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Our cover: This month we feature a very Western Canadian sight, that of a combine in a field of barley. The Federal Court recently disallowed the government's attempts to allow farmers to sell their own barley, an issue that has rankled farmers for decades and helped to promote Western separatism.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

With the release of the new report of the UN's Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) the media has produced a storm of “go green” messages. High on this agenda is that Canada should fully adhere to the Kyoto Accord, with calls for measures such as a “carbon tax” to reduce the so-called greenhouse gas emissions. The rationale behind this is that supposedly the burning of fossil fuels puts excessive amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which is trapping the sun's heat, and thus contributing to global warming. If this is not stopped, according to some predictions,

ecological disaster awaits. In Victoria, BC, the local papers have had much to say on this issue given that one member of the IPCC is Prof. Andrew Weaver of the University of Victoria, who has claimed that if the CO2 emissions are not curtailed by 60 percent, life on this planet will be “unsustainable” by the next century.

The global warming scare radiates around the world, but in the Canadian context it has become the latest stick to beat Western Canada, and in particular oil and gas-rich Alberta. Notwithstanding the Harper/Baird approach, which the eco-doomsayers are giving two thumbs down to, many of the proposals, like a

carbon tax, would have an adverse economic affect in the west.

This “man-made global warming” theory, and its apocalyptic images, is being parroted as if it is the gospel truth by not only the IPCC-linked scientists, but also by much of Canada’s political establishment, the assorted left-wing, the news media, Hollywood, Al Gore and the assorted environmentalist groups. I am not a scientist myself, and I cannot state with any authority as to whether or not this theory is true. Yet, I can state that there are a number of scientists, in the relevant disciplines, who disagree with the man-made climate change theory, such as Professor Ian Clarke of the University of Ottawa, and retired Professor Tim Ball of the University of Winnipeg. They have formed a group (Friends of Science), which has a website with considerable information.

Britain’s Independent Television Network (ITN) has produced a controversial documentary (“The Great Global Warming Swindle”), which can be viewed on You Tube or from the Friend’s of Science site. (Just do the relevant google searches.) Profs Clarke, Ball and other scientists state alternative conclusions as to why the earth is heating up. Look up in the sky and you will see the most obvious cause: the sun, and its cycles of radiation output.

Of course, Prof. Weaver and those of his views have denounced this documentary as “propaganda” and have accused their opponents as being in the pay of big oil. Tim Ball has said that he wishes that he was on the oil company’s payroll, because “he would better be able to afford their products!” Patrick Moore, formerly of Greenpeace, is interviewed in the documentary, and he commented that the sceptics of the man-made global warming

theory are being treated like “holocaust deniers!” Hold your laughs, some eco-fanatics have suggested that the sceptics should be tried for their denial of a “future holocaust!” Watch “The Great Global Warming Swindle” and judge for yourself.

Alex Greer, Victoria, BC

The Cost of Canada

The following excerpts from an article by John Greenwood in the National Post of August 7, 2007 tell of the implications of the Federal Court decision to maintain the CWB monopoly on barley sales:

“I know I can do it better” than the wheat board

A week after a court ruling blocked a move by Ottawa to eliminate the Canadian Wheat Board’s monopoly on barley sales, Chad Doerksen is still seething. Had the effort been successful, it would have given Prairie farmers such as Mr. Doerksen the power to sell their barley to whomever they choose, rather than being forced to go through the CWB, a quasi-government body that critics say is a major hindrance to western agriculture.

“This is just so disappointing,” says Mr. Doerksen, speaking on a cellphone from his grain farm just north of Saskatoon where he was checking up on a field of canola. “How do they expect farmers to do business in a free market system when there is this monopoly that decides what you can do?”

. . . . Wheat board supporters argue that its monopoly gives it the clout in global markets — it is currently one of the world’s biggest grain marketers — to negotiate better prices for western growers than they could on their own.

However, with the advent of the Internet and easier access to market data, a growing number of farmers believe the playing field has been levelled and that they now have the necessary tools to do better than the wheat board.

According to a recent plebiscite conducted by the federal government, more than 60% of western farmers supported the idea of being given the right to sell their own grain.

In fact, observers say support for this idea would have been even stronger if the votes reflected the amount of production of individual farmers. "Nearly all large scale-farmers would say take away the monopoly," says Gary Pike, a Calgary-based agricultural consultant whose clients include many of the country's most successful growers. "There's a fundamental belief [among the public] that the board is bringing a big premium for farmers, but full-time farmers can pick off opportunities much better than the wheat board," he said. "They can take their marketing into their own hands."

. . . . One of the fundamental problems with the wheat board, Mr. Doerksen says, is its inability to take on risk, especially at a time when grain markets are flirting with record highs. If given the opportunity he would sell while prices remain high and get top dollar for his crop. Instead, he will be forced to take what he is certain will be a lower price from the wheat board, reflecting its more cautious approach and bureaucratic cost structure.

