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Our cover: This month's cover is the independent Alberta separatist John Rew, running in the by-election for Drumheller Stettler on June 12th, and is captioned "a voice in the wilderness." Check out his website at: www.electjohnrew.com. See p. 2.

From the Editor

The expulsion of Nova Scotian Bill Casey from the Tory caucus for voting against the budget because it penalises his home province is a sad but classic case of the problems of Confederation, and demonstrates what inevitably faces Western Canadian politicians who attempt reform in the federal forum. Anyone who stands up for their provincial concerns against the tide of federalist pressure, just won't make it in the end. There is just no reconciling the two interests when the power is distributed the way it is in Canada. How do you get around the fact of the distribution of seats in a representation-by-population system, where the populous regions are based in manufactur-

ing and the less populous regions are resource-based?

Mr. Casey is removed now from any chance of influence in the federal caucus and must sit as an Independent because he just couldn't bring himself to vote for measures that he contends will cost his province about \$1 billion in badly needed revenue, and which violate the Atlantic Accord of 2005.

It doesn't matter that Mr. Casey tried everything to get his federal cohorts to agree that resource revenues should belong to the provinces, that the Atlantic Accord should be honoured. As he said:

“We have tried to build bridges between the government and provincial governments. We’ve got legal opinions. We have done everything we can do and last week it was obvious to me that we weren’t going to get the Accord restored. I told the Prime Minister I was going to vote against unless it was restored and I did. I just think the government of Canada should honour a signed contract and if they don’t, we haven’t got much to work with.”

The Atlantic Accord Mr. Hamm negotiated guarantees the province 100 per cent of its offshore revenue with no equalization claw-back. Critics say the Tories broke that promise with their budget in March.

The sadness and the irony is that the Tories are in no danger of having the budget defeated since the Bloc Quebecois will certainly vote for it. Their province, as always, stands to gain the most by it.

Ironic too, is that last month, Mr. MacKay told the House: “We will not throw a member out of caucus for voting his conscience. There will be no whipping, flipping, hiring or firing on budget votes as we saw with the Liberal government.”

It must stick in the craw of Mr. Casey to be so drastically punished for trying to save his little province a mere \$1 billion, when we hear that Quebec, the province we must all placate to keep confederation together, has a debt of over \$122 billion, the highest in Canada. It must feel to Nova Scotians like being eaten alive, with no hope of ever satiating the monster's appetite for bribes. Just when there was some hope of keeping resource revenues and building their province's future, the so-called guardians of conservatism, claw it away.

Alberta is fighting and as long as it remains in Canada, will continue to fight a similar battle, now heating up on all fronts as the affluence in that province lights the greed in the hearts of politicians throughout the rest of the country.

Albertans need to take lessons from Danny Williams, the premier of Newfoundland, who won't back down.

One last word: I was in Montreal at the beginning of May, and couldn't help but notice that while the price of gas in Victoria was \$1.259 per litre, there in Quebec, it was \$1.114. That tells all, doesn't it?

Separatist Running in Alberta By-Election

The Drumheller-Stettler constituency of Alberta is having a by-election on June 12th. We realize it's late notice, but still time to support the efforts of **John Rew** who is running as an independent Alberta Separatist. He could use your donations (if you are an Albertan) and certainly your words of encouragement.

Here are a few excerpts from his platform:

Alberta Independence.

It is clearly impossible (as illustrated by the failure of the Reform Party) to get a fair deal for Alberta in Canada so the only realistic alternative is for an Independent Republic of Alberta.

Economically, it could easily be the most prosperous nation on earth. Culturally, we could retain our warm Western Hospitality and traditions

without interference from outsiders who do not share our values. The signing of the North American Security and Prosperity agreement by Paul Martin in March 2005 and subsequent follow-up by Steven Harper with the American and Mexicans in Banff last year, will, in due course, extinguish Canada as an independent nation as well as The United States and Mexico. Alberta's oil and other minerals and resources are being given away to this super state. We either get out or allow everything to be taken from us. We have no time as they are trying to implement the main parts of the agreement by 2010. This has been kept quiet by the government and government controlled media but can be researched (links found on this site) on the internet. Obviously they know that the Canadian people would not approve of their sovereignty being given away. Clearly, the government of Canada does not work for Canadians.

The right of the individual is paramount.

No group rights. Canada operates on the socialist system where certain groups have certain privileges, which, of course, takes away individual rights.

Restore our free speech.

The so-called anti-hate legislation has restricted our free speech. Either we have free speech or we don't.

Reduce the size and scope of government.

Government by its very nature restricts individual freedom. Government consumes wealth and that wealth is better managed in private hands.

Stop transfer payments and work towards eliminating personal income tax.

Income tax is punishment for working. People must be rewarded for their work. Alberta can likely operate "in the black" without personal income taxes if the transfer payments are stopped. Ottawa is using the wealth of Albertans in ways that do not benefit us. Alberta should decide for itself how it spends its money.

Pay Albertans an annual oil dividend.

