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2. (a) To promote the development of a new nation of Western Canada;
- (b) To co-ordinate all political activities to the democratic accomplishment of our primary objective;
- (c) To field such political candidates as may be necessary and to advocate, research and develop and understanding of the new concept of Western Canada.

Given under my hand and seal of office at
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Our cover this month demonstrates the longevity of the Western Canada Concept Party of B.C. which was registered first as a society in 1984. The Western Canada Concept had been registered as a party in Alberta in 1981, after a 31-day, 38 meeting tour throughout B.C. and Alberta which formed constituency associations in almost every riding. Thousands of people signed the petition to register the party in Alberta in the aftermath of the federal imposition of the National Energy Policy. After electing one MLA, the party self-destructed by backing away from the necessity of Independence. This certificate refers to the B.C. Party, which still exists, true to the aims stated in the Certificate reproduced above.

Western Standard's Survey of Separatism

The media rarely speaks about Western Separatism, except to celebrate its demise or alleged demise. Such cannot be said about Ezra Levant's Western Standard magazine, which frequently treats the idea with respect. The National Post headline, dealing with the Western Standard's recent survey on the issue, was a sort of celebration for the federalist cause: "Support for Separatism Goes South" it roared in one inch letters (if inches are still acceptable measurements.)

The figures do indicate a decline in "strong" support, dropping from 20% to 14%, over all the West. The "soft" support, however, remained at 14%, making a respectable 28% to support separatism in one way or another, not much different than it has traditionally been.

To someone who has been advocating separation actively for many years, and naturally being sensitive to public opinion throughout the period of 1975 to 2006, I am not particularly surprised. People thought the West would get a fair deal under Joe Clark and Brian Mulroney. I well remember the federal election of 1984 when Brian Mulroney came to the Juan

de Fuca recreation centre. Seeing about 50 signs bearing slogans like "Free the West!" he roared to the crowd's approval that he would free the west . . . from the corrupt Liberals and Trudeau. It was not too long before the west wanted freedom from Mulroney and the corrupt Conservatives.

In the periods of a Western Prime Minister, the West is lulled to sleep. People have mostly short memories, and politicians count on this. How quickly they forget and accept who gave them, for example, the GST.

In Canada, the individuals just pay and pay, and the bureaucrats and the politicians just grow and grow in power and the brazen capacity to lie, cheat and steal. Every once in awhile, there is some issue that rallies Westerners to a realization that separatism is necessary, but between times, they tend to keep their heads down, work hard to stay ahead of their taxes, and forget that they could do something about any dissatisfaction they might feel.

Like the time of Trudeau and the NEP and Mulroney and the GST, you can be sure that a time is coming when Stephen Harper will do something equally unpopular but necessary to placate central Canada, and then once again we will change hats and carry on with the party. It will be the same old tag team match between the Liberals and the Tories. One goes out to take the blame for the measures the other wants to achieve, while blaming their predecessor.

In contrast to this, Western separatism is the mature road of individual responsibility and self-actualization for Western Canadians. The West needs a new and better way rather than trying to coexist in an institution based on graft

and corruption, where every stumbling block possible is put in the way of the producers.

Our destiny for now is to hold to the truth and speak it repeatedly and plainly. Our time may not yet come, but come it will. The West will soon sicken and tire of a pretend Westerner, whose constant, necessary placating of Quebec can only for so long be justified by the need to hang onto power, before some one asks, "What power." Quebec has power because and to the extent that it dares to separate. We have no need to negotiate. We have no need to surrender a destiny of prosperous freedom, if we chose to assert our God-given right to govern ourselves.

Nothing more is necessary. Nothing less is desirable. No matter what the current polls may say on the temporary popularity of an opportunist who has tied his wagon to the war machine and hopes for a victory where the mighty British army of the 19th century and the mighty Soviet army of the 20th century met their defeat. To place credence or hope in such foreign posturing and naivety is neither wise nor in the interests of Western Canada. Such popularity is bound to be short-lived.

Douglas Christie

Canada --- from an Eastern View

The following article is from the Website: Web Talk - Newfoundland and Labrador, found at: www.freenewfoundlandlabrador.blogspot.com/

For the Eastern perspective on many issues that are similar to those of Western Canada, check out this website. He has an archive of articles, and many interesting links that will broaden the knowledge of Western separatists.

