honour its human rights treaty obligations under international law, including respect for the equality of women before the law.”

April 21, 2009, to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day: “Our government remains vigilant, both home and abroad, against all forms of racism and discrimination.”

January 8, 2009, from an interview with Ken Whyte, editor of *Maclean’s*: “[Human rights commissions] exist for valid reasons, which is obviously to prevent public airwaves from being used to disseminate hate against vulnerable members of our society. That’s a valid objective.”

December 6, 2007, at the lighting of the Christmas Lights Across Canada: “Embracing the holiday spirit...all the outdoor pleasures that winter provides...let us rededicate ourselves to helping those in need...I wish all Canadians a Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.”

December 11, 2007, to celebrate Chanukah (sic): “The Prime Minister expressed hope for the future of Jewish religious freedom...Chanukah symbolizes the enduring power of faith in triumphing over great adversity...Reason for hope that the light of the menorah may one day banish anti-Semitic bigotry into the darkness forever.”

So we see, from his own mouth what Stephen Harper believes. In the insane, utopian notions that discrimination and violence against women can be completely eliminated. That Canadians should be sent halfway round the world to kill people for feminism. That Marc Lépine (né Gamil Gharbi) was un-Canadian not because he was a mass murderer but because 50% of his victims were not men. That a minority religious holiday can be celebrated for what it is but that the majority religious holiday must be subsumed into a celebration of diversity. And that the virtues of free speech are as nothing compared to the damage of hurt feelings.

Would Michael Ignatieff disagree with a single one of the assertions above? To ask the question is to answer it.

A better question to ask is how Stephen Harper ended up as leader of the Conservative Party and not the Liberal Party. After all, he was born in Toronto, just like Ignatieff. And he

was a Young Liberal activist, just like Ignatieff.

The short answer is that Stephen Harper was clever. Far cleverer than Preston Manning. Both Manning and Harper knew that becoming leader of an established party takes years of cultivating those above you in the party hierarchy. This was beneath their dignity, and besides, Harper is not very “gregarious.” (Translation: he’s Richard Nixon without the charm.) The point of the Reform and Canadian Alliance parties was to destroy the Progressive Conservative Party and allow Preston Manning to vault to the top (or close enough) without the usual steps. Unfortunately for Manning, however, Reformers were so angered by his manipulations that they ousted him. And after the short interval of Stockwell Day, the stage was set for Stephen Harper to waltz in and reconstruct the “Right”—with him in charge, of course.

Trouble is, Stephen Harper was too clever by half. No right-winger, at 50 he is the leader of a party he despises. Not the Natural Governing Party, but the party that’s doomed to be the ever-graceful loser.

But it’s not too late. Fifty is a time of reflection, of taking stock, of new beginnings. A time for Stephen Harper to return home, both figuratively and literally. Go home, Stephen Harper, back to Toronto and the Liberal Party where you belong. The good news is that Michael Ignatieff is a forgiving man. Hell, he took Warren Kinsella back into the fold. So there’s hope for you yet.

Freedom’s Voice

“The war against illegal plunder has been fought since the beginning of the world. But how is... legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply. See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime. Then abolish this law without de-

lay ... If such a law is not abolished immediately it will spread, multiply and develop into a system.”

— *Frederic Bastiat*

“You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer. You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot establish security on borrowed money. You cannot build character and courage by taking away men’s initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.”

— *William Boetcker*

“A hand from Washington will be stretched out and placed upon every man’s business; the eye of the federal inspector will be in every man’s counting house.... The law will of necessity have inquisitorial features, it will provide penalties, it will create complicated machinery. Under it, men will be hauled into courts distant from their homes. Heavy fines imposed by distant and unfamiliar tribunals will constantly menace the taxpayer. An army of federal inspectors, spies, and detectives will descend upon the state.”

— *Richard E. Byrd*

“The more one considers the matter, the clearer it becomes that redistribution is in effect far less a redistribution of free income from the richer to the poorer, as we imagined, than a redistribution of power from the individual to the State.”

— *Bertrand de Jouvenel*

The Cost of Confederation

The Battle Over Bilingualism

Some were hoping that the depressed economy might instill some sense into Canadian politicians but it appears that Official Bilingualism, whether sensible or not, is so deeply entrenched in Canada, that the expense is a non-issue, no matter what bailouts become necessary to Central Canadian jobs. Here are a few recent blows struck either for or against Official Bilingualism:

English Only in 2010

From the group Canadians for Language Fairness comes the following:

“Graham Fraser is determined that the B.C. Olympic Games in 2010 will be used to make his mark as the Commissioner of Official Bilingualism (why not, he has failed everywhere else). He has been working very hard over the last few years to give the less than 1% French-speakers in B.C. the elevated status of being 50% of the population. He has been pushing and pushing for more funding to achieve this equality status. He has been spending money establishing a French village; he has been relocating French-speakers to B.C. so that they can fill the jobs that are designated “bilingual”; and on and on.

