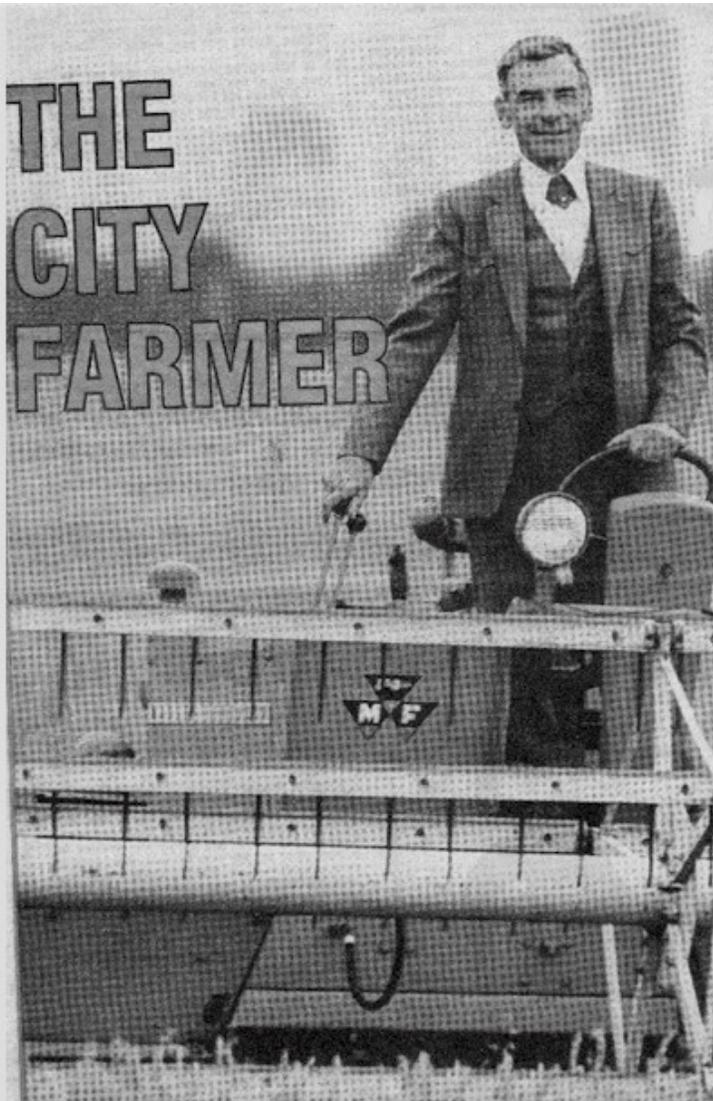


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Our cover: This month's cover is a photograph of Western separatist farmer Bill Hosford from Alberta who ran for the Western Canada Concept in the 1980's, and who travelled throughout Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan, in his motor home, speaking for Independence. This picture appeared in the Edmonton Sun, August 14, 1984, when Bill's farm was being taken into the city limits. He's very much missed.

Letters to the Editor

Several Points

To the Editor:

Considered your May 2009 newsletter as one of the best issues for several reasons. So much so I sent a copy of all eight pages to a friend suggesting he consider joining.

However, two suggestions are put forward here.

Firstly, I suggest that whenever the words “official bilingualism” or “bilingual-

ism” are used, to prefix them with the word “FORCED”! This is of course what Trudeau imposed (i.e. forced) on this country without any mandate whatsoever! And also of note, as has been assessed by an expert chartered accountant, the collective cost to Canadians, through four levels of government, plus commercial, retail and industrial components, is hundreds of billions of dollars. Appalling and outrageous to say the least!

Secondly, I suggest using the Queen stamp for mailings. Reason, it is one of the few Canadian stamps that does not show

forced official bilingualism wording. It will also make the francophone and anti-English civil servants mad, in their quest to eliminate our English heritage to achieve their conspiracy to make Canada French only!

