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Our cover this month: The pipeline of Alberta's resources wealth to Ottawa for redistribution as equalization payments.

The Cost of Confederation

Equalization Will Always be a Contentious Issue in Canada

Recent reports in the media, citing a “blue chip” panel of federal consultants, indicate that Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper is being pressured to ignore a campaign promise and make 50% of resource revenues be included in the equalization program that sees money flow from so-called “have” provinces to so-called “have-not” provinces. This would obviously impact greatly on Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland.

As a consequence, and despite hinted denials from the Prime Minister's office, the Premier of Saskatchewan is spearheading a

mission to bring pressure to bear so that this does not happen.

In the last week of January, Premiers Campbell of BC and Williams of Newfoundland added their voices to the demands of Saskatchewan that the governing party stick to its pre-election promises. However after witnessing the government's willingness to violate clear cut promises made regarding the income trusts, it is difficult to take them at their word. As Saskatchewan's Finance Minister Andrew Thomson said about the equalization rumours, “He appears to be willing to backtrack on promises to gain votes in Eastern Canada. I don't know how else to look at it other than a betrayal.”

The reports in the news media suggested that the Harper government would begin to correct the so-called “fiscal imbalance” with the provinces partially through an equalization package - to be unveiled in a mid-March budget - that would transfer an additional \$1.5 billion to Quebec this year. That money would have to come from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, and doing so would cost Saskatchewan alone about \$800 million, a hard pill to swallow for a province that was until recently still a “have-not” province.

On Friday, Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert pointed out that Harper has been referring to the promise as a “preference” and warned that if the promise was violated, it would surely erode the Tories’ support in Saskatchewan and other provinces and help stoke western alienation. It appears to be the perpetual song and dance between Ottawa and the West whereby even politicians elected by a Western Canadian base inevitably find they must betray that confidence in attempts to appease Central Canadian interests. It is a very fine line that one day will be overstepped by the federal politicians, driving the West to realize it’s finally had enough.

The C-17 Contracts

The federal government’s recent award of a contract to Boeing worth \$3.4 billion for the purchase of new military aircraft capable of carrying the Leopard tanks, just after the Leopards have been scrapped, has raised -- once more -- the issue of contracts to Quebec and the Quebec aerospace industry, and harkens back to the 1987 CF-18A debacle that built Manitoba alienation to a high point. Here's an interesting comment from a recent Andrew Coyne column that nails the situation (unfortunately):

“But this is Canada, where an agreement to purchase military equipment merely serves as the signal to start the real negotiations, over the distribution of so-called “regional benefits.” Enter Senator Michael Fortier, the minister of Public Works, whose demands that Boeing allocate a greater share of the “benefits” to Quebec than it had planned have, as reported, threatened to stall delivery of the planes. Quite what business Sen. Fortier has monkeying around in Defence policy might seem as murky as his democratic mandate to hold even the office he has, until you remember that he is also the political minister for Montreal, where much of Quebec’s aerospace industry — and Tory electoral hopes — are located. As he told *Le Devoir* in a recent interview, “we must absolutely make inroads in Montreal [in the next election]. There’s no ‘maybe’ about this. It’s more than an objective — it’s a priority.” (Source: Andrew Coyne, January 27, 2007, “Harper’s C-17 Quagmire”)

Canadian Wheat Board

The implications of having Stephane Dion as Prime Minister in relation to a very specific Western Canadian interest, that of farmers and the Wheat Board, was examined recently in an article in the Calgary Sun (December 30, 2006), excerpts of which are quoted below to demonstrate the difficulties of having a Prime Minister whose interests are rooted in Central Canada, the usual situation in this country:

“What we do know is Dion knows nothing about the Canadian Wheat Board, how it’s set up or who controls it. He accused the Harper government of subverting democracy because Agriculture Minister Chuck Strahl has fired wheat board CEO Adrian Measner after the government lost confidence in him.

“Measner was speaking out against gov-

ernment's proposal to give grain farmers choice in how they sell their product, which was not his role as CWB CEO.

“Dion says the firing is undemocratic because the wheat board is controlled by farmers and the vast majority of farmers, he says, support the CWB's monopoly.

“Dion is wrong. The Canadian Wheat Board exists under federal legislation which is controlled by elected MPs in Parliament, not farmers or Measner.

