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A Separatist Speaks

By Douglas Christie

Canadian Logic

Following the declaration of Quebec as a “nation within a nation,” pictures of Prime Minister Harper looked like the cat who’s swallowed the canary. He seemed to think that by playing with the word “nation” (in Canada) for Quebec, he can by definition eliminate Quebec separatism.

This is in essence a tautological argument, essentially a semantic argument. The definition of tautology in rhetoric rests on the nature of a definition. It is essentially playing with words.

Maybe those who put forward the motion, and voted for it think that words have no consequence, and anyway, for the time being, they might be right. But what about other words, such as “aboriginal title,” and “inherent rights,” and “aboriginal rights”?

Nice words, but notice how they haunt the present and will enslave the future from a thoughtless past use of words. Words are capable of expanding definition.

“Nation” is such a word. No nation exists without sovereignty. Like “aboriginal self-government” it carries a whole lot of unforeseen consequences.

The essential political solution to the immediate political problem is to offer a form of appeasement to Quebec nationalism but words are not what nationalists want. They want

power! The power to make laws for and govern themselves. This is not possible without constitutional independence.

Does Mr. Harper contemplate any real constitutional change? No, he knows he cannot deliver on that, so instead he legislates the Meech Lake Accord, without the referendum. He does with his party, what the people rejected in a referendum. He declares Quebec a distinct society. It is tantamount to rubbing one palm against the other, shaking well and uttering “abracadabra” and “voilà!” – no more separatism.

It is not a reality because we said it didn't exist. Sadly, this is delusional. Quebec will take the word “nation” seriously and proceed to demand real power. Either further appeasement is necessary, and further, and further, or we are on a collision course with the expectation this sleep walker Prime Minister has raised voluntarily. Can he actually expect that he could say what they wanted to hear, and then accept later he didn't really mean “nation”?

Like the modern hypocrisy of “first nation,” “Indian nations,” or “(insert reserve name of your choice here) first nation,” we all know they are not nations, but no one dares say so for fear of offending.

This political hypocrisy is the nature of Canada -- flatter someone or some group with a phony title in hope they will go away and God help us if they believe it, or act like they do! Just because we said it with a straight face -- or even passed a motion in Parliament -- doesn't mean we weren't just kidding in our wacky world of Canada.

Where are we now?

Let's look at the situation of Western Canada with one year of Conservative govern-

ment after about 75 years of Liberal rule, excluding the Quebec/Mulroney interlude.

From the policy front, same sex marriage is now carved in stone. The further cultural/religious deterioration is sure to follow. The protection of those who for religious grounds oppose homosexual practice and marriage is not assured. Soon, to oppose it will be called “hate speech,” the leftist catch phrase for illegal beliefs.

The Wheat Board monopoly is still firmly in place, taking control of all that any farmer can grow, of wheat or barley, and requiring the farmer who grows it to buy it back from them for a price they set, if he wishes to use it for his own purposes. Prime-Minister-in-Waiting Stephane Dion promises to ensure the security of the Wheat Board at least for Western Canadian production.

The gun registry remains in place. The CBC is in full propaganda production to keep it. They regularly display Mrs. De Sousa whose daughter was killed by an East Indian who carried a licensed gun and hated people, perhaps because of their race. Was this a hate crime? Not unless it was committed by a white male, so not likely.

Immigration continues to create demands of our creaking infrastructure of roads, schools, hospitals and other social services by a massive influx from Third World countries, where things are even worse. The single most significant contribution to environmental pollution is the immigrant population which while swelling our ranks, needing homes, roads, sewage treatment plants, hospitals, lots to develop and places to live, have never contributed to the cost of the infrastructure which they now demand to use. The Liberals, NDP and Conservatives all cry for more -- not less -- immigration, to deal with our “labour shortage.”

Linguistically, we have more and more areas where English is a second and even unnecessary language, less preferable than Cantonese or Punjabi and more translation services in public places are required daily as for example, in the Vancouver courthouse. (See article about British Columbia literacy) Politicians need say less and less clearly what fewer and fewer people understand anyway.

Equalization will be adjusted for Newfoundland to exclude oil revenues, as for Nova Scotia, but not for Saskatchewan, notwithstanding the Conservative promise, because Stephen Harper knows he has all he can get out of Saskatchewan anyway. The Maritimes and Quebec count; the West does not.

Under the Conservatives, the Governor General is originally a French citizen, as is the leader of the opposition and nothing stops dual loyalties, except personal discretion. A whole ethnic group are dual citizens, so why wouldn't the countries leaders be, as well? The Liberals and Conservatives both maintain the same judicial and ceremonial appointees.