Paul Winter, Ontario

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Freedom's Voice

“National injustice is the surest road to national downfall.”

— *William E. Gladstone*
(1809-1898) *English statesman*

“The first thing a genius needs is to breathe free air.”

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

“I am free, no matter what rules surround me. If I find them tolerable, I tolerate them; if I find them too obnoxious, I break them. I am free because I know that I alone am morally responsible for everything I do.”

— *Robert A. Heinlein, (1907-1988)*
American writer

“Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of freedoms of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

— *James Madison*
(1751-1836), *Father of the Constitution for the USA, 4th US President*

Over a Barrel

by Richard McBride

According to John Ibbotson, we are about to see “a profound surrender of sovereignty by Canada on environmental policy.” Specifically, “Canada can only watch as the United States, moving from laggard to leader in the fight against global warming, crafts a cap-and-trade policy, one that Canada will have no choice but to emulate.”

Little man, little man! Is “must” a word to be addressed to princes?

And who is this little man, anyway? He’s just a *Globe and Mail* writer, one who actually welcomes the absorption of Canada into the United States of America. In his new book, *Open And Shut*, Ibbotson, according to Barbara Jaffe of the *Vancouver Sun*, excoriates Canada for being “staid and static,” for lacking dynamism, openness and innovation and, worst of all, for the “fact that this country’s political parties and public service bureaucracy are closed shops, dominated by white males.”

Ugh, white males! Doncha just hate ’em?

OK, so we know where self-hating white male John Ibbotson is coming from. But what of another white male, Environment Minister Jim Prentice? Sure he is compelled, *ex officio*, as it were, to reject this America Firstism? Er, no, actually. Again, according to the authoritative *Globe and Mail*:

Ottawa could be forced to drop its controversial intensity-based approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to avoid having to pay U.S. border duties, Environment Minister Jim Prentice says.

“There are clearly measures [being planned in the United States] that would have trade-related consequences for Canada if we don’t have equivalent environmental legislation in place,” Mr. Prentice said in an interview in his Parliament Hill office this week.

“A bill introduced in the House of Representatives last week would impose border duties on importers whose home governments are deemed to be lax in limiting the amount of greenhouse gases their industries can emit, and would offer rebates to energy-intensive industries to help with the cost of compliance.”

Mr. Prentice acknowledged that Canada would have to adopt regulations and enforcement standards “comparable” to whatever the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress eventually pass.

Gosh, looks like we have no choice. Canada will be forced to adopt America’s cap-and-trade system for combating global warming. For those of you who don’t know how cap-and-trade works, not to worry. It’s a simple process, in two parts.

1. Dig enormous hole in ground.
2. Fill with money.

Now I could point out that climate change is a hoax, that cap-and-trade will be a multitrillion-dollar market in nothing, much like the ABS/CDO/SIV/SPV alphabet soup of high finance that has just recently brought the entire global economy to its knees, that China has already announced it has no intention of signing on to Washington’s plan and that American coal producers have already been largely exempted from it. But never mind all that.

And I could point out that Jim Prentice is Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre-North and that most of the money his boss Stephen Harper (Calgary Southwest) intends to bury to appease the God-Emperor Obama will come from Alberta—due to our climate-change-unfriendly oil sands—but I think we all understand that Alberta MPs have a “higher obligation” than merely representing their constituents.

But what of the Government of Alberta, which cannot pretend to have any higher obligation than to Albertans? After all, Farmer Ed faced

down Big Oil last year, so surely he’ll tell Harper and the God-Emperor where to get off? Right? Er, no, actually.

According to the *National Post*, little Gary Mar, Alberta’s representative in Washington, is reduced to plaintive bleating: “This job used to be about selling oil. Now it’s about defending oil.” The *Post* explains, “The oil sands’ environmental black eye has forced Alberta to adopt a new strategy in its efforts to promote and protect oil exports to the U.S. While the province still touts the benefits to the U.S. of having a secure source of 173 billion barrels of recoverable oil at its doorstep, it places far more emphasis on its efforts to pursue green technology to reduce its carbon footprint.”

