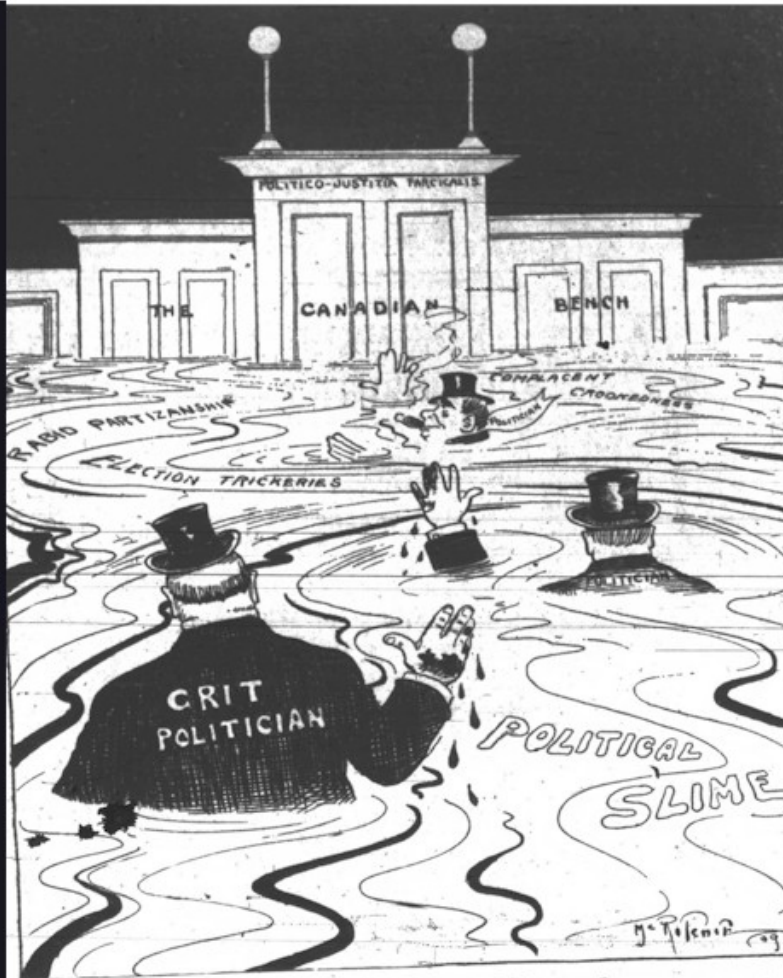


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Our cover: This month's cover is a cartoon from the *Calgary Eye Opener* of December 18, 1909, depicting the process of political appointments to the Canadian judiciary. This demonstrates that from its entry into Confederation (Alberta entered in 1905) Western Canadians were aware that patronage and corruption played a large part in law -- the "political slime" the politicians are wading through includes "complacent crookedness," "partizanship," and "election trickeries." At the top of the Canadian Bench is the slogan "Politico-Justica Farcicalis," something that --sadly-- continues today.

Western Block News

A recent public meeting in Chilliwack, BC, resulted in the following article by **Mike Chouinard**, in the *Chilliwack Times*, July 28, 2009:

New kids on the Block

Western separatist Doug Christie back for another kick at the political can

Doug Christie first started working for western separatism 35 years ago with a letter to the editor and, eventually, with the Western Canada Concept party.

He's still hopeful his dream of a sovereign West can live on despite any evidence to the contrary.

"It doesn't matter how many times they knock you down," he says. "It's how many times you get up."

The controversial lawyer was in Chilliwack Thursday night to gather support for his current party, the Western Block Party, as well as introduce its local candidate, Clive Edwards, for the next federal election. About 25 people turned up in the meeting room at the Royal Hotel.

Christie took direct aim at the powers in Ottawa including people he feels once spoke for the West but now have become part of the system. He mentioned MP Chuck Strahl's name in particular.

"He used to be Chilliwack's man in Ottawa. Now he's Ottawa's man in Chilliwack," Christie said.