The people of the West are not asked any more than of the East whether they wish to send our fighting forces to Afghanistan to fight a group identified by religion when it would be illegal to do so here, because it would be against the Human Rights Act as discrimination. But logic is of no concern. The people who need to explain this are never asked.

The Maher Arar case allows major Liberal public officials to escape blame for the torture of a Canadian by the resignation of the head of the RCMP who said at the inquiry he knew about the misinformation in 2002 but now says he didn't know until 2006, when the inquiry reported. His resignation means he can leave, forgiven. He didn't know, so his superiors in cabinet can say with great assurance he

didn't tell them, and they didn't know. This is plausible denial.

The federal patronage machine works so well for the Liberal powerbase, rewarding every good lawyer with a judgeship, appointing every faithful servant to a commission, regulating speech through Human Rights Tribunals and the media through CRTC that its control would be the envy of the Soviet Empire at its height. This is even more effective because it wraps itself in the cloak of democracy while the Prime Minister has as much power as Putin does in Russia. No wonder Stephen Harper and all the rest knew you must tell any lie to get there. Then when you engineer the breaking of your own promise, be it the GST or same-sex marriage, you can say that democracy or necessity required it, or the judges (you appointed) ordered it.

Then we have Quebec, the perpetual spoiled child constantly being asked what do they want, lest they grow up and leave the kindergarten of Canada. Stephen Harper knows to win, you must give Quebec everything. He says they are "a nation within a nation" – (as long as they remain within). When Quebec gets this recognized by all parties – which it has – then why keep the bracketed portion of this proposition, if the bribes (equalization) stops coming. They won't. This is a recipe for more blackmail and higher bribes. All parties say "okay" because they want what Quebec has, a block of separatist seats.

On moral issues like abortion, or same-sex marriage, the elites of all parties rush to the lowest common denominator, liberalism uber alles. The population is in a freefall so immigration and cultural auto genocide is the preferred solution of all parties. To say otherwise, is electoral suicide in Quebec, "multicultural"

Montreal, Toronto, or Vancouver. These three alone count without a regionally-elected centre.

The economic decisions of Stephen Harper have been disastrous. The international and domestic investor has lost confidence when existing tax rules, relied upon on Income Trusts can be unilaterally and retro-actively revoked, no decision is stable and reliable. The word of the Government on tax matters cannot be trusted. "Conservatives," like Liberals do not see the down-sizing of government and reduction of tax as a possible solution. They all want more of your money to maintain their Imperial-style government.

Another running sore, with inevitable disaster as its logical conclusion, is the Native question. Race-based rights are a recipe for racial conflict in the future. Harper and the Conservatives have ratified treaties with native fisheries, land claims, special laws and land rights, not for individuals but groups identified by race and racial origin. This premise would be strenuously rejected if it were pro-European, but fools rush in to the cause of historical readjustment of power, based on incidents of ownership which though alleged in history, were never real in the past.

Native government as we know the term, or ownership, was a myth of modern jurisprudence, essentially the federally-appointed Supreme Court. This pending disaster is a huge tax burden and like the collective farms of communist countries, does not help the individual member, but establishes new levels of government where democracy never reaches.

All in all, it has been a disaster to have pretended the Conservatives would change things for the West. They now tell us, "give us a majority and we will make a difference!" But that majority must be elected under our present system in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, and will never respect the grassroots opinion of the West.

The west and its resources will pay the Socialist piper while the Eastern media and politicians will dictate the liberal/socialist tune. We cannot expect a majority Stephen Harper P.M. will be in any different political situation than with such a minority.

Faced with these realities, separation becomes more obviously the only real alternative. It is one which won't last forever, as the cultural make-up shifts through massive immigration to include people for whom nirvana has already arrived with their certificate of citizenship allowing escape from hell.

No one can blame them but our environment about which the leftist Green party continually rails, can never be saved with a massive influx of new house-builders seeking to carve new territory. There are plenty of capitalists willing to exploit cheap labour to make new piles of paper money in the process of selling off the heritage of open space, freedom and prosperity for other people's children.

Only we in the West have the power to create one citizenship, free of racial discrimination, for all. One citizenship which envisions a future where prosperity does not require environmental destruction and cultural assimilation. The future of Western Canada is in our hands by a lawful referendum in each province which as an antidote to patronage, corruption and the Canadian Family Compact, the precursor of many new referenda to come. By referendum, initiative and recall, we could truly honour the intelligence of every individual, regardless of race or religion, and establish a process where the individual would always have a voice. Why wait for another phony Canadian election to demonstrate that all else is futile. Free the West!

*Yours for independence,
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