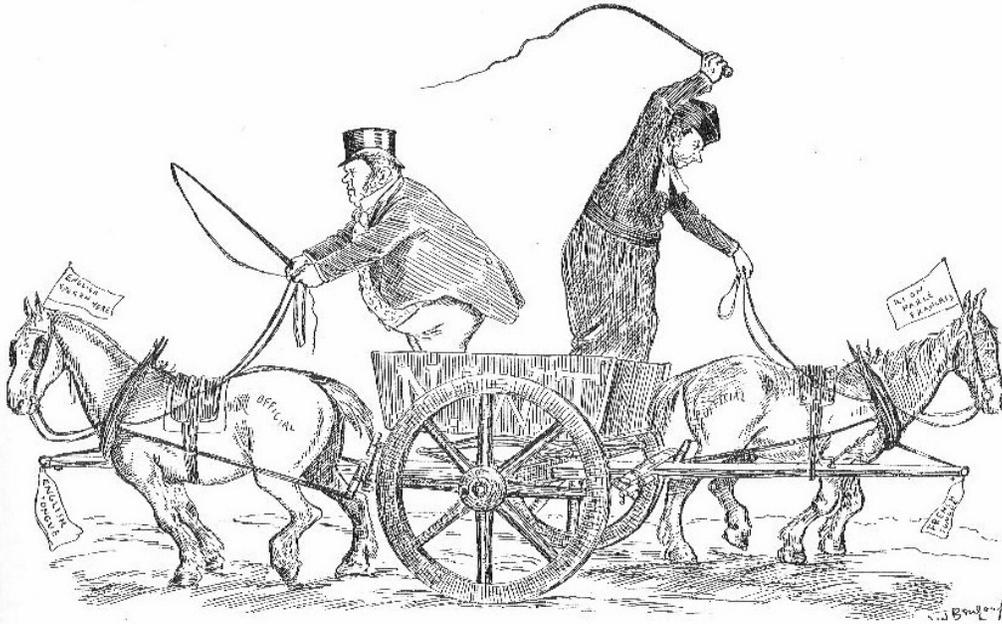


The Western Separatist



TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES
"As useless as two tongues on a North-West cart."

The cartoonist supports the concept of one official language for the North West Territories (present-day Alberta and Saskatchewan).

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Our cover this month features a cartoon by J. G. Bengough, of the Grip, which was published in February 1890. It is just as relevant today, when considering the efficacy of dual official languages, as the caption says: "as useless as two tongues on a northwest cart."

Report on Meetings

Four meetings of the Western Block Party were held during February, two in Edmonton, one in Calgary and one in Saskatoon, the last one held at very short notice. The notes for Doug Christie's speeches on these occasions, give an excellent summary of the reasons for and the benefits of Western Independence:

Thank you for giving me the most precious gift you have, your time. Each of us lives for a short time in the history of the world. You have honoured me by giving me

your undivided attention for a brief time—but it is your time, your precious time. I will do my best to honour you by valuing it and giving to you the best information I can give you to make the rest of your time on earth more free, more enjoyable, more fulfilling, more productive, more permanent and stable and more mentally and physically healthful.

A new nation, with lower taxes, one language, freer trade, less government, more stability, more environmental protection, more individual economic prosperity. It all hinges on what you do with the message I

will soon give you. How you function for the rest of your life will be determined by a choice you will make this very hour.

I will now give you the best knowledge, wisdom, analysis and vision which I have worked 30 years to develop and explain. It is a vision of a whole new nation of Western Canada, freely and democratically chosen by us for us.

The Clarity Act of the Parliament of Canada allows any province to separate after a clear majority votes in favour of a clear question in a referendum. The choice is ours. Is Canada a functioning democracy? If so, there is no need to separate. If not, separatism is necessary.

Canada is not a functioning democracy, because it

- Is based on a false premise.
- It functions by negative blocking tactics.
- It is inconsistent and incompatible between regions.
- It has no regional balance of power.
- It rests on a program of rob the rich called equalization, which plunders resource-rich provinces.
- It is dysfunctional in every democratic indicator and unbalanced.

Could Canada become a functioning democracy?

- The Reform Party tried this for almost 20 years. It even became the Official Opposition.
- Senate reform requires provincial consent.
- Quebec and Ontario have all the power. They would have to agree to give it up.
- Ottawa corruption—dirty tricks. Heritage Front Affair. Grant Bristow. Preston Manning's bodyguard.
- Division of powers, Section 91 and 92 of the Constitution.