Christie touched on a number of issues, pointing out specifics such as the sponsorship scandal and the federal government's financial support for a gay pride parade in Toronto to show it was out of touch with Canadians. Christie also compared Canada to a Ponzi scheme in which the government was at the head and duping Canadians, including new immigrants, into paying to support measures that disproportionately reward Ontario and Quebec.

"It's a racket, it's a fraud and I don't want to pay for it anymore," he said.

As the Chilliwack candidate, Edwards said he, like many in the West, had become angry over Ottawa's actions such as the GST and free trade. More recently, he had lost faith in western representatives such as Strahl to change laws such as the gun registry, which he said was his main motivation for getting involved with the Western Block and its push for separation.

"We realized Canada didn't want what the West has to offer," he said.

While the people who came out expressed interest in a range of issues, Christie said the party needed to stay away from too many specific policies, which could end up becoming too divisive. However, he did say they

were looking at policies such as a Triple E Senate and especially the right to have a referendum on independence.

As leader, Christie ran for the party in the 2006 federal election in the Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca riding but did not run last year.

As a lawyer, he is best known for challenging the limits on free speech in Canada by defending individuals charged with anti-Semitic or neo-Nazi activities such as Ernst Zundel or James Keegstra.

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Freedom's Voice

"The constitutional right of free expression... is designed and intended to remove governmental restraints from the arena of public discussion, putting the decision as to what views shall be voiced in the hands of each of us, in the hope that the use of such freedom will ultimately produce a more capable citizenry and more perfect polity and in the belief that no other approach would comport with the premise of individual dignity and choice upon which our political systems rests."

— *John Marshall Harlan*
(1899-1971) *U. S. Supreme Court Justice*
Cohen v. California, 1971

"I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet devised by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

— *Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), US Founding Father, drafted the Declaration of Independence, 3rd US President, 1789 in correspondence to Thomas Paine*

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best."

— *Duke Ellington*

“The very aim and end of our institutions is just this: that we may think what we like and say what we think.”

— *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.*
(1809-1894) *American Poet, The Professor at the Breakfast Table, 1860*

Fight The Real Enemy

by *Richard McBride*

The CBC informed us in late July that a majority of Canadians don't want a minority government. Specifically, 51% said they preferred a majority government to emerge after the next federal election, while only 24% preferred a minority government. Similarly, one suspects that a poll of Canadian men would show that a majority would prefer an alternate reality whereby they could drink as much beer as they want without getting fat.

In other words, this poll is useless. When we look more closely at the data, we find that 26% of Canadians prefer a majority Liberal government, while 25% prefer a majority Conservative government. You will note that these numbers would give neither the Liberals nor the Conservatives a majority. This is how the Parliamentary system works, for those who don't know.

Unfortunately, a great many Canadians don't know how the Parliamentary system works. Stephen Harper, for example. Back in December, after the Liberals announced a coalition with the BQ and the NDP to replace the Conservatives in office, Mr. Harper announced that this was unsupportable, and his partisans railed against Mr. Dion's *coup*. Mr. Harper succeeded in persuading the Governor General, and Parliament was prorogued for seven weeks, whereupon Mr. Dion was ousted by Mr. Ignatieff, and the coalition collapsed.

This was hailed as a triumph of “democracy,” but it was nothing of the sort. It was instead a further advance of the attempt by every

Canadian Prime Minister since Trudeau to make himself President.

Canada is not a direct democracy, a fact for which Mr. Harper should be profoundly grateful, for it is extremely unlikely, given his personal unpopularity, that he could ever be elected President of Canada, either directly, as it is done in France, or indirectly, as it is done in America.

Under the Parliamentary system, governments are formed by whichever party can hold a majority in the House of Commons. And in October, the Conservatives fell 12 seats short of a majority. Thus they can govern only if they can gain the support of other parties. Mr. Harper railed that his 5,208,796 votes dwarfed Mr. Dion's 3,633,185 votes. This is irrelevant, because, again, that is not how the Parliamentary system works. And it is also untrue, because Mr. Harper did not win 5,208,796 votes; he won 38,545 votes, in Calgary Southwest, which is the only place in Canada where people saw Mr. Harper's name on the ballot.