"I have a risk management team working with me, I subscribe to 15 different Web sites supplying me with market data, and I run my farm as a business," he said. "So its disappointing to see the wheat board interfering when I know I can do it better." *[end of excerpts]*

The following articles illustrate the financial results of such Canadian policies as bilingualism to placate Quebec, and the current environmentalist bandwagon:

French speakers closing pay gap

New study shows francophones control 67% of Quebec economy

Ann Carroll, The Montreal Gazette

Published: Wednesday, August 08, 2007

MONTREAL - Francophones are increasingly taking charge of the Quebec economy and closing the salary gap with anglophones in the province, according to a C.D. Howe Institute report.

Francophone ownership of public- and private-sector businesses in Quebec grew from 47.1 per cent to 67.1 per cent from 1961 to 2003, the study, released yesterday, stated.

The report, *Laggards No More: The Changed Socioeconomic Status of Francophones in Quebec*, appears on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the passage of Bill 101, provincial legislation governing French in the workplace and schools.

The relative income gap between anglophone and francophone employees has narrowed in the three decades between 1970 and 2000. But while francophone workers are catching up fast, the report says the average income of unilingual francophones in 2000 still lagged behind the incomes of unilingual anglophones and bilingual workers.

The average income of unilingual francophone males was \$29,665 in 2000, compared with \$34,097 for unilingual anglophones, the report said. Bilingual anglophone and francophone workers earned average incomes of \$38,745 and \$38,851, respectively.

Being able to speak only French or English had less impact on women's salaries during that same period. But bilingual women generally earned more. In 2000, bilingual francophone and anglophone women earned average incomes of \$26,644 and \$26,247, respectively, compared with unilingual francophones (\$20,786) and anglophones (\$23,002).

English- and French-speaking allophones have generally seen their earnings decrease by comparison with francophone salaries since 1970, the report showed.

The average income statistics did not take into account the workers' respective education levels or experience, noted Yvan Guillemette, senior policy analyst for C.D. Howe.

The report, which updates previous studies on language and income, was co-authored by Francois Vaillancourt, an economics professor at Universit de Montral, Dominique Lemay, an economist with TecSult, and McGill University law student Luc Vaillancourt.

The authors note three factors that might have played an important role in the changing fortunes of francophone and anglophone workers:

- A significant departure of anglos from Quebec from 1970 to 2000 in reaction to provincial language laws, the threat of separatism, head-office relocations and economic booms elsewhere;

- Growth in Quebec's public and private sectors, providing more jobs for qualified francophones;

- Increased purchasing power of francophones, who demand goods and services in French.

The study did not lead to new public policy recommendations, Mr. Guillemette said, but the authors did reiterate previous suggestions, including the compulsory use of French on signs, in addition to other languages; businesses to serve the local market in French; use of French as the language of work in Quebec; and French as the common language of all students, from kindergarten to Grade 3.

The C.D. Howe report is one of several studies that the Office quebecois de la langue francaise expects to review or produce in the lead-up to the 30th anniversary of Bill 101 on Aug. 26, spokesman Grald Paquette said yesterday. Among studies expected to be completed this year: Language and income, language and culture, attitudes to language and the mastery and quality of French. *[end of article]*

Weighing the costs

Carbon emissions will carry a price in Canadian economy

By NEIL WAUGH

Published: Calgary Sun, June 28, 2007

Another day, another poll that tells us that Canadians are "very concerned" about air pollution and greenhouse gases.

This one conducted by Ipsos Reid, which found an overwhelming 84% of Canadians quizzed were "somewhat or very" concerned that non-industrial sources of greenhouse gases be reduced. The Kyoto Kult clearly has done its work.

And when Environics Research conducted a similar poll to evaluate the City of Toronto's Zerofootprint initiative, 54% fingered air pollution as the "most important environmental issue" facing the Greater Toronto Area.

While a “modest majority” of 53% reckoned Toronto Mayor David Miller can meet the targets in his plan to turn TO into “one of the greenest cities on the planet,” which in the same hyperventilating press release he describes as “the economic engine of Canada.”

But when you ask warm and fuzzy puppy questions — where it’s all gain and no pain — those are the kind of answers you get back.

Everyone loves a puppy. Until you mention 14 years of twice-a-day walks, \$50 sacks of food, vet bills, dog sitters and kennel costs when on holiday, barking, shedding and the occasional accident in the front hall. Then dog ownership takes on a whole new meaning.

As CIBC World Markets’ ahead-of-the-curve chief economist Jeff Rubin and his team pointed out in their astute paper “Weighing Carbon Costs in Canada.”

Rubin noted that greenhouse gas and the climate change it allegedly causes are a moral and political issue “of the highest order.”

