

# The Western Separatist

"If Confederation should come, bringing with it the tariff of Canada, not only will the farmers be ruined, but our Independence will be taken away!"



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**"Separate or Surrender"**

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*Our cover: This month's cover continues our new series featuring Western Canadian separatist folk heroes. John Sebastian Helmcken made made arguments against Confederation during the British Columbia debates. This quote was from March 9, 1870.*

## Actions Speak Louder

by Richard McBride

So who is Danielle Smith, anyway? Well, according to media reports, the new leader of the Wildrose Alliance Party is: 1. Young. 2. Smart. 3. A real go-getter. 4. "Not unattractive" and 5. The next Premier of Alberta. An unbiased observer (me) would respond to these claims as follows: 1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes and 5. Could happen. But what does Ms. Smith stand for? Let's hear it from her own mouth:

Albertans are known for their courage to embrace change. We tend to elect governments for a long period of time, but throw them out once they become disconnected from the people they are supposed to serve. And we do it quickly.

As I have gone from one corner of the province to the other during this leadership campaign, I can tell you—change is coming.

Ah, but what kind of change? Ms. Smith tell us that the Wildrose Alliance will replace tired with vibrant and stale with fresh, will reconnect Albertans with their government and clean out the Augean sta-

bles in Edmonton, etc. Admirable, admirable, no doubt, but these are the bromides all politicians take in with their mother's milk. Does she represent the kind of change Western separatists can believe in?

Not if she knows what's good for her, says Kevin Libin of the *National Post*. According to Libin, Ms. Smith must "prov[e] to Albertans that hers is a serious party and not some wild-eyed separatist fringe group." Thankfully, "Ms. Smith comes off nothing like the cantankerous, redneck caricature the governing Tories have tried sticking on Wildrose."

Curiously, the man Ms. Smith calls a "trusted advisor" and credits with persuading her to run for the leadership of the Wildrose Alliance is that cantankerous redneck Link Byfield, erstwhile editor-publisher of *Alberta Report* magazine.

Byfield, by his own admission, was once a Western separatist who "would have taken up arms for it had duty called." Today, however, Byfield has "stopped thinking about separation" and contents himself with the same obsession with political process that doomed Preston Manning.

Link Byfield may have stopped thinking about separation, but unfortunately, Ottawa has never stopped thinking about new ways to rob Alberta.

According to a front-page story in the October 29 *Globe and Mail*, "Canada can meet its climate goals, but the West will write the cheques":

Ottawa will have to lead a massive restructuring of the Canadian economy, with wealth flowing from the West to the rest of the country, if it is to meet its climate-change targets, a landmark report has concluded.

"Massive restructuring"? "Wealth flowing from the West to the rest of the country"? Now, where have we seen this before? If the authors of this landmark report—the Toronto

Dominion Bank, the Pembina Institute and the David Suzuki Foundation—have their way, Ottawa will be partying like it's 1979: a 12.1% reduction in Alberta GDP and a 3.1% reduction in job growth by 2020. Needless to say, this massive restructuring will serve only to benefit Ontario and Quebec.

According to its "Vision for Alberta," the "Wildrose Alliance believes Alberta will":

- Fight for Alberta's deserved share of federal tax dollars through a more equitable distribution of federal transfer payments and contracts.
- Oppose unfair and industry specific taxation from the federal government.
- Defend Alberta against intrusions by the federal government by protecting the property, legal, constitutional and democratic rights of Albertans.

"Defend," "oppose," "fight"—strong words. But what will Premier Smith and her Wildrose Alliance government actually *do* when Prime Minister Harper says that another rape of Alberta is a small price to pay to hold off the carbon menace and stay in President Obama's good books?

If the separatist option is not worth thinking about, we know the answer to that question. Bowing to the inevitable, Premier Smith will concede the rape, negotiate some trifling reduction in its brutality and then toast Prime Minister Harper with champagne, just as Peter Lougheed toasted Pierre Trudeau.

NEP2 is coming, and the only way Alberta can stop it is to elect a government that can say No and mean it. And if Ottawa can't take No for an answer, then follow that No through to its logical conclusion. Separation.

If Danielle Smith is as smart as everyone says, she knows this already—or will figure it out soon enough. The only relevant question about her is whether she's prepared to put Alberta first. If she isn't, then she's just another

toady, and the only change she'll constitute is that she'll be a "not unattractive" toady.