Doubtless a great number of those who read this newsletter joined rallies against Mr. Dion's coalition and are rather upset (not to say furious) by my reasoning. Do you really want the separatist BQ in power, they will ask. We didn't vote for that, they will say. True enough but, again, irrelevant.

Back when Mr. Harper was a member of the Reform and Canadian Alliance parties, his partisans railed against “elected dictatorship.” By virtue of his *coup* in December, Mr. Harper has become the closet thing to a dictator Canada has ever seen. And his partisans don't mention “elected dictatorship” anymore. Funny how that works. Mr. Harper has become a virtual President—and without any of those pesky checks and balances that bedevil the Presidents of France and the United States of America.

For the record, I don't want the BQ in power either. But that is not an argument in favour of gutting the Parliamentary system. It is

an argument in favour of breaking up Canada. For the sad truth is that, under present conditions and for the foreseeable future, no government can hold a majority in Canada without the support of the separatists. That is why Mr. Harper has been sucking up like all get out to Quebec and will move toward giving that province sovereignty association without anyone in Canada getting a vote on that decision. Mr. Ignatieff will do the same.

The sad thing is that Western Canada could have had the same stranglehold over the House of Commons if only Preston Manning had not taken the Reform Party national. But let's not cry over spilt ambition. For Westerners to support Stephen Harper in order to keep out the Bloc is like treating a hangover with arsenic. The only way to end the Bloc's veto power over the West is for the West to separate. We have our own Bloc Party, the Western Block Party. Rallying against the Bloc Québécois won't solve anything; voting for the Western Block Party will.

Looking Back: What Has Changed?

Freight Rates & Their Implications

The following article from the Winnipeg Free Press of November 28, 1969, page 19, reminds us of a major reason for Western Canadian Independence, especially in view of the current significance of potash.

Thatcher Gives CPR Tax Hint

SASKATOON (CP) — Premier Ross Thatcher said Thursday that Ottawa's proposed tax reforms and increases in freight rates for potash and pulp are contributing to a growing awareness of the prospect of western separatism. While the province's potash industry was fighting for survival the railways not only refused to lower potash freight rates to Vancou-

ver, but raised them six per cent, he said. The premier invited Prime Minister Trudeau's government to examine Western Canada's freight rate structure "with the same attention it has give the Quebec question."

"It is a well-known fact that the CPR holds mineral rights on hundreds of thousands of acres of Saskatchewan land. Perhaps consideration should be given to ending their relatively free ride in this field." He added that the provincial treasurer and the attorney general have been asked to review Saskatchewan's mineral tax rates. *[end of article]*

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

HST: Harmonized Sales Tax or "Help Surrender Tactic"

After not so much as a word about it in May's election, the provincial government of British Columbia announced in July, when everyone was on vacation and all was quiet in the media, that they would harmonize the GST and the Provincial Sales Tax by allowing the federal government to collect the tax and disbanding the PST collection system and all its employees.

Liberals have valiantly tried to defend this move as downsizing of government. It is actually downsizing of provincial government and upsizing of federal government. From now on, when I file a PST return (goodness only knows where or how) it will give the federal government knowledge of precisely how much money I have billed in a month, and will be remitting money to a location in Ottawa. The tax department in Ottawa will get additional power to be Big Brother. Harmonization is promoted as a reduction in complexity and cost of collection. However, the bilingual representative of the government of Canada who now collects income tax from the ivory tower in Ottawa will

now regulate all provincial sales tax activity in British Columbia.

Why would Gordon Campbell, the Premier of British Columbia, want to surrender the jurisdiction of the province to control or decide who should or shouldn't pay sales tax? Under the previous Glen Clark administration, the government extended sales tax to all legal fees (but not all medical fees). The answer, it seems, is quite simple. The federal government promised the B.C. government \$1.6 billion in exchange for allowing them to collect our provincial sales tax.