“Without federal legislation, there would be no law forcing producers to sell their grain through the wheat board. The monopoly was created by Parliament, not farmers, and it can be changed by Parliament. If the public, including farmers, does not like how Parliament is handling the wheat board monopoly, they can vote them out of office. It's all very democratic.

“Dion says an overwhelming majority of farmers support the CWB and its monopoly. Nobody really knows if that's true or not. But even if it is, here's the point Dion misses:

“If the vast majority of farmers support the CWB, then presumably they would continue to sell their grain through the wheat board even if it became voluntary.

“If Dion's assertions are correct about wide support for the wheat board, the CWB would continue to be a viable, efficient marketer of wheat under a dual-desk system because the vast majority of farmers would stick with them.

“We don't understand why the Liberals are so opposed to giving western farmers that choice. Nobody is talking about dismantling the wheat board. What's pro-posed is more choice

for farmers, should they choose to sell outside the board. If that choice is granted to farmers, it will be decided by MPs who are elected by the people. That's hardly “jeopardizing” democracy as Dion suggests.” [end of excerpt]

Interesting Quotes:

“Should Dion, God forbid, win the next federal election and should he move with his Kyoto and energy tax initiatives, he'll stir that alienation to a point where Quebec separatism will look like child's play.” (Source: Paul Jackson, in a column in the Calgary Sun, January 4, 2007 entitled ‘Hoopla Over Dion Highly Suspect’)

And, looking back to what Stephane Dion himself wrote in 1992, quoted in “Linguistic Conflict and Language Laws, Understanding the Quebec Question,” edited by Pierre Larrivee, 2003:

“The best solution would be unilateral devolution of power over language **only to the legislature of Quebec**, and applied only to the Quebec territory. Such a policy would be justified by the fact that only the French Language is in danger and needs protection. The rights of English speakers historically have been well respected by provincial and Quebec's Charter of Rights. The English speaking provinces would not receive the same devolution of powers because it is the French language that needs protection, and because nothing in the history of those provinces suggests that they will perform such a duty.” [Editor's note: Emphasis added.]

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

The Citizens of Herouville, Part I

Everything new and innovative in politics, from separatism to St. Jean Baptiste Day, seems

to start in Quebec. Everything cynical, old, boring and oppressive starts in Ontario, moves to Ottawa and sneers in superior arrogance at the upstart West.

This includes the latest phenomenon, the Herouville landslide, the birth of ethnic nationalism. Ottawa must tread lightly around this phenomenon, for fear of the separatist backlash if they sneer at these people like they do the docile Western Canadians.

But Herouville has started identifying what immigration is really all about. For the benefit of Ontario, the soulless, mercenary, cultureless mass of money-makers, immigration means cheap labour, replacements for the aborted and unborn taxpayers of the previous generation to allow resale of urban properties while the boomers flee the cities as they retire.

For Quebec, however, immigration is being quietly seen as cultural genocide, linguistic suicide and simply put, a change people don't like.

The multiculturalists are alarmed. If Herouville spreads, the house of cards could collapse. They worry about "hysteria" or "xenophobia" which really means an actual desire to preserve your own way of life in face of a tidal wave of immigration of people who don't want to assimilate.

The minority dictatorship which Human Rights Tribunals were designed to enforce sees special rights for special interest groups. Herouville if it grows, has put up the barricades to these tyrants. Vive le Quebec libre! The ordinary decent people of rural Quebec have had enough of the rootless cosmopolitans and maybe we should send them a letter of congratulation. **Write the Mayor of Herouville at: Martin Perigny, Mayor, 1060 Rang Saint-Pierre, Herouville, Que-**

bec, G0X 1G0. God knows he'll need the support!

The Citizens of Herouville, Part II

Both Stephane Harper and Stephen Dion are falling all over themselves to mildly, carefully, and inoffensively rebuke the brave citizens of Herouville, Quebec, who dare to assert their values. You may not agree with their values, but you have to admit they are asserting them.

The most that the media dares say is that they are "secular" values. That is Canada -- "secular"! Of course, "tolerant" applies as well. But to make a virtue of tolerance, you must make intolerance a "vice" and therein lies the rub:

The "minorities" that the citizens of Herouville (and the rest of us) are obliged to tolerate are not themselves tolerant and hence you are both required (not asked) to tolerate and reject the intolerant at the same time.