So there you have it. It’s all over but the grovelling. Alberta must—must I tell you—allow itself to be raped by Ottawa again, this time with Washington joining in. It’s NEP2, learn to love it. Or else.

Or else what exactly? Buried in the *Post* story are two compelling facts. “Canada is the largest supplier of oil to the U.S., exporting 1.9 million barrels of crude a day in February. About 1.3 million barrels a day come from Alberta.”

Here are some more compelling facts, as detailed in an October 21, 2008, press release from the U.S. Department of Energy:

The United States purchases more oil, natural gas, uranium and electricity from Canada than any other country.

Canada’s proven oil reserves total 179 billion barrels, of which 173 billion barrels are in oil sands reserves, making Canada second only to Saudi Arabia in global oil reserves.

99% of Canada’s crude oil exports are to U.S. markets.

The Canadian oil sands are critically important to U.S. energy security—and to North American security.

The United States cannot produce enough domestic oil to meet domestic demand. So we must rely on stable partners—like Canada—with plentiful hydrocarbon resources.

Current oil sands production is 1.2 million barrels per day, and is projected by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers to reach 2 million barrels per day in 2012, 3 million barrels per day in 2017, and 3.5 million barrels per day in 2020. In this era of growing energy insecurity, the oil sands are an increasingly valuable resource—in particular to the United States.

So who's got whom over a barrel here? Without Canadian energy, specifically, without Alberta oil, the American economy would grind to a halt in a few weeks. If the Yanks don't want our dirty oil, there's plenty that would. China comes to mind. And yet Jim Prentice, Stephen Harper and, it seems, even Farmer Ed are willing to gut Alberta for fear of offending the God-Emperor.

Here's the thing. Either Western Canada separates—now—or it becomes pitiful subject provinces of the Obama-Harper New North American Order. Don't say you weren't warned.

Looking Back 35 Years: What Has Changed?

“Double Tax Burden” prompts secession thoughts in west Canada

The following article by James Neilson of the Times-Washington Post Service was published in an American paper, Tri-City Herald of

*Washington, 35 years ago, December 19, 1974.
What has changed?*

Western Canadians, angered by what they see as an attempt by the federal government in Ottawa to rob them of their heritage, are once again speaking of secession.

The latest flareup in the interminable war between Ottawa and the provinces was sparked by Finance Minister John Turner. His Nov. 18 budget contained measures designed to prevent companies from deducting provincial royalties as a cost against federal taxes.

The provincial leaders, especially in the rich western provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, are fighting mad because Turner's new rules will force them either to levy smaller royalties or watch their struggling industries founder under a double tax burden.

Alberta's Conservative premier, Peter Lougheed, accused Turner of trying to wreck the Canadian confederation. British Columbia's socialist premier was junketing in China but his ministers were just as vehement as Alberta's. The provincial attorney general pointed out that Turner's proposal may well be illegal under the British North America Act of 1867, which still does duty as Canada's constitution. Section 125 of the act puts natural resources firmly in the hands of the provincial governments and they are determined to hold onto them.

Secession by Quebec has always seemed more likely than secession by the western provinces, but this could be an illusion. While Quebec, a Gallic island in an immense Anglo-Saxon ocean, would find it economically hard to keep going without the rest of Canada, the West would probably benefit.

Oil-rich Alberta and British Columbia, which has some oil and is rich in just about everything else, pay far more into the federal treasury than they take out. Quebec, on the other hand, gains substantially, and Ottawa politicians have always been far more sensitive to

Quebec's complaints than they have been to the West's.

Western Canada's resource-based economy also suffers from Canada's industrial tariffs, which force them to pay more for U.S. goods.

Although western separatism is based on more than old-fashioned greed, it is still an idea discussed more in boardrooms and political caucuses than in the streets. There have been no demonstrations or riots as in Quebec and there has been no sign of anything like a terrorist movement developing.