“Progress won’t come without adjustment,” the study warned. “And regional, industrial and equity sector costs, in some cases, will be acute.”

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It pointed out that the emissions adjustment burden will be “borne unevenly across the provinces.” Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick will take the heaviest hits to their GDP. While carbon credits will become a “significant transfer payment.”

And the economic bleeding won’t stop where the oilsands plants, upgraders and coal-fired power stations play out. The study determined that the Kyoto hammer will “di-

rectly affect” 40% of the Toronto Stock Exchange’s capitalization.

And the “vast majority” of these companies will be “adversely affected.” Yikes, that’s the boiler room of the flaky Toronto mayor’s economic engine. “Investors beware,” Team Rubin warned. “Carbon emissions are very soon going to carry a price in the Canadian economy.” Suddenly the puppy isn’t so warm and fuzzy after all. *[end of article]*

Freedom's Voice

“I will love the light because it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars.”

Og Mandino

“The most important thing in life is to stop saying ‘I wish’ and start saying ‘I will.’ Consider nothing impossible, then treat possibilities as probabilities.”

David Copperfield, Magician

“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”

Henry David Thoreau

A Separatist Speaks

By Douglas Christie

On August 2007, former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed spoke to the Canadian Bar Association Convention in Calgary. He said he fears for his country. He fears a constitutional crisis over the Alberta tar sands. It is obvious whose side he is on! It won't be Alberta's. He said he flew in a helicopter over the area and he

was “appalled” by the damage to the environment.

Albertans may be surprised to find Peter Lougheed is what he always was, a Central Canadian first, Albertan second. His rapid ascension into the boardrooms of Central Canada after his retirement as Premier indicated he had his personal priorities straight. Power and money in Canada always had an appeal to the leadership class. On both knees to Toronto, was how to get it. Peter Lougheed, sadly, was no exception. When he made a deal with Trudeau over oil, it was all about money.

What I fear most is that the new national energy policy will be wrapped in green paper and packaged as an environmental policy. Like Al Gore, they want us in the dark, freezing, while they live in a heated, lighted mansion, somewhere else.

If anyone thinks that nature is pretty and should always come first, consider the pine beetle. The mountain pine beetle is currently destroying billions of dollars of timber over British Columbia which will never be harvested. It turns brown and dry, constituting a serious fire hazard and will rot over the next 30 years, doing enormous damage. But it *is* natural.

If all the pine forests were cleared out, the damage would have been far less and the results for jobs and real people far more. Today there is not enough manpower to cut the dead and dying trees in 10% of the infected forests. It will all be lost. More forest will likely be infected next year.

What, therefore, exactly appalls Mr. Lougheed? The fact that vast areas of mosquitoes, swamp and bush are being cleared, jobs are being created and people with families are being fed? There are also hefty taxes being

raised to keep politicians in money to bribe the voters of Quebec and Ontario. There would be no social programs without taxes. Does that appall him?

So everyone is supposed to be afraid of Alberta separatism as the federal government is backed into a corner by the dreaming environmentalists of Toronto who really don't know where their heat, light and government welfare may come from. The fact is the forests of British Columbia would have been better off if more completely logged, than allowed the pine beetle and fire to consume them, without any benefit to the human beings.

I used to wonder if carbon dioxide and even monoxide caused damage to plants and considered the area along highways where these gases are generated at a much higher rate than where no highway exists. I observe vibrant plant growth up to the very edge of the highways. The ocean which I have observed for many years is at the same level it always was. So the disaster predicted does not appear immanent.

To many environmentalists, people come last in their scale of values. They prefer some abstract view of nature which pretends the human being is the evil cause of all problems rather than the reason for creation. This worship of nature is not new but it certainly will be a religion of retrogression if it takes hold. Most communist revolutionaries, from Fidel Castro to Pol Pot advertised themselves as apparent reformers.

So it comes as no surprise that the Canadian intelligentsia, living in their ivory towers, given a nudge by American protectionists, want to shut down the tar sands. A major force driving the Canadian economy, the Alberta Tar Sands, and Saskatchewan uranium and potash industries, and indeed their tar sands as well,

will all put Toronto and Montreal where they belong -- in second place. And they don't like that idea.

Naturally the media all agree with Lougheed. Alberta must be stopped. The west must be stopped. Alberta should rein in oil sands development. If they don't, Ottawa should. It is natural that the old Canadians, like Lougheed, must do it for them, to protect their power base. The real reason is power. They have it, we don't. Lougheed's country is really his country.

The rich and powerful of all parties and the poodle press like the CBC and the Asper chain are really part of the same creature. They control the wealth and must stop the shift to the people. They call themselves democrats but really they are oligarchs. The result will be a struggle. The people need to be educated this time when Ottawa causes another depression in the West. They will be listening.