In short, it appears Gordon Campbell sold out every citizen of the province of British Columbia and their control over the provincial revenue that sales tax revenue contributes to the bureaucrats in Ottawa for \$1.6 billion, which is supposed to cover conversion costs.

In addition, the provincial government will define some new categories of "rebates." A rebate is money that some people are entitled to recover after they pay the money to the government. In other words, you give the government \$1,000, you write them a letter, fill out a form, satisfy the requirements for being hard done by, such as the restaurant business—or building contractors, who will now pay 12% rather than 5% on new manufactured homes—and after following all the rules, you will be entitled to get some of your \$1,000 back. The administrative costs of the rebates will be deducted from the revenue the province gets, after the money is transferred from Victoria to Ottawa and perhaps eventually back. Goodness only knows how the bureaucrats will arrange the transfer—or maybe they won't.

The HST was without public support and, as mentioned above, was not disclosed to the public during our just recently held election.

What is the difference between election of a government that tells you nothing about what they are going to do and government by

those who are not elected? I say there is very little difference. In fact, it is better to be governed by those who are not elected and admit that fact than by those who do not tell you what they are going to do before they are elected and then do it.

The essence of government by those who are not elected is at least known to those who are governed. Those governments who get elected without telling you what they are going to do commit two frauds: 1. Pretending they are democrats. 2. Doing after the fact what they did not say they were going to do before the fact. If anything, the foundation of a deceitful electoral success is weaker than the honest tyranny of an unelected government.

The government of Gordon Campbell has now abandoned a significant amount of provincial jurisdiction to the federal government. In making the announcement that this was going to occur, Mr. Campbell indicated that the reduction of collection costs and the convenience of delivery of the money would be a substantial gain. I say on the other hand that rather than a substantial gain and the elimination of some pain, it is actually the extraction of more blood from a larger vein. (Forgive the poetry.)

In essence, allowing the federal government to take more money from B.C. and decide in Ottawa what to do with it is to do with sales tax what has already been done with provincial income tax. The federal government creates the forms. The federal government defines all the terms of collections. The federal government hires and employs the tax collectors, who are both ruthless and aggressive and, usually, come from Quebec, with an innate hostility towards British Columbians.

The servants of the federal government know where their bread is buttered. They make sure that the Western Canadians who are being taxed don't escape the clutches of the federal government. It is obvious from past history that anyone who protests against the federal gov-

ernment's powers and its arbitrary and confusing forms will find themselves on the receiving end of, first an audit and then, if possible, prosecution for either failure to file or evasion.

Then the action transfers to the federally-appointed judges, as the Crown has the option to proceed by indictment, which takes it to the Supreme Court, where all the judges are appointed by the Prime Minister. Which means that Premier Campbell has given Ottawa more power to hammer British Columbians into the ground, if it chooses to do so. He may have saved his short-term political hide, but for the long term effect on British Columbians that they will sincerely regret when they realize the tax-gobbling monster that he has created, one that will be fed in Ottawam, at our expense.

Because of this, Gordon Campbell has no right to call himself a British Columbian, even less a Western Canadian. He might very well run for federal office, since he has already become Ottawa's representative in Victoria.

Further Developments in the Human Rights Commission

The recent controversy about Jennifer Lynch, the Canadian Human Rights Commissioner and her feeble attempts to defend the actions of the Commission are the tip of the iceberg of federal corruption in Ottawa. They choose to regulate and prosecute anyone who questions Canada's multicultural paradise or opposes Third World immigration. The Commission has in effect taken part in *agent provocateur* action on the Internet using pseudonyms designed to elicit more outrageous responses for already garrulous individuals. This has been a successful program adopted by others, such as Sgt. Camp of the Edmonton Police hate squad.