Nevertheless, it must be taken seriously. Earlier this year, the former Conservative House leader, Gerald Baldwin of Alberta, set off a hectic national debate when he declared: "There is more potential for a dissolution of the bonds of nationalism now in the western provinces than there ever was in Quebec."

His inelegant statement was met with anguished cries by Canadians, who begged him not to unleash (sic) demagogic passions. Especially worried were the leaders of the depressed eastern provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, whose situation would be grim if federal subsidies were withdrawn.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau recognizes the dangers of discontent in the West. He admitted early this year that the "alienation" of the West was a more serious threat to federation than separatism in Quebec.

During the summer election campaign he did his best to persuade Westerners he had their interests at heart. The response was a loud raspberry: only one western voter out of four supported his Liberal party.

What Canadians call "provincial nationalism" got a hefty impulse last year from the Arabs. The sudden quintupling of oil prices made Alberta, which has most of Canada's easily available oil and the fabulous oil potential of the tar sands -- containing over four times

Saudi Arabia's proven reserves, if only it can be extracted -- became overnight one of the most prosperous corners of North America. British Columbia, whose natural gas fields supply parts of the United States, also did very nicely.

The governments of both provinces, despite their ideological differences, saw many cherished dreams become realizable. The government of British Columbia, for example, is determined to build a fully fledged welfare state. To get the wherewithal it has jacked up the prices of its gas several times, provoking American gibes about the "blue-eyed shiekhs of Victoria." The British Columbians, indeed, demonstrated that the Arabs had nothing to teach them about commercial ruthlessness.

Not all of the West's gripes are economic. Many westerners dislike the political and cultural clout of Ontario and Quebec. They feel they are developing their own distinct culture -- a suggestion that is received with hoots of scorn in Toronto and Montreal.

The power of the provinces never fails to surprise outsiders. Even driver's licenses from other provinces are only valid for six months in British Columbia.

Human links in North America tend to run north-south rather than east-west. Thus British Columbians feel they have just as much, if not more, in common with the citizens of U.S. states like Washington, Oregon and California, than with their formal Canadian compatriots in the east.

Spurring Western resentment is what they see as indulgence towards Quebec. Every concession the federal government makes to the assertive French Canadians -- such as a recent immigration White Paper recommendation that efforts should be made to attract French-speaking immigrants but not English-speaking ones -- increase Western disgruntlement, and many of the evils of government are attributed to "those French."

Nobody really believes Canada is about to fall apart. The spluttering quarrel between the provinces and Ottawa has gone on for many decades. But there is no solution in sight, and for the foreseeable future, Canada seems doomed to be a rather loose confederation, rather than the strongly centralized state many federal leaders would dearly like.

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

“Quebec in the Constitution”

This headline above a picture of a sad-looking Queen Elizabeth and a gleefully smiling Trudeau, signing the 1982 Constitution appeared in the National Post June 24, 2009. The more it changes the more it remains the same! Two French Canadian Liberal authors get three-quarters of a page to argue for more concessions to Quebec (today!) because of past, near-successful referenda.

Blackmail is never dead as a tool of extortion. But it works. Liberals love it. The power of Quebec is the power to separate. Central Canadians in general and Liberals in particular, cannot stand the thought.

Recognizing Quebec as a nation -- a Harper giveaway -- in November 2006 was just a necessary first step in appeasement, they reason. From there, it goes down hill. Like perfect Liberals, they are never to blame. “Maitre chez nous,” “equality or independence,” “sovereignty association,” or “distinct society,” these progressive redefinitions were all just sugar coating on the separatist pill. Quebec really wants independence.

So why not give it to them? Maybe we can have some for ourselves. Western Canada could be a prosperous, free, English-speaking nation. With an abundance of resources and a relatively small population base, we would be ideally suited to preservation of our environ-

ment and our own political institutions in a healthy self-respect.

But contrary to this, the authors Rivet and Rivault demand Canada rewrite its constitution to recognize the “Quebec nation” within Canada. This, they reason, is inevitable. They cite the repatriation of the Constitution, the “failure” (their term) of the Meech Lake Accord and Charlottown Accord, the narrow victory of the “no” side in the referendum of 1995 and the sponsorship scandal (a Liberal bribe campaign which these Liberals never apologize for) as examples why we must do more of the same: Give Quebec more special status.

They treat separatists like naughty children who just want a pat on the cheek. They say we need more love for Quebec and more concessions. This is as totally unacceptable to any self-respecting Western Canadian as the referendum after the Charlottown Accord. The further West you went, the stronger the “no” vote.

The Liberal solution in this article, so typical of Liberals everywhere, is a “federal state that is bilingual, multicultural and multi-national,” in other words, a non-state or nanny state or European union of North America.

Hey, we tried one form of insane appeasement, why not more? I guess insanity is contagious, or at least never sees itself as insane.

Separation for Quebec is the logical, mature, and inevitable next step. Why would anyone offer a better alternative in some status short of Independence?

For those who think the Conservatives would be any smarter or stronger, let me point out two things:

It was Stephen Harper who to gain votes in Quebec (which the next election never gave him) passed what Charlottown offered and by plebiscite was rejected by Canadians: his gov-

ernment's resolution for recognizing Quebec as a nation, passed in November 2006. It was not these Liberals Rivet and Revault.

And more recently in June 2009, it was Harper's government through a smiling Diane Ablonczy, in times of economic depression and huge deficits, gave \$400,000 to Toronto's gay pride day. What ever you think of gays, it would only be in the last days of Rome that sums like this would be doled out for a lascivious sexual parade of whatever orientation. \$400,000 for a parade?

On the deep level of history, at the foundation of Canada, the cracks are growing obvious. At the frivolous level of the present day-to-day bribery of Canadian politics, the rot is emitting a stench. It's high time to Free the West. If we don't, who will? If not now, when? How much longer can you hold your nose and shut yours eyes in Canada?

The Emperor has No Clothes

The health care system which is supposed to be one of the things which makes Canada better than the United States is coming unravelled.

The Minister of Health for British Columbia, Kevin Falcon, is the first to say the emperor has no clothes. He now has said he believes patients should have the choice to use their own money to buy expedited health care in the private sector. How typical of Canada!

When the public system, paid for by high taxes, proves unable to do the job or provide the services, you are free to pay your money to get it elsewhere! In addition, you are to be very grateful the government gives you the freedom to do so! You are free in Canada to get a government-funded abortion or sex-change operation, but the freedom to pay for your own back surgery, or knee replacement, well, that would be "unCanadian." You must beg -- unsuccessfully -- for that.

A visit to any one of Canada's major hospital emergency rooms will tell you why the system has collapsed and knee replacements take 18 months.

Many waiting room attendees are unable to speak either official language and are generally too old to take English as a second language. They just got here. They have not, as I and many others have, paid taxes all our active adult lives, so we could be cared for in our old age. No, Canada's immigration policy has guaranteed that aged beneficiaries of family unification who just arrived in advanced age must be just as entitled as any native-born. This is the Canadian way, no matter how bankrupt, inefficient, and over-burdened with tax we may become; everyone gets in.

The health care system is one reason why we should Free the West. With our own resources to pay for it and our own immigration policy to control access to it, our health care would be infinitely better and more secure. Stay in Canada and you had better be prepared to pay all your savings as your health fails. The nursing home and the private hospital for profit are the only beneficiaries of the Canadian health care system. Euthanasia, anyone?

That is why in the next election the Western Block Party needs money and candidates everywhere in the West. We need you to give a tax deductible donation and get a candidate in your area.

Western Separatism on YouTube

We are continuing 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.

Go to Youtube.com and search for Doug Christie to find more reasons to "Free the West!"

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