The Globe and Mail of April 21, 2009, adds: “The Commissioner of Official Languages said the matter is not merely academic, pointing to the fact that many of Canada’s winter sport athletes hail from Quebec, and their parents, should they come to Vancouver for the Games, may not be conversant in English. “They are unilingual francophones who will be there to support their sons or daughters. What is their experience going to be like?” Mr. Fraser asked. “There’s often a tendency in English-speaking Canada to assume that this is all about symbolism. It’s not. It’s about service to people.”

In his report, Mr. Fraser said VANOC appeared “ill-equipped” to provide sufficient translation and simultaneous interpretation at the Olympics. “The allocated budget seems inadequate to me . . . the issue remains a significant challenge.” [end of excerpt]

In an interesting response to all this pressure, the mayor of Richmond, BC is refusing to change the English-only signs at the city’s Olympic speed-skating oval. Even though French is an official language of Canada and the Olympics, Malcolm Brodie says, “If you go through Richmond, you will not find any French signage. All our civic signs are in English. We’ve invested well over \$100-million in the Oval, and we named it and signed it just as we would for any other civic building.” (Source: Steve Madaly's Morning Minute on CFRA)

Quebec Still Incensed After 160 Years

An editorial that appeared in the Montreal Gazette in 1849 that the Ste. Jean Baptiste Society alleges was responsible for inciting 1,500 anglophone Montrealers to burn down the parliament buildings is the subject of a demand for an apology, after 160 years.

The group believes that in such history lies the roots of today’s unsettled grievances. The president of the group alleges that “After this event, Montreal lost its capital-city status and its parliament.”

According to an article in Canoenews of April 27, 2009: “The society argues that the crowd, spurred on by a Gazette editorial entitled ‘Rebellion is the law of the land’, returned that evening to set fire to the building, destroying 20,000 books and numerous government documents in the process.

“(The editorial) was a call to the supremacy of the English race,” Beaulieu said. “It’s unacceptable that the Gazette has always refused to apologize and recognize its mistakes.”

...

“From then on, anglophones said: ‘We no longer want the parliament to be in this city.’ So it was decided it would be moved to Toronto.” Years later it was relocated to its current place in Ottawa. Comeau says all Canadians and Quebecers should know why Montreal is no longer the country’s capital.

“We want all the important facts to be recognized,” he said.

Canada Day Costs More in Quebec

Meanwhile, in the allocation of federal monies to encourage the provinces to celebrate Canada Day, an article in the Edmonton Journal of April 29, 2009, revealed the following:

“In the House of Commons on Monday, the Harper government was rightfully roasted for the release of a document that revealed that a single Canada Day organizing committee in Quebec received \$3.2 million out of a total of \$3.8 million available across the nation last year.

“According to the government accounting made public via an Access to Information request by Montreal’s La Presse, a similar committee in Alberta got a grant of \$55,000, while Ontario was handed \$100,000.”

Independence Updates from the West

Alberta Western separatists might consider joining the Wildrose Alliance and supporting a motion calling for the party, if elected, to immediately hold a referendum on independence. The Wildrose Alliance will be holding its annual convention at the beginning of June (5th and 6th), to debate policy. The organizer of such a campaign, Sharon MacLise, writes:

“The Wildrose Alliance Party is a provincial party with a sound infrastructure. I ran for this Party in the last provincial election and it

was able to field candidates in most constituencies. The Party received 9% of the total vote in the election.

“I believe that the first step to achieving independence in this province is to draw greater attention to Albertan’s sense of alienation and disenfranchisement. To do so we must at least raise attention and interest in the media to our cause. Without that we will continue to find it an almost impossible task to grow an interest in our independence movement. I believe that passing this policy in a recognized, credible political party at this time would, at the very least, raise this much-needed attention and could be a giant step forward towards eventual independence for Alberta.

“Feel free to call or write me with any questions you may have. And please send this message to your friends and supporters and encourage all of them to take this simple step and significant opportunity to raise the profile for Alberta independence”

How Official Bilingualism Grows

A recent article in the Ottawa Citizen (April 18, 2009) by Patrick Dare entitled “Library Boosts Bilingual Demands” gives an insight into how the demand for bilingual services is created by way of providing French Immersion education:

“Forty-four per cent of jobs at the Ottawa Public Library are being designated bilingual.

“The library, which has 754 employees, is designating 272 positions, or 36 per cent of its workforce, as bilingual essential from “Day One.” Another eight per cent of the workforce, or 64 jobs, are designated bilingual, but do not require immediate fluency from employees.

“The designations are in response to census information and surveys of service demands. City librarian Barbara Clubb said the old linguistic profile of Ottawa — francophone in the east, anglophone in the west — is no lon-

ger holding up, so the library must make sure some staff at most of its branches can deal in French.

“Clubb said one of the reasons for more French-service demand is the growth of immersion programs and French schools in traditionally anglophone areas such as Barrhaven.”

Further in the article it is revealed that there were some questions about the necessity of this program: “The library’s strategy for bilingualism includes two designated bilingual positions at Metcalfe and one at Greely. Both communities are heavily English-speaking and Osgoode Councillor Doug Thompson said it was “a little odd” that positions would be designated. He said there are some francophone families in the area, but not enough to warrant the changes.

“Clubb said those decisions were based on survey information, debate within the library’s management group and the fact that some staff at the branches in anglophone areas already speak French.”

Language Card Played for CRTC in Radio Bid

A recent controversy over bids being considered by the CRTC to award a new radio license all came down to language, rather than business plan. How typically Canadian!

A letter to the Ottawa Citizen about their article describing the events at issue sums it up very nicely:

“Re: Language card played in bid for radio spot on FM dial, April 14.

“Although affirmative action programs are thankfully dwindling in the United States, the practice is certainly alive and well in Canada with decisions affecting bilingual issues. According to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission’s documents, the Radio de la communauté francophone d’Ottawa (RCFO), a non-profit

group, “did not present a compelling business case” and its presentation was “filled with dreams and passion” but lacking in detail.

“Not to be deterred by these inadequacies, the francophone group promptly sent a letter to the Privy Council Office and demanded that the decision be reviewed. And guess what — it worked.

“In the real world, when a business plan for a company is found lacking, it doesn’t get support, usually from the banks. In the world of Canadian bilingualism, there is a tendency to play politics, even in appealing to inner government circles.”

*Gerry Porter,
Ottawa*

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

The growth of Western Canada as a significant new nation would be a major benefit to the world in a number of ways. It is the intent of the brief discourse to enumerate and substantiate one such way.

First, as a means to achieve direct democracy on the Swiss model, it would serve as an example to the world of how modern technology can make democracy efficient, even instantaneous, on a very large number of issues and to a large number of voters.

Verifiable computers can record telephoned votes from any location. Citizens could initiate referenda using the Internet as a vehicle both to communicate the measure, proposition or law proposed, and to vote upon it. Even large issues, such as wars or troop commitments could be ratified or rejected quickly and efficiently in compliance with the national will. Who would want troops committed in an unpopular or immoral war? Expenditures could be approved or restricted in the same way.

The opponents of this new process of government usually argue that decisions made

by popular will are frequently unsound, emotional or reactions to media control or hysteria. The irony of these criticisms are quite evident when one contemplates what moves politicians today. It is frequently just those very frailties noted above that politicians exhibit—plus one more. Politicians are frequently bribed by special interest groups. This would be impossible if referenda were the process of decision making, because you cannot bribe all the people or even a majority against their will.

One more reason for Independence!

Doug Christie in BC Election for Western Canada Concept

Douglas Christie is running in the May 12th British Columbia election for the Western Canada Concept Party of B.C. in the riding of Saanich South.

Appearing at an all-candidates meeting on April 29th, Doug seemed to be enjoying himself greatly, alternately putting the reasons for Western Canadian Independence and making his trademark humourous quips to the audience, in contrast to the other candidates. Doug said that his aim was to “tell the truth that the candidates from the other parties were not able to do.”

Western Canada Commentary on YouTube Growing

Doug Christie has been working diligently to create a large library of youtube videos addressing issues of concern to Western Canadians, as well as to comment on current events and to present in concise form the reasons why Western Canada would be better off as its own new nation. We encourage you to

spread the word about these videos to people who may not have heard about or understood the concept before.

Here is a catalogue of topics addressed.

- Patronage Rules Canada
- More Patronage in Canada
- Keeping Quebec in Canada
- Bailouts and Western Canada
- Schreiber: A Symptom of the Canadian Way
- Small Nations Yearning to be Free
- Defending our Property: Brian Knight Case
- Knight Case, Part Two
- Failed Promises to the West: the Gun Registry and the Wheat Board
- Power of Free Speech Against Tyranny
- Free Speech by Mob or Principle?
- Disgrace of a Canadian Icon: The RCMP in Turmoil
- Alberta Deficit a Reason to Free the West
- Doug Christie on the Cover of Canadian Lawyer Magazine
- Douglas Christie speaks to Newfoundland and Labrador about Independence
- Doug Christie Explains Referendum, Initiative and Recall for Western Canada
- Dziekanski Case Comment
- George Galloway Commentary
- Doug Christie on the BBC
- (and more!)

They are available at www.youtube.com by doing a search for DHChristie (the name of Doug’s channel) or a search for “Douglas Christie.”

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___ I enclose \$___ for ___ **bumper stickers**.

___ I enclose a **donation** of \$_____ to help promote the idea of Western Independence. See note below about tax deductibility.

___ Please send **information** about the Western Canadian movement for Independence to the following people (please print clearly):

I want to help as follows: _____

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Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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