These and others have set themselves up as thought police to protect the "Canadian cultural mosaic." It is time Western Canadians realized that if they are to preserve any

freedoms—especially freedom of speech, which is the key to all freedoms—they must escape from the federal system of Canada, which is specifically dedicated to elimination of politically-incorrect speech. By politically incorrect I mean any speech that opposes the inherent and inflexible attitude of multiculturalism in Canada.

Many of those who have come from foreign shores, seeking the Canadian comforts desire not to accommodate and to assimilate, but rather they too often prefer to recolonize and establish the culture of their origin in their new land. This has resulted in vast cultural ghettos in Canada, which are a danger to the harmonious climate of mutual understanding, which pre-existed the imposed policy of multiculturalism. Honour killings seem to be the result.

In order to achieve some form of cultural harmony, Western Canada must accept the fact that big is not better and that multiculturalism is in the end no culture at all, since nothing unique or indigenous will be allowed to survive. For this and many other reasons, we must free the West.

Is This Canadian Culture?

The nature of Stephen Harper's policy in regard to Afghanistan and the United States has consistently been one of obedience. He resembles the caddy who carries the golf bag of a professional. Canada has risked a great deal to be in Afghanistan. It appears now quite obvious that the culture of Afghanistan, an aspect of which is reflected in the murder of three young women and their stepmother in a Kingston canal lock, shockingly reminds us that the attitude of Canada in foreign policy, risking the lives of Canadians to theoretically civilize the attitude of Afghanistan, is a farce.

Not only is it a farce in Afghanistan, but it appears often that when Afghans come to Canada they remain Afghans, continuing the cultural practices of polygamy and female sup-

pression. Suppression in this case to the extreme extent of violence and murder.

Is “Bigger” Really Better?

A further comment with regard to the Harmonized Sales Tax. One of the arguments Mr. Campbell advanced for federal collection powers was that the federal government was bigger and could do it better. If this argument had any validity, why would it not apply to all other functions of the provincial government? The Ministry of Fisheries, for example, could be entirely run by the federal bureaucrats, predominately from the Maritimes. They’ve managed to devastate Eastern cod stocks, so why shouldn’t they be given a chance at managing Western salmon stocks?

By the same reasoning, why shouldn’t Gordon Campbell hand over to Ottawa the provincial departments of agricultural and forestry and all the other jurisdictions the federal government has intruded upon in British Columbia?

This argument, that bigger is better, can be extended ever further. Why should we bother having a government in Ottawa, when it is merely a water carrier for the United States of America in foreign policy? Why wouldn’t it be more cost effective and efficient to pay all our taxes to Washington, sidetrack Ottawa and all its bilingual bureaucrats, and allow the Oval Office and the Pentagon to decide the whole of North America’s redistribution of wealth, resources and foreign policy? This would be far more effective in the collection of tax and distribution of benefits, would it not?

And why stop there? If we are to have a harmonious world from the North Pole to the South Pole and all points in between, why wouldn’t we simply establish the United Nations of the World somewhere, maybe New York City, and all have the power to collect all the taxes and make all the decisions in one

place, so that we don’t have all these interdependent, sycophantic politicians hanging on the public purse. After all, with the present media of communication, we could have worldwide ministries of fisheries, forestry, environment, labour, justice. Wouldn’t it be just a wonderful world! Of course we wouldn’t have corruption, because it would be so obviously counterproductive that no politician would allow it. Of course we wouldn’t have the centralization of power in the hands of those who benefit themselves and their friends, because, as we all know, bigger is better.

Sadly, the foregoing facetious comments are taken seriously by Gordon Campbell, at least to the extent of surrendering provincial powers to Ottawa. There are many who would surrender all powers to some central authority, far from the people governed and unresponsive to their wishes, and still call it “democracy” because every five years or so the media presents a phony war between two or three organizations pretending to be different. The sad fact is the federal system of Canada and the multinational attitudes of our leaders have failed to produce anything but chaos and corruption.

All the foregoing demonstrates why Western independence is the only alternative to unresponsive, tyrannical government, owned and operated by Ontario and Quebec. Indeed, increasingly owned and operated by forces beyond the borders of Canada itself.

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