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Our cover this month, from the Provincial Archives of Manitoba, is by the illustrious cartoonist, Arch Dale, whose work was featured in the Grain Growers' Guide and the Winnipeg Free Press. He was called a “dour Scot with a whimsical pen,” and lampooned his way through the early years of Western Canadian politics. This cartoon from the era of Bennett and King, is timeless in its expression of the people's wonder at politicians' promises.

20 Possibilities for A Nation of Western Canada

- A nation of Western Canada could have a Triple E Senate so all regions shared legislative power fairly and in a balanced way.
- A nation of Western Canada could have energy self-sufficiency, with oil, natural gas, coal and other minerals in abundance.
- Western Canada could be self-sufficient in food, with fishery, agriculture and fresh water in abundance.
- A nation of Western Canada could have one common official language of English.
- A nation of Western Canada could create its own markets for lumber, coal, oil and gas, and agriculture to prevent dependence upon American protectionism.
- A nation of Western Canada could have referendum, initiative and recall.
- A nation of Western Canada could have a strong military of trained personnel, capable of defence, like Switzerland.
- A nation of Western Canada could have a balanced budget and lower taxation.

- A nation of Western Canada could have a medical system that actually worked.
- A nation of Western Canada could have a better relationship with the United States.
- A nation of Western Canada could lower or even eliminate taxes.
- A nation of Western Canada could control its own immigration policies.
- A nation of Western Canada could have control over its appointments to the highest judicial offices.
- A nation of Western Canada could direct funds and create policies to protect its environment.
- A nation of Western Canada could establish the right of individuals to possess firearms.
- A nation of Western Canada could stop the corruption which infects Ottawa and bribes Quebec.
- A nation of Western Canada could have a judicious arrangement of its own tariffs, a Western Canadian dollar more valuable than Canada's and it could provide better services at less cost than Ottawa.
- A nation of Western Canada could establish its own head of state.
- A nation of Western Canada could control its own foreign affairs, and chose to stay out of foreign wars, like Switzerland, while remaining capable of self-defence.

But only with Independence is all this possible!

The Cost of Confederation

The cost of being a part of Confederation is one of the sore points with Albertans these days. Here we present some of the most

obvious, as well as some hidden costs that Western Canadians pay for the dubious privilege of being part of Canada:

Some are More Equal....

Despite the fact that Albertans pay the most in equalization payments, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty made the outrageous comment that because Ontario is home to 40% of the country's population, it should have a larger voice in the financial arrangements that govern the country. He posited that Ontario should have more clout at the Premiers' Conferences because of its numbers. He is trying to get Prime Minister Harper to agree to a Royal Commission on restructuring the First Minister's Conferences. And how much clout should Alberta get, in this re-structuring of the "fiscal architecture" of Canada?

"Francophone Only" Health Clinic in Ontario

While Bloc Quebecois M.P. Real Menard complained that newly appointed member of the Supreme Court of Canada Rothstein couldn't speak French, an Ontario woman was turned away from a health clinic in Ontario because she was an anglophone and doesn't speak French.

Shirley Ravary went to see her family doctor who had recently started to work at the Centre de sante communautaire de l'Estrie in Cornwall, about a stubborn cold. She was turned away because she is not a francophone.

And as for the judges on the Supreme Court, it's not enough that we must have three

of the nine from Quebec -- evidently they must all speak French, as well!

Translation Costs Hinder Armed Forces

The following excerpt from an article that appeared in the Ottawa Citizen, of February 11, 2006 entitled "Canada's new weapon for English speakers only -- Forces cut French out of new armoured vehicle as a cost-saving measure" by David Pugliese, demonstrates how the wrong-headed and very costly language concerns have dominated defense considerations.

"The Canadian Force's new armoured vehicle will be operated by an English-only unit with the army planning to save time and money by not translating documents and equipment manuals related to the \$700-million purchase, according to a military report.

"The unusual arrangement with the Mobile Gun System (MGS) comes as the Defence Department is already under fire for shirking its responsibilities to official bilingualism. The MGS, the first of which is expected to arrive in 2008, is one of the key pillars of Gen. Rick Hillier's future Canadian Forces.

"Military equipment in Canada is usually supplied with manuals and support material in both official languages. **But defence planners hope to save money and time by cutting out French-language content on the MGS**, which will eventually be based in Edmonton.

"Translations will have unnecessary impact on costs and scope of work, especially for (the) first 16 MGS, notes one report

produced in November 2004 and recently released under the Access to Information law.

"The military plans to seek an exemption from translating any documentation regarding the MGS, although health, security and safety signs will remain bilingual.

"Whenever possible graphic symbols will be used in lieu of written signage, officers recommend in the report.