## Letters

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### *A View from Quebec*

*To the Editor:*

I was reading the newspaper last week when I happened to come across an article about the Western Block Party. Now, living in Québec myself, I always believed that one day or the other, such a party would emerge. What I like most about your party is the fact that, contrary to Québec who wants to separate mostly for cultural reasons, your policy states economical factors as the primary cause for separation. Don't be fooled, not everybody in Québec is oblivious to the fact that Alberta is getting "shafted" by Ottawa.

Now, although most of your opinions are divergent from what Quebecer separatists are looking to achieve with sovereignty, I applaud your initiative, and hope that there will be one day several WBP deputies in the House of Commons, and that, although you seem to think of Quebecers as enemies, our cause can only further yours.

With two separatist party in the parliament, United Canada will be forced to recognize the wind of separation, and hopefully, finally give Western Canada and Québec their legitimate independence.

*Truly yours,*

*M.B.*

### *An Open Letter*

*Dear Fellow Alberta and Western Separatists, Capitalist, Freedom fighters and Individual rights activists:*

A Wildrose Alliance member (WRP) asked me recently who I would be voting for in the leadership race for the WRP. Here is my response.

From what I have heard and read, I would say Danielle Smith is the favorite. I do have a vote for the leadership race as a member of the party but that is my problem. There was some hope when a WRP member put forward a motion at the their AGM that the WRP would put a vote to Albertans, if they were in power, to see if Albertans wanted to stay in Confederation, but unfortunately it was voted down.

After thinking about this for a while I feel I should give my membership back to the party as this is not the kind of ideology that I am in favor of. This is nothing short of just another party, so close to what we have now, that there will be no difference between them and the conservatives in power.

I am an Alberta/Western separatist, so I believe our effort should be working towards an ideology of a governing system that would give freedoms, rights and liberties back to the people. This would result in the long overdue release of the strangle hold that Eastern Canada has on Alberta and the West. The wildrose is nothing but more of the same which may result in opening a gap for the NDP and Liberals to get more power in the west.

Québec has destroyed this country; they run Canada and this is nothing short of a conspiracy. They demand, and everyone else caters. We have to somehow draw the line and put a stop to this before it gets even more out of hand.

We need leadership to stand up and say "no" or tell them to get out. Alberta has to take the lead along with the rest of the Western Provinces and use the Notwithstanding clause to stop forced bilingualism from coming to the West.

We all know that Canada as a country is not working, never has, never will under the current governing system and the East will always dictate what we do out West, if it is not changed immediately. We cannot let this go on any longer which is why supporting the WRP is the wrong choice.

People: Somehow we have to use our collective energy and thoughts to get us back to where we should be; an Independent and free Alberta/Western Canada. This would allow us to break away from the Socialistic direction that we are slowly getting dragged into just like some of the European countries.

We are Albertans and Westerners who pride ourselves in being independent, hard-working and Capitalist, who ultimately want less government in all of our affairs.

*Best Regards,*

*Glen Dundas -- For a United West*

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## Freedom's Voice

“There is no happiness, there is no liberty, there is no enjoyment of life, unless a man can say, when he rises in the morning, I shall be subject to the decision of no unwise judge today”

*Daniel Webster, (1782-1852), US Senator  
Speech, 10 March 1831*

“Corruptissima re publica plurimae leges. (The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws.)”

*Cornelius Tacitus, (55-117 A.D.)  
Annales, 1st century A.D.*

“At first dreams seem impossible, then improbable, then inevitable.”

*Christopher Reeve, Actor*

“Once the government becomes the supplier of people's needs, there is no limit to the needs that will be claimed as a basic right.”

*Lawrence Auster, Political commentator*

“I never submitted the whole system of my opinions to the creed of any party of men whatever, in religion, in philosophy, in politics or in anything else, where I was capable of thinking for myself. Such an addiction is the last degradation of a free and moral agent. If I could not go to Heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all.”

*Thomas Jefferson, (1743-1826), US Founding  
Father, drafted the Declaration of  
Independence, 3rd US President*

## The Cost of Confederation

### National Energy Program, Part II

**“It will be the biggest fiscal shock in Canadian history,” observes TD chief economist Don Drummond. “But the study shows it can be done.”**

Western Canadians awoke on Thursday, October 29th with an an early Halloween fright, the resurrection of a true Canadian monster, the National Energy Policy, whereby the wealth of the West was taken by Ottawa to fund the industries of Central Canada, official bilingualism, the patronage at the core of the Canadian system and other assorted hobgoblins necessary to keep Canada whole, i.e. keep Quebec happy as a nation within a nation, and Ontario prosperous and self-satisfied.