"Free the West!" has been our cry since 1978. The truth has been told time and again. Ottawa equals Ontario plus Quebec equals power equals Western Canada as a tax cow. But it is only when the poor western producers raise their head to better things and are kicked in the teeth by Ottawa that there exists a realization that freeing the West is really necessary. The result may be interesting.

Separation and the building of a new nation of Western Canada has been my goal for almost forty years. If a new national energy policy is necessary to make the resource-rich west realize what is at stake, then so be it. If this is to be a conflict for the hearts and minds of Western Canadians, bring it on! Otherwise, we will only exist as a voice of reason in a sea of drunken fools. The Western Canada Concept/Western Block Party need to be able to be

heard this time and not just infiltrated, ridiculed and destroyed.

Several years ago I heard Peter Lougheed on a left-wing student radio program and I was surprised to see how at home he appeared to be. It was a surprise which I now realize should not have been. When premier, he increased government spending enormously. He created a vast army of bureaucrats, increased social programs and built many courthouses and jails. He made a financial deal with Mr. Trudeau which allowed the federal government to tax large parts of Alberta's resources. It was a revelation of an apparent socialist and opportunist. The result years later was the realization that in this new fight brewing between Ottawa and the West, Lougheed is on the Ottawa side and socialists like socialists. The real danger is that *his* country will once again control *my* country, Western Canada.

So the battle is likely to heat up. Will we follow the same old pattern which led to defeat in the past? Will we count on Ed Stelmach, Alberta Premier, as we relied on Peter Lougheed who let us down in 1980? Or will we realize you can't win in the Canadian political game?

Separation is the only answer to Canada's bad laws like bilingualism, gun control, the regulation and high tax economy of Ottawa which takes 26% of the cost of a gallon of gasoline. To the negative attitude towards western growth and prosperity, the only solution is separation.

A Western Canada of BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba (and possibly the north), one nation with one language, and one government, a triple E Senate, a positive attitude to resource management, a commitment to democracy with referendum, initiative and recall, a beautiful natural environment, and healthy climate, what could be better than that?

Certainly not a government 2500 miles away in Ottawa where Toronto, Quebec and the Maritimes call the shots.

We have a chance once again to build something better than the deadlock which Ottawa represents. To achieve our destiny in freedom and prosperity, we must do it. The Soviet Union broke up. The ultimate destiny of Scotland is being slowly achieved for Independence. Many new nations are emerging. Smaller nations closer to the people governed are a better political result. Switzerland is not huge, but it is well-governed and better run than Canada. What was created in 1867 was not perfection even for its time and it is certainly outmoded and unworkable now.

Alberta, for the second time, has another chance to lead the way. This coming battle must not be resolved with another temporary compromise. This time we *must* "Free the West!" Otherwise we doom our children to be tax slaves of an outmoded system run by pompous, self-serving politicians who lie to us in both languages. The compromise which made Stephen Harper Prime Minister was good for him but bad for us. It clearly shows that "the West wants in" was a fraud and getting in meant getting down on both knees. This time it better be "the West wants out!"

Douglas Christie

Western Block News

Those in Ottawa who determine whether the Western Block can remain a registered political party has said we need 50 new members by October 1, 2007. This we must ask you to get, at a cost of \$10.00 each. It really would be a shame if, as the battle for resource nationalism heats up, there is no party but the Stephen Harper Conservatives to stand for Western Canada.

We ask you therefore to see to it that the Western Block Party declaration and application form is filled out and signed and returned to us by 50 *new* people before that date or all our work in creating this new federal party will be lost. If each of us were to do this for one new person, it would be done in no time. Can you think of one person who would support us in this way? Please do it now!

The fact is that the truth cannot be avoided forever. Western Separatism in 1980 was the wave of the future because it was founded upon the fundamental truth about Canada and the benefits of Western Canada. It is no longer the wave of the future, it is the wave of the *present* as Canada collapses under the weight of its pomposity, ignorance, incompetence and corruption. The smug bureaucrat of the Ottawa regime who is presently collecting our taxes in the hope of his own indexed pension, will run like a rat from a sinking ship when the West, strong and free, is no longer subsidizing the cadaver of the Ottawa cabal.

This much is clear, for our freedom from unjust laws, enslaving taxes, stultifying regulation, ruinous foreign policy, and bankrupting enviro-nazis, Independence is necessary! For the essential freedom of referendum, initiative and recall, the full benefit of our resource wealth, the true preservation of our environment by reduced immigration, the true blessing of a common language and culture, Independence is necessary. We are the only people who can make a difference by making it happen. Every person we talk to, every dollar we give to our cause, every copy of the Western Separatist Paper we distribute, every membership in the Western Canada Concept or Western Block we sell, brings this necessity that much closer. If we don't do this, who will?