"In total, the Canadian Forces will purchase 66 MGS. The vehicle is now under development in the U.S. for the American military.

"Canadian Forces officers say they are trying to cut down on the amount of Canadianization needed on the 66 vehicles so they can be delivered faster and at less cost. Most of that type of work to be done involves installing Canadian communications gear."

[End of Excerpt]

When the Commissioner for Official Languages, Dyane Adam complains that "*operational needs take priority over the language rights and obligations of employees*," one wonders just how much money the Canadian Forces has wasted on bilingualism, when they could have spent it on useful equipment. Meanwhile, they must make do with (for only one example) aging and dangerous helicopters.

More Bilingualism Costs

In an article entitled "Cost of teaching civil servants a second language tops \$120 million annually," Bruce Cheadle of the Ottawa

Citizen (November 13, 2005) reveals more of the costs of this most peculiar Confederation. Some excerpts follow:

“Training public servants to speak French is costing the federal treasury more than \$120 million every year.

“The cost estimate, contained in documents newly released to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, places a price tag on an endeavour that the federal government has acknowledged is not working.

“Although no firm data are available, it is estimated that direct costs of OL (official languages) training in the federal government is in the range of \$60-\$70 million per year, says the research report dated Jan. 24, 2005.

“These costs do not include replacement or lost productivity costs associated with the time employees spend on training, which could easily double this amount.

“The training is going almost exclusively to anglophone or allophone public servants learning French.Previous government estimates of the amount spent training bureaucrats to speak a second official language each year were in the \$50-million range.”

[End of Excerpts]

Freedom's Voice

“Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air. ”

--John Quincy Adams

“A hand from Washington will be stretched out and placed upon every man's business; the eye of the federal inspector will be in every man's counting house.... The law will of necessity have inquisitorial features, it will provide penalties, it will create complicated machinery. Under it, men will be hauled into courts distant from their homes. Heavy fines imposed by distant and unfamiliar tribunals will constantly menace the taxpayer. An army of federal inspectors, spies, and detectives will descend upon the state.”

--Richard E. Byrd

(1888-1947) Polar explorer, Virginia House Speaker, Source: 1910, predicting the consequences of a federal income tax

“If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.”

--Unknown

“The collection of taxes which are not absolutely required, which do not beyond reasonable doubt contribute to the public welfare, is only a species of legalized larceny. The wise and correct course to follow in taxation is not to destroy those who have already secured success, but to create conditions under which everyone will have a better chance to be successful.”

--Calvin Coolidge

(1873-1933), 30th US President

“The power to tax involves the power to destroy.”

--Justice John Marshall

(1755-1835) US Supreme Court Chief Justice

Western Canada Concept and Western Block Party News

There are three new initiatives which could make a difference and how you can help. The object is to reach new people with our message, at a minimum cost.

Initiative 1

The door-knocker campaign, in which a card stock flyer, which carries our message in brief, plus contact information, printed on both sides in a format made to hang on a doorknob. You take 100 and put them on door handles in your area. Will you help? If so, we'll send you the material.

Initiative 2:

Half hour info-mercials on a radio station, near you. Check the cost. We will prepare the program and send it to the station. If funds are available, we could do this weekly. With travel costs, this is more cost effective than a meeting. Could you donate to this campaign?

Initiative 3:

Updated websites to contain short audio presentations about the reasons for Western Independence. This should be up and running soon, enabling anyone in the world with Internet access to hear the voice of Western Canada on referendum, initiative and recall, Senate reform, resource ownership, etc. with unique answers to present problems.

We need your help

We need your help, your ideas to make the Western Canada Concept and the Western Block Party truly effective. Write, fax, phone!

A Separatist Speaks

A Commentary on Current Events

By Doug Christie

The whole mission to Afghanistan has become a demonstration of the political weakness of Canadian leadership.

The recent debate in the House of Commons has uniformly approved of the entire venture in Afghanistan. No one of any party wants to be seen as non-supportive of the Canadian military. The argument seems to go because they're in harm's way, it would undermine morale if we were to question their presence there.

The fact that they are there, justifies their presence. This circular argument fails to observe that there is no indication of when they might leave somebody else's country. It should never be forgotten that the first person to declare that Canada would have to remain in Afghanistan for ten years or more, was none other than General Richard Hillyer, therefore in the absence of any genuine political leadership, the military will define its own terms. Like any bureaucracy the military likes to define its own significance. In this way, the so-called war on terrorism has become an instrument by which the military dictates government policy.

One would think that during the recent parliamentary debate, someone would ask for

the first time, precisely why are we there? How long are we going to stay there? And what would constitute victory in this war on terrorism? If the answer is, as long as there is some resistance in the country, then it's not a war on terrorism that we are fighting, but a war against a proud people, anxious to defend their own sovereignty.

The non-debate about Afghanistan demonstrates how the United States got into its invasion of Iraq. No one questions why the war began. No one questions how long it should last. No one questions when it might be time to come home and stop the expensive spending of life and material. This is the sad state of the leadership vacuum in the Western world.

Stephen Harper is no exception. Playing politics as is the custom in Ottawa, he manages to rally the consensus of the dissipated. He plays only emotions of sympathy for the military. The Liberals who got us into Afghanistan, the Conservatives who will stay, and the NDP who don't really want to oppose, all fall in love with a mission of no direction.

The huge costs of trying to administer a foreign hostile environment was the downfall of the old Soviet empire. It was the downfall earlier of the Roman Empire, the British Empire, the French empire, and of course likewise of every empire. The fact that the United States of America wants other people to share the burden does not diminish its weight.

Even in the mighty power of the United States there is not sufficient energy to occupy countries halfway around the world indefinitely. Even protection of Israel cannot demand that high a sacrifice. The unstated premise of all the unanimity about Afghanistan and Iraq is the mindless assumption that

someday the almost universal hostility of the region can be bought off or scared off.

The British and the Soviets found to their dismay that did not happen in Afghanistan. It would be far better to concentrate on the problems at home and do something realistic to solve them.

Like the Gun Registry

Along the road to the liberalization of the Conservatives, a certain cynical opportunism has emerged as a justification for surrendering all principle. M.P. Gary Breitreitz has been told to be quiet, or as he put it "zip his lip."

The Liberals have continued their power over this issue. The Conservatives have become Liberals to satisfy the Liberals. We might as well get the can with the accurate label. We might as well elect Liberals if Liberalism is what we're going to get.

Instead of repealing the legislation that created the gun registry the Conservatives may bring forward a motion to do so, knowing full well that the majority of the Liberals, NDP and B.Q. will vote against the resolution. In this way the Conservative government can say they tried to carry out their promise, but could not achieve it because they did not have a majority.

How neat. Ottawa once again demonstrates that principles can be avoided and honesty can be defeated. Notwithstanding that the totally destructive and costly policy of the gun registry, the bureaucrats will be secure in the corrupt power they have acquired. That is how Ottawa works.

Don't forget that if Western Canada was independent today, there would be a clear

majority for the Conservative government. They would have to carry out their promises because they would have no excuse. They would have the means to carry them out, and the duty to do so. As it stands it looks like many of the corrupt practices, including the gun registry, will just simply carry on until the new leader of the Liberal party can pick up where his predecessor left off.

Immigration

The Liberal party has always rejoiced in its fund of new Liberal voters called “immigrants.” That is how Ontario, and particularly Toronto, votes Liberal in such overwhelming numbers. Ontario’s possession of 103 out of 301 seats in the House of Commons, guarantees that basically immigrants, particularly Third World immigrants, have a tremendous influence on the election of the government.

In the United States the problem is even more severe. The porous southern border has resulted in a huge influx of illegal immigrants constituting a virtual Trojan horse within the United States. No government and no leadership dares stand against them. They demand to be made illegal. Why stand in line when you can achieve the same result quicker, cheaper, and easier by simply entering illegally. They create a tax burden for the middle class to maintain the services for those who have not contributed. This not borne by the political elite. They are willing to sell out future generations for the benefit of popularity at the polls today. The same situation has resulted in the Canadian political crisis in Medicare, roads and schools, and the infrastructure of our much-lauded social system.

The nation which cannot defend its borders against an invasion, invites one. The nation which cannot defend its borders, will cease to exist as a people. Canada is not a nation. It is the largest recreational hotel on earth. It represents to many immigrants who come here, a fast way to make money, the secure environment from which to stage attacks on political enemies in their homeland, a refuge from responsibility to effect change where they come from, and a tolerant atmosphere in which their cultural uniqueness is in no way compromised or required to conform to any other cultural patterns.

In brief, Canada is the ideal location to create your own cultural ghetto, to launch a political struggle around the world, and if the need should arise, to travel to the even more prosperous economy of the United States. What an ideal location for a refugee claimant or an illegal immigrant. As a former Minister of Culture once said, “Canada has no culture.”

The real tragedy is that the culture of Western Canada which truly does exist will never be protected by Conservatives who have to placate the multicultural monopoly of Ontario. The current crop of hopeful Conservatives who have suffered so long in the political wilderness, dream that all these compromises result in some personal benefits. Maybe they could get an appointment to the Senate, the judiciary, some tribunal or other. So they wait like the patient members of every other political party for their ship to come in. They quietly watch the compromises that Ottawa requires and just like Gary Breitkreitz, they “zip their lip.”

*Yours for independence,
Douglas Christie*

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