Only hypocrites as skilled as Stephane and Stephen can do that with a straight face.

The multi-cultists are caught in a logical absurdity of their own creation as they try to rationalize the irrational identity of Canada. Those who promoted it never said it was rational, only that it was useful to them to achieve their goals, which were obviously to divide and conquer. Therefore Julius Grey, who as a lawyer, argued for kirpans in schools, "now fears a whiff of the old regime, intolerance in the guise of tolerance."

Multiculturalism or Identity?

The world is made up of various nations. These nations over time, have developed an ethnic identity and often reflected in a common language. People will sacrifice for and dedicate

their best efforts to a nation to which they feel an ethnic, linguistic or more intensely, a religious bond. The best example of this is Israel, where ethnicity, religion and culture all combine to create enormous international cohesion and support. Except for Israel, most efforts in nations to promote or maintain national, ethnic, religious or cultural cohesion and solidarity are greeted with cries of racism by so-called liberals.

We might add, recently, the example of China, who is restricting the operations of Starbucks in its country because of that company being too “culturally aggressive.”

To Europe, however, in spite of all the ideological efforts of the socialists, communists, liberals and humanists to insist on the brotherhood of all men (absent the Fatherhood of God, of course) ethnicity is becoming popular and even perhaps so, religious cohesion. This is reflected in the emergence of what the media is quick to brand a “far-right” bloc in the European parliament. The term “far right” naturally is inflammatory but it is difficult to argue with the success of this emerging reality. Europe is becoming conscious of an invasion and a challenge to its ethnic and religious heritage, tradition and sovereignty.

This may be the end result of multiculturalism. The secular humanist religion of our time along with evolution believes multiculturalism is the wave of the future. To many, it is a recipe for disaster. The European parliament has seen the emergence of a party dedicated to preserving the “identity, tradition and sovereignty” of Europe. In a word, this is identity.

The Islamic invasion of liberal Holland is being questioned by the Dutch. The Mohammed cartoons woke up Danes to the new Moselem view of tolerance. Jean Marie Le Pen of Franch, Alessandra Mussolini of Italy,

Dimitar Stoyanov of Bulgaria, Bruno Galnisch of Belgium have a common commitment to “Christian and traditional family values.” Every effort is being made to ensure this group does not see the light of day. But it is indicative of the enormous pressure of Europeans to resist massive ethnic displacement by immigration. (Source: *National Post* article, January 11, 2007, p. A16)

What has this to do with Western Canada and Western separatism? Simply put, Canada is the most avant-garde expression of the multicultural religion. It has even made heretical the criticism of multiculturalism. A statement is prohibited if it exposes any ethnic group to hatred contempt or ridicule (section 13, Canadian Human Rights Act) even if the statements are true. This theological position rests on the belief that more racial or religious diversity which exists in society, the greater the joyful harmony which it will bring in mutual tolerance. This sacred creed is eulogized in the CBC's latest hit comedy, “Little Mosque on the Prairie” which is naturally promoted as the antidote of “anti-Muslim prejudice.” The multicult religion holds (in place of heaven) the life hereafter where all religions, races, creeds, languages, have dissolved into an incoherent but tolerant group hug and all differences have ceased.

There *is* however, a fly in the holy ointment. A recent article identifies the problem. Social reality is not conforming to the religious expectation. It seems that blood is still thicker than water, and ethnicity is not being surrendered for a mindless group hug. The *Globe and Mail* published an article which is a wake-up call for all who value our traditional identity or sovereignty. As the Europeans have long known, they are bigger than all of us as individuals. The study identified by the article is from the Orwellian Ministry of Truth (Statistics

Canada) which rather than counting heads is now getting into our heads, but that is another story. The subheading of the article reads “Visible minority immigrants and their children identify less and less with the country, report says.”

This is interesting news which made the *Globe and Mail* front page, January 12, 2007, where it reported, “2002 Statistics Canada data found that children of visible minority immigrants exhibited a more profound sense of exclusion than their parents.” The report concludes “Visible minority newcomers and their offspring identify themselves less as Canadians, trust their fellow citizens less and are less likely to vote than white immigrants from Europe.”

What a series of profound insights this simple sentence contains. First it would appear logical if we want people who identify themselves with us, trust their fellow citizens more and are more likely to invest in the political system by the simple act of voting, we should introduce more “white” (their term, not mine) immigrants from Europe.