A new report, funded by the Toronto Dominion Bank and conducted by the Pembina Institute and the David Suzuki Foundation contends that a massive restructuring of the Canadian economy will be necessary for Canada to fulfill its objectives to fight climate change, and that this would involve a huge flow of money from the West to the East.

Premier Stelmach of Alberta responded by saying that this would not happen under his regime, reminding us that federal equalization has transferred \$117-billion from Alberta alone to Ottawa during the past ten years.

According to Don Drummond Chief Economist of the TD Bank, the report was necessary to get a picture of how it would be possible for the government to meet its climate change goals, from a regional perspective. As reported by the CBC in the article *Alberta Premier rejects carbon targets that limit western growth*, October 29, 2009: “the targets could be met through direct taxation or by capping emissions and requiring companies to buy allowances —amounting to \$100 a ton by 2020 — to emit carbon.”

“The federal government, in return, would receive approximately \$46 billion or more in revenue and redistribute that through spending and cuts to personal taxes.”

“The study concludes that achieving the government target under one scenario would cumulatively reduce Canada’s real GDP growth by about 1.5 per cent by 2020. That amounts to losing one year’s economic growth over the next decade compared with doing nothing.”

“It’s not devastatingly large,” Drummond said, “but it is very significant.”

The CBC reported that “economic growth over the same period would be reduced in Alberta by 8.5 per cent, in Saskatchewan by 2.8 per cent and in British Columbia by 2.5 per cent.”

“Alberta would still record the fastest growth,” Drummond said, and of all the provinces would “still have the biggest per capita income, but nonetheless it does bear the biggest shock.”

“The report assumed all the emissions revenue would be redistributed to the public, resulting in massive investments in technology and public infrastructure, such as public transit, and a large personal income tax cut. It also assumed there would be benefits for developing electricity generation that does not involve burning fossil fuels, which would benefit Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.”

The news reports of this study have already unleashed in the discussion fora on the internet, a storm of Western Canadian dismay, and a coinciding wave of Central Canadian justifications for the proposed plunder of the West. We expect that there will be yet another surge in Western alienation.

### ***How Does Quebec Afford Its Lifestyle?***

A recent report of Quebec acquiring New Brunswick Powers makes one wonder where it acquires the wealth to do so. The best answer we heard to that question came from a mailing list where the following article was distributed and one reader commented that “Once again Quebec is never short of cash for these deals, since all of Canada is their cash register!” Another such comment was very appropos, that Quebec is using the money it gets from “have” provinces to consolidate its power in and over Canada.

The *Canadian Press* reported on October 29, 2009 that the proposed Hydro-Quebec acquisition of NB Power will cost \$5-billion:

“Hydro-Quebec would get the majority of NB Power’s assets under a proposed agreement worth nearly \$5 billion signed Thursday by New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham and Quebec Premier Jean Charest.

“According to the memorandum of understanding, Hydro-Quebec would buy the assets for \$4.75 billion - an amount equivalent to NB Power’s debt - giving Quebec greater capacity to export power to the United States.

“Those assets include transmission lines, offices and most generation facilities including the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant.

“This agreement ... will also provide Quebec with a strategic geographic position with regards to the markets of Atlantic Canada and New England,” Charest said. “All Quebecers will benefit from this agreement.”

“The premiers of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have warned the deal would give Hydro-Quebec a monopoly that could hinder other power development in the region.”

## *A Separatist Speaks*

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### ***Separate or Surrender Your Wealth, Alberta!***

The Pembina Institute and David Suzuki Foundation have revealed a plan of wealth distribution from the West to Quebec and Ontario.

The new and bigger National Energy Policy is a recipe for Western Independence. The premise of the study is correct: unless the federal government can stop the energy sector in the West, the West will get richer and the East will get poorer. This must be stopped for Ottawa to continue to reign and rule.

Some people think it could never happen. Ed Stelmach says, “Alberta is in a recession,” and “you can’t get blood out of a rock.” This implies if Alberta had it, it would be okay to take it! Not a very strong defender. Not a warrior to rely on.

But clearly, there is a confluence of forces working to the end that the West’s resources will flow to the East, i.e. Ottawa.

First, Ottawa would benefit if western producers had to pay \$100 a ton to emit carbon. This would raise \$46-billion in tax revenue, per year, at present rates. Why would Ottawa not insist? The environmentalists and Ontario/Quebec would have a common bond, get rich, and feel sanctimonious about carbon cap and trade.

