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Our cover: This cartoon depicts the Western farmer as Atlas, carrying the weight of Central Canada's manufacturing sector and providing the foundation of its true wealth.

From the Editor

In the aftermath of the uproar over Canada's Governor-General Michaëlle Jean's seal-heart eating incident, she justified her actions by asserting very strongly that she was merely supporting the Inuit way of life, including their means of hunting food.

As the *Globe and Mail* reported, she “is not afraid to wade into controversial waters when it comes to defending aboriginal traditions. After using a traditional *ulu* blade

to gut the furry animal at a community festival on Monday, she decried those who, like Sir Paul McCartney, have labelled the seal hunt inhumane.” (*G&M*, Gloria Galloway, May 27, 2009) She is also described as asking an Inuit child, “What do you want people in the south to know about you?” and receiving the reply, “The seal is our life, the seal is our way of life.”

I am looking forward to witnessing her equally fervent defence of Western Canadian (perhaps even white) and maybe even more conventional hunters in Western Can-

ada who rely upon their fire arms to hunt, kill and eat meat. Do you think I'll have to wait very long?

Keltie Zubko

Letters to the Editor

Separatists Need to Work Together

To the Editor:

Yes, by all means please remove me from your mailing list. I used to be a member of the Separation Party of Alberta until its leader had POWER go to his unrefined head. The SPA is now but an after-thought.

I am and will remain an Alberta separatist until I die, make no mistake of that. As for separation in Alberta? It's a dead issue in my opinion because Albertans haven't been punished enough. Their apathetic non-thinking heads are not bleeding yet.

And furthermore, there is NO leader on the horizon who is willing to take up the cudgel and speak loudly and clearly on all the matters that affect us and our ability to produce the goods which the world wants.

I do not want to stand behind a leader of any party whose sole aim is to control it by himself, under his command without having his troops follow him and make sure that there is solid input from the foot soldier.

So I wish you well, but until people in Alberta start foaming at the mouth for a new system of government, free of any monarchical ties there will be NO separation in this province. Amen!

Al Romanchuk

Edmonton

They're Starting to Get the Idea. . .

The following letter to the editor was reprinted from the Ottawa Sun of April 4, 2009:

To the Editor:

In her letter to the editor, Linda Austman posits that "If the left faction and Ontario and Quebec have the lack of intelligence and the foolish nerve to fight this man as the leader of the Conservative Party, say goodbye to Western Canada." It is not so much this statement that bothers me, it was your paper's response — "Westerners leave Canada? Now who's dreaming." I wouldn't be so quick to laugh this off.

I mean if we take the Quebec separation threat so seriously that we send them billions of dollars to prop up their sorry state of an economy, which they themselves destroyed, why not take seriously the threat from a region that actually has the means and resources to do so. If Alberta itself decided to go its own way, they would instantly be one of the richest countries in the world. Now, really, who has the better chance of going it without Canada? Quebec and all the necessary handouts, or Alberta and B.C., who can actually take care of themselves?

Jason Nicol

Nepean ON

And furthermore:

To the Editor:

I'd like congratulate Jason Nicol for his insight into the situation in Canada re: "Westerners leave Canada? Now who's dreaming." Unlike many newspapers out in Eastern Canada which seem to think that Quebec is the only province unhappy enough to want to separate from Canada, there are many Westerners who are very unhappy with the situation where the West is treated like nothing but a "cash cow", good enough to milk but not good enough to pay any attention to.

Quebec has had a head-start with its historical gripe that they were mistreated, despite ample evidence that it has been the most pampered, most indulged province in Canada. The Western provinces are just starting to understand that no amount of indulgence will make

Quebec, specifically the French Fact, feel satisfied & appreciative of the sacrifice made by the Rest (Most) of Canada in the futile attempt to accommodate them.