How can the multiculturalists avoid this logical conclusion? Simple, I suppose, blame us. We are at fault because immigrants feel this way. We have said or done something which offended them and are not “welcoming” enough. We need more human rights tribunals, not less. We need to regulate speech till people cannot voice any disapproval of visible minorities or immigration, so our freedom must be sacrificed on the altar of the liberal religion of multiculturalism.

Will this, however, produce harmony, social tolerance, or peace? Perhaps not. There are no guarantees, and the evidence supports the negative. The interviews which accompanied the article creates a new picture of confusion.

They, Abdul Qureshi, Joan Chang, Oisín Coll, Sheyi Fol-bolumole, Imran Javaid, all claim they aren't discriminated against but all claim to know about discrimination. One common denominator to being viewed as an immigrant was not where you were born or accent, but appearance. So basically what we face is a reality which resists the liberal religion of harmony.

In conclusion until Western Canada can control immigration, isolation, alienation, low voter turnout, less trusting patriotic people may be the result. The Japanese recognized their inherent ethnicity and decided to protect it in their immigration laws. They are not accused of racism. The Israelis exclude from immigration all those Palestinians driven out since 1948 because of ethnicity or religion, but they are not accused of anti-arabism. Western Canada could establish an immigration policy reflective of our existing demographic prevalence of Europeans and be a much more stable harmonious and loyal society. This reality is ours to decide if we wish, for the present. If abortion is a choice, why not this?

If Quebec did not control immigration on a linguistic preference which it does, how long would it remain a French-speaking province? If Israel didn't control immigration on a religious or ethnic basis how long would it remain “the Jewish State”? If Western Canada does not control its immigration, how long will it remain Western Canada, and how long will it have a common language? We have a right to ask these questions and a duty to preserve our identity, tradition and sovereignty. How we answer these questions will determine whether we soon have anything left to preserve.

What a Country, Canada!

Andrew Coyne is the only Canadian commentator drawing attention to the real cor-

ruption that Canada represents. The new C-17 contract for supply of long-range transportation planes for Canadian forces is being mentioned with an unelected Montreal senator by the name of Fortier who says, "We must absolutely make inroads in Montreal . . . it's a priority." The message to a Westerner is clear. F18A, Repair Depot, Bristol Aero Space, Mulroney, Montreal, all come to mind. History repeats itself, especially in the Canadian system. The Liberals or the Tories, with a Quebec leader or a Western leader, it's all the same.

Corruption, which is the Canadian way, requires you bribe the block voters of Quebec or lose the government. Stephen Harper has quickly learned the game. Bribing Central Canadian voters with Western resource wealth is the name of the game. He seems willing to play it.

Equalization requires we share oil and gas revenue which is exhaustible and owned largely by Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, but not share hydro-electric or forestry revenue which is renewable and largely owned by Quebec, the Maritimes and B.C. So we see who needs to benefit to make it fair-sharing. "What's mine, is mine and what's yours is ours," says Quebec and Ontario. All along a "western" Conservative leader perceives the need to do what all his Liberal and Conservative predecessors have done, basically sell out the West.

Think what the west could be, a source of energy self-sufficiency in oil, gas, uranium and hydroelectric power, a place of beauty and prosperity, a place of common language, a land of open spaces, a place of freedom and social harmony, a place of land-based culture and all surrounded by ocean or a friendly neighbour who loves freedom, too, the United States of America. Our provision of uninterrupted access

to Alaska makes us a prime location of strategic importance. What a country we could be! We are supposed to give this up for a multicultural hodge-podge of used Ford assembly plant bilingualism, crooked contracts and bilingualism wrapped in Liberal party colours. Is this the future you want?

Yours for Independence,

Douglas Christie

Freedom's Voice

"If large numbers of people believe in freedom of speech, there will be freedom of speech even if the law forbids it. But if public opinion is sluggish, inconvenient minorities will be persecuted, even if laws exist to protect them."

— *George Orwell*

"There is no such thing as an achieved liberty: like electricity, there can be no substantial storage and it must be generated as it is enjoyed, or the lights go out."

— *Justice Robert H. Jackson*
(1892-1954), *U. S. Supreme Court Justice*
American Bar Association Journal, 1953

"Great necessities call out great virtues."

— *Abigail Adams*

Western Block Party

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