The New Canada - 2 Provinces and 8 Colonies

By Myles Higgins, September 26, 2006

How is Canada still managing to hold itself together after all these years? It may sound like I'm asking that question facetiously but I'm not, not at all. Why has it not disintegrated, even though it should be obvious to even the dimmest among us, that Canada is essentially made up of two provinces and a cluster of territorial colonies. Let's face it, there are only two provinces as far as Ottawa is concerned and one of those has itself been flirting with hopping the next bus out of town for decades, so why not the rest of us?

Both the west and the east have no voice in what happens or where we are all heading in this Country. Oh, by the way, when I say "east" I'm referring to the real east, you know that little cluster of provinces just right of Quebec on the map in your kid's geography book. At least I think it's still included on Canadian maps, but you never know these days.

The only thing the governments of Quebec or Ontario have to do is yell loud enough about wanting a more lucrative equalization deal and "Poof!" it's done. Never mind that it means the rest of the Country will have to tighten its metaphorical belt. Hell, a few less dialysis machines in our hospitals and a steady supply of 1960's encyclopedias for the classrooms out this way might even be character building.

Looking for a huge federal influx of cash to keep your auto plant or aircraft factory from going bankrupt? Not a problem, as long as you're in big O or the mighty Q.

Do you need a few sympathetic judges

on the Supreme Court of Canada? Then you better hope you live in a place where the hockey players wear red jerseys and a big C on their chests because if you hail from a place like Newfoundland and Labrador you won't even find one. It's like the commercial says, Never had it, never will.

Simply put, Ontario and Quebec are the biggest kids on the block and every year they solidify their strangle hold on the playground in Ottawa. Don't get me wrong, I don't have an issue with those provinces using their political might to make things better for their people, in fact I applaud them. They'd be crazy not to use it. My problem is with a federal political system that nurtures two provinces at the expense of the other eight.

The only thing that exists outside these two behemoths, as far as Ottawa is concerned, is a vast empire of resources for their consumption. The rest of us are simply poor peasants (yes, even in oil-rich Alberta) who are meant to serve it up and smile while we do it.

Let's try seeing what Ottawa sees when they look at us shall we?

Newfoundland and Labrador – Petroleum, fish, forest products & minerals;
PEI – Lobster & potatoes;
Nova Scotia – petroleum, fish & coal;
New Brunswick – forest products and potatoes;
Manitoba – Wheat, wheat, wheat & more wheat;
Saskatchewan – petroleum & wheat;
Alberta – petroleum, beef & wheat;
BC – Lumber, fish & some wicked good weed;

That's it folks. That's all we are to the Ottawa elite.

I know, I know, I can hear you all out there in the great expanse mumbling that your province has more to offer than just that. You'd be right of course. We all do, but I'd love to see you convince the federal leaders from Canada's two provinces. Just try telling it to some MPs from the big two. I can see the expression of utter dismissal on their faces already. Just try telling them that there are people in Nova Scotia manufacturing products or in Newfoundland producing goods. I can hear the response now. "Yeah, sure they are. But beer in buckets in their basements doesn't count."

It's a harsh reality but that's all we are to Ottawa and we might as well face it. We're nothing more than resource-rich clumps of soil populated by ignorant serfs. We, the people of the wilderness are peasants who are expected to supply Canada (read "Quebec & Ontario") with raw materials, drink our homemade slurry and mind our manners while we wait for them to take something else that they want and we have.

So, I'll ask my question once again. How is Canada still managing to hold itself together after all these years? I really want to know because I'll be damned to hell if I can figure it out.

Oh, one more thing. I realize my commentary neglected to mention the Canadian territories but I figured they had been so forgotten by Ottawa that they might just prefer to be left alone. I'll be damned if I'm going to tell the feds where they're hiding.

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Why Not Become a Separatist?

Further to the previous article, Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams was quoted as follows in the media on September 28, 2006:

(Source: Canada.com) ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - "Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams said yesterday Canada would be wise to reduce its dependency on hydro electricity from Quebec because of the volatile politics in the province.

"Mr. Williams also said Quebec is attempting to obstruct his province's access to potential hydro-electric markets by planning developments on rivers flowing south out of Labrador into Quebec in advance of his province's hydro project farther north on the lower Churchill River.

"Mr. Williams told reporters outside the House of Assembly that Quebec's plan is to try to tie up capacity in an effort to restrict Newfoundland and Labrador from wheeling power through its grid system into other markets, such as Ontario.

"But Mr. Williams refuses to allow Quebec's hydro plans to cloud his province's effort to develop the lower Churchill River. Newfoundland and Labrador is considering spending as much as \$9-billion to increase hydro generation on the river, which flows east through Labrador into the Atlantic.