The transfer payments that are being stolen from us amount to thousands of dollars a year for each and every Albertan. I think that it would be a better plan to pay Albertan's a yearly dividend of say \$2,000 for a start. We keep getting told that we own the mineral rights in the province so why is the government stealing our money? This would help offset the high fuel prices we now have to pay.

[end of excerpts]

There's more, but the primary fact is that he stands for Alberta Independence, and does so uncompromisingly.

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Politician Watch

Back to the Future?

Justin Trudeau, son of one of the most disastrous Prime Ministers Canada has ever had, is now travelling around the country, speaking to various groups, having won the nomination for the Liberal party in a Central Canadian riding. As blogger "Flaggman's Canada" wrote, he's "indocinating the children to hate themselves" as he recently spoke to 600 students at a Windsor, Ontario high school, and according to the Windsor Star:

Trudeau suggested to the students the capitalist "machine" that sustains modern existence may also become modern civilization's downfall.

The system promotes exploitation of natural resources without accounting for future consequences of consumption, he said.

“Our capitalist model has given us tremendous things,” Trudeau said. “But the time has come for us to look at it critically and try to improve on it, given the accelerated pace of change and the fact that we have limited space.”

Trudeau said Canada’s environmental and social justice record have deteriorated.

“We consume more water per capita than anyone else on the planet. We produce more solid waste than just about anyone else on the planet. In terms of social justice, our treatment of our aboriginal communities are an absolute disgrace.”

Sounds like he's promoting another system, like socialism, perhaps? Haven't we seen this movie before?

Freedom's Voice

“This is, in theory, still a free country, but our politically correct, censorious times are such that many of us tremble to give vent to perfectly acceptable views for fear of condemnation. Freedom of speech is thereby imperiled, big questions go undebated, and great lies become accepted, unequivocally as great truths.”

Simon Heffer Source: Daily Mail, 7 June 2000

“To be able to think freely, a man must be certain that no consequence will follow whatever he writes”

Ernest Renan (1823-1892) Source: 1879

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

John Quincy Adams

“Human progress is furthered, not by conformity, but by aberration.”

H.L. Mencken, (1880-1956) American Journalist, Editor, Essayist, Linguist, Lexicographer, and Critic. Source: Prejudices: Third Series, 1922

A Separatist Speaks

By Douglas Christie

Some people say that ignorance is bliss, but I maintain ignorance is doomed to repeat itself.....

At the present time, there are many people who will excuse Stephen Harper’s catering to the province of Québec and the Maritimes with the excuse that he has a minority government and *has* to cater to them. In Canada, to some extent, this is true. It is particularly necessary to cater to Ontario where 103 out of 301 seats are at stake.

The thesis goes something like this: If only he can placate the majority of the seats in the House of Commons, for the time being, he will be able to get a majority and then he can do as he pleases and *then* he will do the right thing.

This fallacy is premised on the belief that he will do the right thing when he gets the chance. This premise however, is dubious in view of his pragmatic approach to all things.

But let’s, for the sake of argument, say that he would intend to do the right thing for

example by abolishing the gun registry or creating a regionally elected Senate, or reducing taxation, all of the things one would expect him to do.

He would then be in much the same position as John Diefenbaker was in 1957. He then had a minority government. He went to the people for a new mandate in approximately a year and a half. In 1958 he got the largest majority in Canadian history. Very few of us are alive today who were sufficiently aware at that time to know what happened next.

He had an overwhelming number of seats from Québec and Ontario. Very soon after his election, rumors began to circulate in the Central Canadian media, said by such luminaries as Michael Starr, and Dalton Camp. They said he was an autocratic leader. They said he could not conduct the affairs of government. Naturally, they had themselves in mind for a replacement.

The Central Canadian media, having been in love with the Liberals for the last 40 years, delighted to pick up the mantra. Soon, as the internal dissention within his party multiplied as ambitious people thought they could take his place, his credibility diminished. He was rapidly defeated in succeeding elections.

He never lost his support however in Western Canada. He was after all our Western Canadian leader. Regrettably, he was unable to see the possibilities of a nation of Western Canada where his style of leadership, his goals and his vision were always popular. When I spoke to him in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, in approximately 1978 and told him I was advocating Western Canadian independence, his reply was abrupt. He simply said "I don't believe that, and I'll tell you that as quickly as you tell me what you believe."

He believed in Canada to the end, notwithstanding the fact that the Central Canadian establishment stabbed him in the back. Western Canada would never have done that to him.

It's true that Steven Harper is no John Diefenbaker. He lacks the rhetorical spark. He lacks the human warmth and magnetic personality of John Diefenbaker. However he is a very clever politician. In peacetime he would be a very competent caretaker of the public purse of Western Canada, if he were Western Canadian Prime Minister. Rather he chooses to compromise to retain the title of Prime Minister of Canada, which in name only, he enjoys.

Actually the Central Canadian media and the voters of Ontario and Québec have taken him hostage. He is no longer a Western Canadian. He offers nine hundred million dollars in equalization to the province of Québec. And the premier promptly gives it to all the people of the province of Québec so he can be re-elected.

We basically bribed the people of Québec to stay in Canada and Stephen Harper realizes that he needs them to be reelected. He promptly made sure that he could not pass any prohibition on same-sex marriage, even though he pretended to do so. He broke his promise on income trusts.

Being a so-called conservative prime minister, it is rather strange that he is unable to see the value of allowing people to keep their own money and not hand it over to government. However that's what he did.

He has not abolished the gun registry and in fact people are facing jail for the simple reason that they have not filled out all the necessary paperwork to keep guns they've had for decades.

The so-called hate laws and human rights laws are still a major or impediment to freedom of expression. He has done nothing about that. The war crimes prosecutions continue against 80 and 90-year-old men who have lived good lives in Canada for the last 60 years. So much for the idea of rehabilitation.

Everywhere that you look, Stephen Harper and his Conservatives are basically Liberals in sheep's clothing. They have rapidly accepted the proposition of Maurice Strong and the Enviro-Nazis who believe that everything in the world climatically is caused by man.

On foreign policy he has extended a huge tax burden on the people of Western Canada to fund the rehabilitation of the people of Afghanistan for whom we owe no debt of gratitude. This he purports to market under the guise that we are helping to educate and liberate yet again the young women of Afghanistan. If Afghanistan is surrounded by Islamic states like Pakistan it is a very vulnerable position for a landlocked force like our army.

At the present time many people are becoming disillusioned once again with the Canadian political system. The judges make the laws that are unpopular with the people and cannot be unelected. The parliamentarians pretend to legislate but basically are there to distribute the economic wealth, taxed away from the people. The regulation of everything from speech to gun control has made the country a virtual prison without doors.

Always in the name of national security, more and more freedom is being taken away.

Yet, Western Canada could be the most prosperous free nation in the world. It could stay out of the world's conflicts in which we have no particular interest. It could leave the Muslim world to its own devices and its own

way of thinking. We wouldn't want them dictating their standards to us. What makes us think that we have the moral authority to dictate our standards to them? Are they really any better?

Secular humanism, which is after all the theology of liberalism, hasn't really demonstrated the high moral value of our Western world of late, especially in two devastating world wars. Perhaps if Western Canada was independent and made its own foreign policy, we could do a better job than Ottawa has been doing for us.

This method of bribing the Maritimes and the province of Québec with Western resource wealth, ultimately only means that Québec can live well beyond its means and run up its provincial debt to astronomical levels without any consequences. This is precisely what the province of Québec has done. The same is true for the Maritimes. Only those nations which managed to live within their means and allow the free competition of manufacturing and resource development have ever succeeded in developing either a diversified tax base or alternatively, a thriving middle-class.

The welfare state that Canada has become has virtually eliminated any Canadian manufacturing of secondary industries. We have become cutters of wood and drawers of water without getting the world market price for either wood or water. The Western Canadian resource wealth could develop both a middle class of enormous prosperity and a thriving manufacturing economy. It has never done so in Canada.

Even the flour mills are gone from Western Canada. A recent book entitled "Why the Mexicans don't drink Molson's" demonstrates perfectly how a controlled economy has effectively eliminated both competition and eco-

conomic diversity. Mexico, which manufactures Corona beer, buys its brewing and malting barley from Western Canada and then exports the Corona beer all around the world. This is typical of the absence of any secondary processing of our resources which results from a high taxation and income redistribution strategies as well as the regulatory policies of the federal government of Canada. They were designed to produce a protected market. They have produced a stagnant market. They have produced bankruptcy on a massive scale.

The lessons from 1957 to the present are painfully obvious. Only ignorance dooms us to repeat them and ignorance can be overcome.

A majority government will always consist of a majority from Quebec and Ontario. They both will reject any change in their balance of power. Reform is impossible. To achieve the best government for the richest country on earth -- Western Canada -- we must have independence or it will be plundered to pay for the worst government, the bankrupt conspiracy for power called Ottawa.

The choice is ours; only ignorance prevents our brilliant future. Keep in mind for the first time in history we have a means to overcome ignorance with the free option of Independence. The Western Block Party is the first party in federal politics to span all four provinces and territories with the option of Independence. Let's not abandon this hopeful vehicle in its infancy for want of 250 stalwart people.

Western Block News

URGENT REQUEST

As a result of the demands of the Chief Electoral Officer that the Western Block verify 250 members to maintain its status as a registered or eligible political party we must provide by June 30, 2007 the declarations signed by 250 of our members. This form EC 20036-C (202/07) is a form which is required for every members signature.

At present we only have 120 returned executed forms. If we do not get 250 by the end of the month the party stands to be de-registered and all our work in creating it will be lost. There are many obligations to maintaining a political party one of which is auditing annually which of course costs money. The essential thing for you to do, however, is to fill out the enclosed blank form with name, address, postal code and sign it at the bottom where a signature is required acknowledging that you are a qualified elector and have obtained the age of 18 years, you are a Canadian citizen and a member of the above-named Western Block Party. I ask you to do this immediately, make copies for your friends before you do and make sure that we get these back before June 27th 2007. If this is not done all our work will be lost.

I urgently ask you to, not only get your own form filled out, but get 3 or 4 more, so that we have enough. Please remember that no one person can carry the responsibility of maintaining this party without everyone making an effort. Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

Yours truly,

Doug Christie

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