- Supreme Court power. Ottawa/Prime Minister appoints them.
- Newfoundland reference (Hibernia case). Year 1984.
- Speech control just grows and grows. Section 319 Criminal Code. Section 13(1) Canadian Human Rights Act
No, Canada is a cesspool of organized crime. It will never reform.

Separation is the answer to equalization, frustration, economic desperation and economic degradation.

Western Canada could have:

- Referendum, initiative and recall
- Population stability
- Environmental balance
- Economic stability
- Smaller, more efficient government (see No. 1 above)
- Small bureaucracy
- One language
- Greater freedom
- Better trade with the world
- Better foreign relations
- Stronger national unity
- A regionally-elected Senate
- Better judicial integrity
- More efficient, less costly justice
- Social cohesion and cultural harmony.

What will happen if you do nothing:

- The economic policy of Ottawa with equalization keeping afloat Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces will sink the West in a sea of debt, bankruptcy, economic instability and social chaos. As the fortunes of Central Canada decline remorselessly, the temptation to rob the West blind will be irresistible. Remember the National Energy Program? That was Ottawa's response to the recession caused by the

oil embargo of 1979. The recession we are in now is just at the beginning. Many believe it will be worse, ultimately, than the Great Depression. After 1979, Ottawa took only our energy resources. When the New Depression hits, they will take everything.

- Immigration has created cultural ghettos and gang warfare in Toronto and Vancouver, the very temples of the religion of multiculturalism.
- The crisis of homelessness will grow. The homeless in our major cities is a symptom of decay and will continue with the Canadian attitude of more police and prisons.
- Your taxes will increase dramatically. It is impossible to spend your way out of debt, but this is the insane Harper Plan. The only way Harper can get a majority is to bribe Ontario and Quebec—with our money.

What you need to do:

- Join us—even though you might not agree with everything we stand for.
- Spread the word. Send email to everyone on your lists and ask them to pass it on. We have created a single-page document for this purpose on our webpage, www.westernblockparty.com. Print it out, pass it on and send it to others.
- Donate enough money for us to hire the staff we need to do the work of communicating and advertising our message both on our website and through the media. It's tax deductible!
- Help us by setting up local groups in your neighbourhoods for separatist coffee meetings to suggest ways to improve our local presence and activity.
- Write articles for *The Western Separatist*. Call talk shows to boost our cause. Build trust with others. Create blogs to support and disseminate our ideas.

Start now. There is no tomorrow. The future depends on you today. Now is only a moment. Life is brief. New life is now!

Freedom's Voice

“The worst evils which mankind has ever had to endure were inflicted by bad governments. The state can be and has often been in the course of history the main source of mischief and disaster.”

—Ludwig von Mises, (1881-1973) *Economist and social philosopher*

“If you think of yourselves as helpless and ineffectual, it is certain that you will create a despotic government to be your master. The wise despot, therefore, maintains among his subjects a popular sense that they are helpless and ineffectual.”

— Frank Herbert, author, (1920-1986), source: “*The Dosadi Experiment*”

“It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.”

— Henry Ford, (1863-1947) *Founder of Ford Motor Company*

“Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state lives at the expense of everyone.”

— Frederic Bastiat, (1801-1850) *French economist, statesman, and author. He did most of his writing during the years just before — and immediately following — the French Revolution of February 1848*

Standing up to the Ransomers

The following excerpts are from a column that appeared in the National Post of February 25, 2009. It was written in response to the ongoing controversy about the re-enactment of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, which was eventually cancelled because of Quebec protests. This article gives a history of the appeasement of Quebec and ends with a call for some backbone in the rest of Canada. Particular note should be made of the section on equalization. A separatist couldn't have said it any better:

“It was not the only time in recent months, of course, that Quebec had stomped its collective foot and spineless federal politicians had trembled. During last fall’s federal election, Quebecers’ overreaction to a joke by Prime Minister Stephen Harper about cuts to arts funding caused the Tories to promise to restore the grants — some \$47-million — if only Quebec voters would support them. They didn’t, but the grant monies were reinstated anyway.

“Every prime minister since John Diefenbaker has believed he has discovered a magic incantation unknown to any of his predecessors that he might invoke to charm Quebec into satisfaction with Confederation and, ultimately, each has failed to placate la belle province.

“Lester Pearson had his Three Wise Men, Pierre Trudeau had bilingualism and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and Brian Mulroney had both the Meech Lake and the Charlottetown accords. All failures.

“The current PM, Stephen Harper, has even declared the Quebecois a nation within a nation — as close as they are ever likely to come to a declaration of special constitutional status — and given the provincial government something of an official presence at interna-

tional summits of French-speaking nations. Yet one off-the-mark quip about artists’ propensity for pleading poverty while attending gala dinners — a quip Quebecers mistakenly perceived as a slight against their culture— and all of Mr. Harper’s efforts to built bridges with Quebec voters vanished in a puff of smoke.

“Enough of the decades of appeasement; it’s time for Ottawa to adopt a tough-love attitude toward Quebec. And who better to do that than Mr. Harper and his Tories? They’ve got nothing to lose.

“Since October’s national campaign, Conservative support in Quebec has nearly halved. Where eight months ago the Tories rivalled the Bloc Quebecois for first place in popular support, now they stand at third or even fourth in most polls. Last week, a CROP poll found the Tories with 16% support — equal to that of the NDP — and Mr. Harper’s personal popularity below 20%.

“That means the Prime Minister and Cabinet can do the right thing without risking their popularity: They have none.

“They can start by reinstating the Plains of Abraham re-enactment and, if need be, providing federal security for the event. They also can end the unofficial federal policy that as near to half as possible of all federal defence spending must go to manufacturers in Quebec.

“While they’re at it, they should tell the truth about equalization. Quebec annually receives the most money — nearly 50% of total equalization, despite the fact that for decades now, Quebec’s per capita provincial GDP has been just 3% to 8% below the national average. There is no “fiscal imbalance,” at least not between Ottawa and Quebec. Most federal leaders know the stats, they have merely been too frightened about the prospect of Quebec leaving to give it voice.

“Let’s also take away the Quebec chair at the Francophonie. Defend vigorously in court any challenges filed that seek to uphold the mi-

nority-language rights of English-speaking residents in Quebec. And stop jumping out of your skin every time Quebec says boo-hoo.

“Such an approach won’t make any friends in Quebec. But at least everyone in the rest of the country won’t keep feeling like suckers.” [end of excerpts]

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As an Ontario resident I feel justified and qualified to encourage western Canadians to join your movement and work for separation.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide you with the hair-raising details but in spite of the financial downturn, the Ontario government is proceeding with the expansion and implementation of the French language Services Act. The French in Ontario, approx. .5% of the population, now have their own TV and Radio stations and are encroaching upon the English ones, their own Commissar of languages, etc. etc. etc. and very visible “French Only” Health Clinics displaying such signs very proudly!

All this so that they are not assimilated! All the while hundreds of patients have died and are dying from hospital infections, primarily C. Difficile. Hospitals have appealed to the minister of health for help with this problem and have been ignored. It seems that the powers that be have silenced the media which put out this information because there have not been any reports in the papers of what the current status is of the death rates from the infections.

Western Canadians need to be told about this so that they realize that unless they do something concrete and soon, they will be faced with the same kind of madness. If ever there was a real “banana republic” it surely is Ontario today. And do you think the Liberal candidates mentioned a word of this during

their most recent campaign. Not a word. And now our premier is seriously talking about our “have-not” province and looking to the federal government for assistance.

The whole thing is just so insane. Quebec language laws have driven half a million English speaking people and hundreds of businesses out of the province. So their income from all of these losses has fallen, but why should they care when the federal government is always there to make up for the losses. And now the same scenario is being repeated in Ontario.

What kind of business wants to locate to a province where they will lose a significantly portion of the profits to language legislation. Ontario is legally bilingual, in all but name. The current quarrel is about how the French Language Act should affect private businesses. The utter insanity of this seems to be lost on the politicians who of course are only interested in their own agenda; buying the French vote.

Why not post this message on your web site. Maybe it will stir up some emotion in the west.

Ms. Helen Sikora, Hamilton, Ont.

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A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

On Debt & Deficits

“You can’t spend your way out of debt.” By these simple words of my father, I measure the current economic crisis, the solution of various governments and the cause of it all. For so long, so many have lived beyond their means on borrowed money that the whole world has

become addicted to it. There is not enough money from honest production, creativity, or labour to pay for all the money artificially created out of debt.

So the very same big imperial powers who created this mess, the governments of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Europe all have the same solution. They said it is necessary to increase the size and scope of government. Where freedom is essential to the fulfillment of the human creative genius, they would substitute a massive regulatory state that taxes away even as it pays for the work and regulates every aspect of its performance.

Even the conservatives in a crisis worship at the altar of big government as if they bravely venture into individualism while it is quiet, but when the dragon roars, they scurry back like so many frightened children to the bosom of big government.

The government, led by no matter what party, is only too eager to accept the sacrifice of freedom and productivity on the altar of government in exchange for obedience, order, compliance and uniformity. This is what a war economy is all about. We have seen government use an artificial financial crisis as a pretext for taking away freedom, increasing taxes and surrendering old values for new restrictions.

It is saddening to watch history repeat itself while an economic crisis drives young men to seek adventure and escape from depression in the mindless exercise of slaughter and destruction. Can no one see the patterns of history? But what can be done?

The nations which stayed out of war prospered (often not in obvious ways) most. This includes Sweden, Switzerland and much of Africa and South America. We see countries large and small which have refrained from bombing or being bombed. Western Canada could do the same. We could separate from the

War Party in Ottawa and create a country of unparalleled prosperity and freedom. We could have direct democracy. We could have an armed and trained civilian militia to defend us from invaders. And we could stand aside from all wars which do not have a single clear identifying purpose. The past has shown the pointlessness of war and the absence of purpose gives government the incentive to seek one in war.

Through referendum, initiative and recall, we could establish true democracy which properly understood and practiced directly using television or the internet to broadcast debates which would be resolved by citizens' voting rights by telephone or online. This has never been tried and should be. Through our diversity of resources, we could be energy self-sufficient. Hence we could become the suppliers of any necessary weapons of defence. We could take on this responsibility.

There is no loss by Independence for the four Western provinces and two northern territories. We must realize we have the means to supply all necessities. We have the means to start afresh with smaller governments and hold them to account to us. We can retain our right to be respected as responsible law-abiding people with guns for our defence and the ability and right to sell our own produce such as wheat or our labour without a large part of it taken away. The roads, schools and hospitals can be paid for by us as we use them if government has not taken and wasted our means to do so.

We could, by starting over, give people the knowledge and the tools to control government which today everywhere takes away freedom and stifles initiative. The boom and bust economy which Ottawa and its cesspool of organized crime has maintained for so long which dragged us into foreign wars and slaughtered our young men in the past, should not be allowed to repeat itself as it so obviously is doing now with the first step being depression.

The Conservative government is not at all conservative. The money they propose to spend was never theirs and will only be produced by us. It will be extracted against our will in the form of high taxes to give politicians and government the illusion of addressing the problem while at the same time, being the cause of it themselves.

“You can't borrow your way out of debt.” You can't spend your way out of debt. But in Canada, borrow and spend is the only answer. Government must grow like a cancer in Canada. Only the radical surgery of Western Canadian Independence can save us from this fate. Fortunately, as the old Ottawa gods fail, a new generation is looking at the foundation and planning for a new beginning.

Free the West!

Douglas Christie

Report on Meetings in Alberta

A small group attended the Edmonton meetings and talked about ideas for the party's internet presence. More meetings are planned in this excellent venue (downtown library).

The Calgary meeting at the Inn on Crowchild was interrupted by masked protesters, some carrying placards and one carrying an ax handle. They stormed into the meeting and heckled for over one hour. The meeting continued however, with the sincere attendees remaining calm. It was an interesting lesson for us all in how to maintain order in the face of such disruption. New people joined and it was a successful meeting.

At Saskatoon on February 21st a small dinner meeting was held on the spur of the moment when Doug had to be there. Plans to run candidates were discussed and a new enthusiasm engendered.

Petition for Independence making its way around the West once again

The petition is making the rounds again and has the potential to attract greater numbers and be a greater focus for Western Canadian intention. Copies of the petition will be sent out to all our members, and are also available at the websites for the Block and the WCC. This is a great and powerful way to gather support. We are getting many new names through this means.

Separatist Presence on the Internet

The Internet continues to inform and inspire a new generation of Western Canadians. The Western Block Party's site is being updated regularly with commentary and suggestions, as is the site for the Western Canada Concept. Check them out at **www.westernblockparty.com** and **www.westcan.org**.

As well, there are more videos being posted by Doug Christie to explain various aspects of Western Independence. If you have a suggestion for a topic Doug should address on the Internet, please let him know! You can view these videos at **www.YouTube.com** by searching for Doug Christie and Western Block Party.

Candidates Preparing for Election

If you are interested in running as a candidate, supporting a candidate, or have suggestions in your riding, please contact us. Now is the time to get to work!

Tax Receipts have been Sent

All tax receipts for the Western Block Party and the Western Canada Concept Party of B.C. have been sent out. We apologise for the delay. If we had more help, these things could be addressed sooner. Many thanks to those who helped with the office work.

~Join the Western Canadian Independence Movement~

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Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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