"I can't get concerned with what Quebec does and nor do I care, quite frankly, he said. We're not going to be governed in this process by what Quebec wants to do or doesn't want to do, the Premier said.

“Newfoundland and Labrador, he said, has moved swiftly by filing electrical power applications with regulatory bodies in both Quebec and Ontario, one province that is keenly interested in getting power from the lower Churchill River development.

“Mr. Williams stressed if his province doesn’t get the best deal possible, it won’t happen.” *(end of excerpt)*

Of course, the Quebec Minister reacted with disdain, saying that Premier Williams’ comments about Quebec were disrespectful and inappropriate.

Mr. Williams responded as follows:

“East doesn’t stop at Montreal and it doesn’t stop at Halifax, he said. East means that it will come all the way to Newfoundland and Labrador.”

“Newfoundland and Labrador is important to the energy supply of this country, he said, noting it would also be wise to encourage energy development in Manitoba and the territories.

“The more we can spread out our energy supply, it means that we won’t be totally dependent on Quebec for energy, which given the volatility of politics in Quebec, could be a very, very sensitive situation in years to come, he said.”

(end of excerpt)

Freedom’s Voice

“I see knowledge increasing and human power increasing. I see ever-increasing possibilities before life, and I see no limits set to it at all.”

--*Herbert George Wells, 1866-1946, Author*

“Mankind are greater gainers by suffering each other to live as seems good to themselves, than by compelling each to live as seems good to the rest.”

--*John Stuart Mill, (1806-1873) English philosopher and economist, Source: On Liberty, 1859*

“The First Amendment says nothing about a right not to be offended. The risk of finding someone else’s speech offensive is the price each of us pays for our own free speech. Free people don’t run to court — or to the principal — when they encounter a message they don’t like. They answer it with one of their own.”

--*Jeff Jacoby*

“Please understand my friend, that where you find yourself tomorrow is a function of the positive decisions and actions you take today.”

--*Akin A. Awolaja, Educator*

“He is free who knows how to keep in his own hands the power to decide at each step, the course of his life, and who lives in a society which does not block the exercise of that power.”

--*Salvador De Madariaga, (1886-1978) Spanish writer, diplomat, and historian*

Secession Movements Around the World

(The following article by Elizabeth Mahren, is from the Los Angeles Times of September 23, 2006.)

Secession — a Revolutionary Idea

Some in Vermont want the state to again be an independent republic. Yet many see the effort, however earnest, as only an intellectual exercise.

WINDSOR, Vt. — This is prime country-fair season, when villages roll out moon-sized pumpkins, maple-flavored everything and, here at Heritage Days, a manifesto on why Vermont should secede from the United States.

At a card table outside the tavern where Vermont first declared its independence in 1777, delegates from the Second Vermont Republic — a.k.a. the secessionists — looked just as comfortable one recent Sunday as the vendors selling goat's milk soap. The Free Vermont flag fluttered as fairgoers stopped to discuss whether their state should pull out of the union. It's this cool revolutionary thing, said Nicole Fusca, 21, who grew up in this southern Vermont hamlet. But there is no basis to it. It's something I can't take seriously. I'll joke about it, but it will never happen.

But Thomas Naylor — businessman, economics professor, author and Mississippi native — believes otherwise. It's not a question of 'if,' he said. The question is: When?

Though the movement for Vermont secession that Naylor helped launch nearly three years ago is little more than an intellectual exercise, it is entirely earnest. Its members argue that the U.S. government has lost its concern for individual citizens and small communities. They worry about global warming, the U.S. military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, unfair trade practices, and the tyranny of multinational corporations.

At a presentation for Vermont legislators some months ago, Naylor said: Do you go down with the Titanic, or do you consider other options while there are still other options on the table? State Rep. George Cross, a Democrat from the

town of Winooski, responded: Vermont should secede. I don't think it is probably a practical thing to do. But certainly there are principalities in the world that are a whole lot smaller than Vermont.

The 150 or so members of the Second Vermont Republic envision a country much like Switzerland — neutral and economically independent. They argue their cause at public gatherings and private events. Supporters march in parades and engage in political theater, sometimes reliving the early days when Vermont — like California — was its own republic.

Naylor was teaching at Duke University when he published his first article advocating Vermont's secession in 1990. Two years later, while researching a book called *The Search for Meaning*, Naylor and his family spent time traveling in tiny Alpine villages in Austria and northern Italy.