You will hear from some of them in due course. Western Separatism is real and it's growing – they are just looking for the mistake to be made by Eastern & Central Canada i.e. returning the Liberal Party to power. Michael Ignatieff has already said – he will give Quebec an even bigger role when he gets into power.

As long as Quebec is part of Canada and holds the balance of power between the provinces that favour socialism & dependency on bigger government and those who favour smaller government and more personal self-sufficiency, Canada cannot be governed equitably. Quebec leads the pack with the largest amount of Equalization & Transfer Payments from the “have” to the “have-not” provinces and it is a matter of time before the Western provinces say, “Enough is Enough”.

Kim McConnell

Fournier, ON

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Freedom's Voice

“For the average American family, filling out a tax form has become like attacking a puzzle to which, often enough, there is no right answer. But we're all supposed to swear, on penalty of perjury, that we've done our best to find it.”

— *Paul Greenberg*

Columnist, The Washington Times

“If you have always believed that everyone should play by the same rules and be judged by the same standards, that would have gotten you

labeled a radical 50 years ago, a liberal 25 years ago, and a racist today.”

— *Thomas Sowell*

(1930-) Writer and economist

“The difference between death and taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.”

— *Will Rogers*

(1879-1935) American humorist

“I, however, place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared.”

— *Thomas Jefferson*

(1743-1826), US Founding Father, drafted the Declaration of Independence, 3rd US President
Source: letter to William Plumer, July 21, 1816

The Cost of Confederation 50 Billion Reasons for Independence

The Finance Minister, Mr. Flaherty, has, just a mere month after assuring Parliament that there would be no deficit, admitted there will be a \$50 billion deficit. Shock and amazement is the only rational response.

But for a thinking Western Canadian, this announcement invites another and better series of reactions. What should a credible and conscientious Western Canadian be asking the Minister of Finance, in response to this announcement?

Here are some reasonable questions. Let's see who might ask them. Let's see what the answers might be. Let's see if they will ever be asked and answered in Ottawa! Let's see what can be done about it.

First of all:

- How much of the \$50 billion deficit is grants to the Central Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario?

- How much to the West?
- How much was paid to the auto industry?
- How much to the Central Canadian banks?
- How much for the Canadian Human Rights Commission?
- How much for the Gun Registry?
- Where are all these centres of power located?
- How much was paid for official bilingualism?
- How much for refugee hospital services?
- How much was paid for the prosecution of gun ownership, storage, handling offences (without other crimes)?
- How much to build “infrastructure” in Ontario and Quebec?
- How much to celebrate Canada Day in Quebec?
- How much to celebrate Canada Day in Western Canada?
- How much for equalization for Quebec?
- How much of these transfers would be necessary or even possible if Western Canada was Independent?
- How much of Canada’s revenue comes from Western resources?
- How does this money get paid back?
- Will Western Canadian tax-payers get their money’s worth? When? How?

To ask each of these questions is to answer them. The \$50 billion deficit is to keep the spoiled children of Ontario and Quebec in the privileged position while the resources of Western Canada, the oil, gas, uranium, potash, wheat, timber, agricultural production, fresh water, etc., pays for it with Western Canadian production. No wonder the Central Canadian Establishment ridicules separatism through its Central Canadian-controlled media! They want to keep the slaves on the plantation and keep

the money flowing to Ottawa and hence Ont/bec coffers.

These are the only answers to all the above questions and many more, such as what is the cost of the current adventure in Afghanistan, and why are we there? When will we get something to say about it?

Why are these questions never being asked by Liberals, Conservatives or N.D.P? The answer to that is simple, also, since the answers would all demonstrate that although the West pays far more than 1/2 of the revenue, it gets far less than 20% of the federal expenditures.

Conversely, Ontario pays less than 30% of all taxes and has 35% of all seats and 40% of all expenditures with Quebec getting 23%. The end result is we pay from the West and they reap the benefits. Any Member of Parliament or Party in Parliament who points to this fundamental truth will never win support in Ontario and Quebec, who would perceive their gig is up and the natives are restless (to mix metaphors). That’s why they will never ask these questions.

What can we do about it?

First, put Western Block members in Parliament who want to ask this and other pertinent questions.

Second, when the answers demonstrate irrevocably the existence of a perpetual Ontario/Quebec benefit, as they do, every dollar of deficit is a reason to separate. An all-encompassing question would be: “With all the natural resources so largely concentrated in Western Canada, what would a Western Canadian deficit be, given the same level of social services?” The answer is zero, no deficit, or even, possibly, a surplus.

What we can do about it is obvious, too. Organize for the next federal election. Find, or be a candidate. Build a local committee. Make sure during the next federal election these questions are asked and the truth given in re-

ply. Then Western Canada will be free. Otherwise, we have \$50 billion reasons to separate.

One final question:

How long do you think your children will be paying for the \$50 billion, plus interest, as it keeps rising, if you don't escape from it now and free the West? Do you care?

Quebec Seeks Federal Tax Compensation

The following article appeared in the Ottawa Citizen on March 28, 2009, and is an example of where the money goes:

“Quebec is asking the federal government for \$2.6 billion in compensation following a decision to give Ontario \$4.3 billion in federal funding for the harmonization of its provincial sales tax with the GST. Quebec Finance Minister Monique Jérôme-Forget said Friday she sent a letter to federal counterpart Jim Flaherty to ask for a similar level of compensation. The province was the first to harmonize its tax with the GST in the early 1990s, but Quebec never received any compensation, Jérôme-Forget said. “Mr. Flaherty has to be fair and just in the situation,” the minister said. “Ontario has been compensated, the Atlantic provinces as well, so Quebec too, must be compensated.” The parliamentary secretary to the finance minister said Quebec did not fully blend the two taxes, as Ontario and other provinces did. “As a matter of fact, Quebec retains full control over the design and applications of the Quebec sales tax. In fact, it administers the value-added tax system as well as the GST, so we think it was adequately compensated,” said Ted Menzies.”

Wisdom from Another Independence Movement

There are many other movements for Independence throughout the world. One of the most articulate comes from our American neighbours, the Vermont Commons movement. The following article was posted on their amazing website, from which Western Canadians could take a lesson. We thought these ideas apply as well to Western Canadians:

Editorial: No Stopping, No Standing

April 30, 2009

www.vtcommons.org/journal

“Everything Flows. Nothing Stands Still.” - - Heraclitus - -

Spring highlights our natural cycles of change, renewal, new life, and new work. What we plant now and properly cultivate will determine what we later harvest.

Our contributors are working hard, planting the seeds of change in their communities and through these pages. Our common goal remains to foster and explore independence, broadly defined. We have a lot of work to do.

It has never been more apparent that as individuals, communities and a state, we need to become more self-reliant. And now.

We can choose to embrace change and uncertainty as opportunities for independence and happiness, or we can choose to allow perceived challenges to intimidate, scare, and defeat us.

Becoming independent is a personal and community journey that begins in exploration and is related to our ability – our choice – to thrive and adapt in a rapidly changing natural and economic environment.

How can Vermont become a model of sustainable independence? What do we need to do now to prepare for the next season? The

next decade? How can we joyfully embrace the idea that we need to completely redesign our communities, economies, governments, and institutions to thrive in the age of energy descent?

We are attempting to answer these questions at the Vermont Commons “Dreaming Our Destiny” retreat during the first weekend of May at Goddard College. This collaborative effort will lay out the beginnings of a “Second Vermont Republic” political platform for Vermont. We will draft policy recommendations around agriculture, representative government, commerce, energy, water, education, health care, legal systems, social welfare, defense, and other topics. Look for the fruits of this labor on our website and in future issues of this journal.

But a more fundamental design question still divides the citizens of our state: Should our systems be based on centralization, or decentralization? How could decentralized, small-scale, sovereign communities and nations co-exist sustainably without constant war and chaos? Or alternatively, how could a global central government and economy somehow “keep the peace” and distribute equitable levels of livelihood and productivity, without being at the cost of community independence, political freedom, and sustainability?

If we had a limitless, cheap energy supply (which is the myth that our current centralizing systems are based on) we could theoretically fuel a centralized control and management system to distribute that energy and enable livelihoods. And in theory this could be equitably and democratically managed with the right government structure.

But the reality of energy descent, driven by resource depletion and population explosion, means that the energy foundations of our communities will need to be redesigned, site-specific, and localized.

The energy and economic needs and resources of the Alaska economy are much dif-

ferent from that of Vermont or Iowa or Florida. So any continental or global approach to policy and investment with a “one size fits all” mentality will fail. Then it will need to be bailed out – and thereby contribute to more resource depletion in an accelerating downward spiral. This same relationship applies to education, health care, social services, etc.

So it is clear that we need to take responsibility for creating our own personal and community independence. We need to dare to redesign our own local and state systems, based on proven sustainable and democratic models. This responsibility will not be given to us by Barack Obama or anyone else. We must we take it, with exuberance.

Thank you for supporting and contributing to this journey and,

FREE VERMONT!

Gaelan Brown

*Business Manager, Vermont Commons
Editorial Board*

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

The article above about the \$50 billion deficit made me think of other questions that anyone living in Western Canada should indeed be asking. Here are some more very relevant questions for Western Canadians:

How much of the \$50 billion deficit do you think will go to Ontario and Quebec and how much to the rest of Canada?

How much federal money is going to Ford and Chrysler in Oshawa and Windsor and how much to Western farmers?

How much do you think bilingualism costs each year?

Which province or provinces have more than 10% francophones?

How many seats in Ottawa are allocated to Ontario, to Quebec, the Maritimes and the West?

Do you think this will ever change?
How?

Did you have a say at an election or by referendum in the Afghan mission? Why not? Is it important?

Do you think referendum, initiative and recall would be a good way to have a functional and effective democracy?

How could we use modern technology to conduct frequent and effective referenda?

Why do you think so few people vote during elections?

What do you think of Michaelle Jean eating a raw seal heart to celebrate Inuit culture?

Do you think the West is getting a fair deal in Confederation?

Can this be changed? How?

Why did the Reform Party fail to change the system?

How long should the West negotiate asking for a better deal?

Could we ever get a better deal than a free and independent nation of Western Canada?

Does the Clarity Act of 2000 allow a province to separate?

How, and by what majority?

Are your freedoms being eroded in Western Canada?

How long will you wait as your freedom of speech and other freedoms are being destroyed?

Is there a peaceful and lawful action each of us could take to achieve Independence?

How much tax should you pay?

Answers to these questions lead inevitably to Independence for the West!

Western Canada Commentary on YouTube Growing

Doug Christie is 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. We encourage you to spread the word about these videos to people who may not have heard about or understood the concept before.

Go to Youtube.com and search for Doug Christie to find Doug's videos.

Western Block Party Western Canada Concept News

We have recently entered into communications with other movements in the Rest of Canada, that focus upon their particular region's status in Canada, for example, the Atlantica Party.

The Western Canada Concept of B.C. maintained its registration as a provincial political party during the recent election in B.C. when Doug Christie ran in the very tightly contested riding of Saanich South. He definitely won (and had a lot of fun) at the all-candidates meeting, but received only 240 votes in the actual election which was won by the N.D.P. This is the same old story for B.C. -- polarization of the two main parties makes it very difficult for any new party.

~Join the Western Canadian Independence Movement~

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___ I enclose a **donation** of \$_____ to help promote the idea of Western Independence. See note below about tax deductibility.

___ Please send **information** about the Western Canadian movement for Independence to the following people (please print clearly):

I want to help as follows: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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