They are already saying this is “not devastating!” To *them*, that is! Ontario and Quebec would benefit by increased infrastructure spending, from which even Stephen Harper could draw a majority government. Why, he could even say he was a generous, environmentally sensitive westerner, a win-win situation.

Ontario would love it and the West would have no choice but to vote for him, since a Liberal Ignatieff would only do worse. He has already pronounced Alberta’s tar sands as “Canada’s resource.”

Through all this, not a single carbon particle will be reduced for all the wealth transfer! This has nothing to do with reducing carbon emission; it’s all about the socialist redistribution of wealth. No wonder Bill C-311 is an NDP creation.

So when you look at Copenhagen and Ottawa, and the forces for surrender of all Western power, the conclusion is obvious. It’s as we have always said: “Separate or Surrender!”

### ***Consider Canada as it Really is...***

Think about the following: Private citizens’ possession of guns is being progressively banned. Canada is officially bilingual and Ottawa sees to it for senior members of the leadership class while Quebec can stay unilingual. Federal boards regulate and control what farmers produce. Farmers can go to jail for wheat sales. Ottawa invites boatloads of “refugees” ashore where they can claim asylum rather than turn them away. Their hearings alone cost millions. We cannot occupy let alone defend the north and we cannot build a pipeline to the Mackenzie Delta. The federal government will tax carbon emitters, but will not stop carbon emissions. “Just get the money” is their policy. Our laws could jail someone for telling the truth about a group, under section 13(1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act. Our troops are in a losing war in Afghanistan, where corruption is more rife than ever, and no one can say when we come back it will be any better, after billions spent. We improve schools for Afghan girls and water reservoirs for the people of Afghanistan, while our native populations drink polluted water and live in poverty. Taxes, meanwhile, are bound to increase on the few earners for a government in massive deficit.

And some say Western Canadians should not separate?

### ***Grants, Loans and Bribes***

Stephen Harper has become a Liberal, doing what all Liberals do: he and his ministers go from place to place, doling out money so the rich can get richer, building mega-projects which the middle class will never be able to pay for, and the poor don't need to use.

In Victoria recently, there was John Baird, issuing \$21-million for a new bridge to replace one that works quite well and has done for so long that it has become a landmark and a legend. So much for history! So much for differences between Liberals and Conservatives. You could almost see the gleam in his eye, as he envisioned Victoria sending a Conservative to Ottawa! Dean Fortin, Victoria's mayor, on the other hand, who will claim credit for the new bridge, likely will support another party.

What is the difference between a grant, a loan, or a bribe? I guess with a bribe you are assured of getting what you paid for! With a grant, or a loan, reciprocity is simply implied and hoped for.

The result of the foregoing, is to observe that politics in Canada has devolved to mere trafficking in illusions, the illusion that government has money to give when it actually is taken from the very people to whom it is being promised.

The government is spending your cash before they collect on it because they don't want to alarm you with the cost, to you. This is the sleazy con-game of *all* parties. When the tax bill comes, the economic decline will be for longer and more devastating than if a depression equivalent to the over-expenditure or debt was immediately endured.

But, reasons the crafty Mr. Harper, (and all others who so indulge in this methodology) by the time the waiter comes with the bill, the meal will be eaten, and he will get the thanks of

the full bellies of the electorate. This game has been played since Julius Caesar was a boy.

The real problem is that Western Canada didn't need to do it. Equalization to subsidize the have-not provinces (predominantly Quebec and the Maritime provinces) has left no reserves in the resource-rich provinces of B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan. Hence, they have been kept oblivious of the power and independence they might have, if free from Ottawa. To help this ignorance along, in each province, they have willing and compliant officials and provincial politicians to explain they are different than their opponents, while they ruthlessly pursue the same goals of their adversaries.

Bribery becomes a pandemic until the cold truth makes the bankruptcy unavoidable. That day will make the Western Block Party immensely popular. Do you want to join now, before the crowd arrives?

*Douglas Christie*

## ***Western Block Party Meetings***

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The following meeting for the Western Block Party will be held as follows:

- **Regina, Saskatchewan**
- **Ramada Inn**, on Victoria Avenue, in the Batoche Room
- **Friday, November 27th, at 7 p.m.**

Everyone is invited!

Come and hear **Douglas Christie**, founder of the Western Block Party speak on "**The Pembina Institute's Wealth Transfer and Other Ottawa Rip-Offs.**"

You could be there and bring a friend to enjoy the fellowship of a great cause, a New Nation of Western Canada!

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

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