When his wife suggested that they find an American proxy for an Alpine village, Naylor said, the family moved to Charlotte, Vt., on the banks of Lake Champlain. With coauthor William Willimon, Naylor set to work on *Downsizing the U.S.A.*, a book that called for the peaceful dissolution of the United States. Vermont would lead the way.

The book went nowhere. It was in the middle of a huge boom. No one wanted to downsize anything, said Naylor, who had become wealthy years earlier as a software pioneer. But in secession, Naylor had found his mission. Kindred political souls — and in Vermont, many are willing to entertain ideas that might be considered eccentric elsewhere — gravitated to the Second Vermont Republic. This really is a good-natured cult, said John McClaughry, head of the Ethan Allen Institute, a nonpartisan think tank in Vermont.

Intellectually, they've got some horsepower, he said. But mostly this is the whole left-wing litany, seen through an interesting prism. Secession, said McClaughry, is not going to happen, and no one believes it is going to happen. We are not going to isolate ourselves into a little cocoon where we all milk goats and a windmill runs whatever electrical appliances we are permitted to have. Being a 10th-generation American, I really don't want to let go.

Naylor, 70, concedes that the notion of Ver-

mont striking out on its own may seem outlandish. Part of why we are so optimistic is the absurdity of it all, he said. What could be more absurd than tiny Vermont taking on the empire?

Still, his fellow believers proceed with determination, lobbying for a special legislative session to debate the issue. One obstacle the group acknowledges is the widely held belief that states cannot secede. After all, look what happened to the South in the Civil War.

Lincoln persuaded the public that secession was unconstitutional and immoral, Naylor said. It's one of the few things that the left and right agree on. We say it's constitutional — and ultimately it is a question of political will: the will of the people of Vermont versus the will of the government to stop us.

But the grass-roots secession campaign faces a major sales job. A recent study by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont showed that only 8% of respondents thought Vermont should separate from the U.S.

Karen Wynkoop, owner of an egg roll business in Montpelier, said breaking away from the rest of the country seemed counterproductive. My feeling is we should be moving more toward unity, said Wynkoop, 56. What would we be separating ourselves from?

Democratic state Rep. Ira Trombley, from Grand Isle, likened the mystique of secession to the mystery of Champ, a creature of legend said to dwell in the depths of Lake Champlain. It's a lot of fun to talk about, Trombley said. And if the secession movement feeds into the image of oddball Vermont, well, what's wrong with that?

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WCC and WBP News

The Western Block Party will hold its annual convention in November. Watch for your notice in the mail.

A Separatist Speaks

By Douglas Christie

A Long Range View for the West

The Internationalists once predicted an international one world government, where soldiers from one country would police the tax extraction from another country, but never from their own. The purpose was to inflict obedience on the world through exploiting racial, religious, ethnic and other differences. A Canadian soldier, it was reasoned, would fire on an Afghan Muslim more readily than on a Winnipeg Protestant.

This reasoning seems not only diabolically clever, but also perilously close to what is actually occurring. The New World Order sees no national boundaries with sovereign rights, only administrative territories, subject to control, regulation and tax extraction by an international elite whose power is above all nation states.

The destruction of sovereignty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, cloaked as it is in altruistic terms of helping the people to become educated and enjoy a functioning democracy, is merely made popular by such propaganda at home. On the receiving end of this help, is a very murderous and effective killing machine using all the latest in modern technology.

The question a Western Canadian should ask is the obvious one of whether this is moral and equally important, will it succeed? I suggest the answer is 'no' on both counts. The success of such operations is always foiled by the weight of human weakness and organizational limitations, and the morality is limited by the constant failure of power to do other than corrupt its recipients.

Every empire has failed to rule the world over time, for the same reasons, but most empires have enjoyed a certain ethnic, religious, linguistic, or cultural cohesion. The British Empire spread the language as far as Malaysia and yet in the end, it failed. The American empire is vastly over-extended with debt and ethnic diversity. But even the British and American empires were more homogeneous than the United Nations which has no common denominator of language, faith, cultural or moral values. Its only creation since 1948 has

been the state of Israel and world chaos elsewhere.

Western Canada must rather achieve a consistent, limited and restrained national destiny. The preservation of our land and culture, right here in Western Canada is glorious enough.

*Yours for independence,
Douglas Christie*

The Cost of Confederation -- The West is allowed to produce, without proper representation:



