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HELLO ALL (The Group of 7.360+ and arowind):

CANADA HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Avarice is an acid that ultimately destroys the avaricious. Greed overcomes common sense, logic and reason with fatal consequences. **Canada as we knew her is collapsing under irresponsible political leadership that fails to understand the greatness it inherited.**

Canada has always been considered a **treasury of resources** for men of means to exploit. The northern portion was **colonized** to exploit available resources, initially fish, furs and timber. Control over the **colonies** was initially in Paris (roughly 1608 to 1759) and London from 1763 onward.

London agreed to the **British North America Act** as it relieved London of an obligation to come to Canada's aid if the USA invaded. It took another 64 years before London relinquished full control over Canada in the **Statute of Westminster 1931**. Political power was now vested in **Ottawa**. What has not changed since 1763 is the notion that founded the Company of One Hundred, the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company; **corporate friends of government should be allowed to harvest natural resources for a profit.**

Political power was concentrated in Ottawa, and government friends still live in the TOM triangle (Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal). Over my lifetime, I have watched **Winnipeg diminish from a railway hub, grain exchange hub, packing house giant and aircraft maintenance hub into a once-was.** It is all gone; taken over by avaricious eastern investors. Packing plants that dotted the western landscape have **disappeared** and we now **export live cattle** to the US for slaughter and **import frozen carcasses** from the US for processing here. The **jobs in Canada have vanished** along with the value added GDP of processing our own produce. **Our world-class rail maintenance facilities were allowed to crumble and moved east.**

Our **aircraft hubs in Edmonton (once gateway to the North) and Winnipeg have been moved to Quebec,** which would hurt less if **Bombardier** was a successful enterprise and did not **require constant federal support unavailable to western Canada.**

Federal failure to manage our ocean fish stocks resulted in destruction of

the Atlantic fishery. Thousands of Atlantic families were left destitute with the option of starvation or relocation. There was a **mass exodus from Atlantic Canada to the west, primarily to Alberta**. The **Albertans and Maritimers** discovered they had the **same values; independence, industry, fairness, respect and responsibility**.

Federal governments that **allowed CNR and CPR to abandon spur lines** and sell of huge tracts of lands that had been given to those railroads to build transcendental rail lines without compensation **should be hung for treason**. There is **no valid reason** why those spur lines should not carry grain, cattle and natural resources to market and deliver finished good to depots along the way. We have **effectively lost rail passenger service west of Toronto**. **Via Rail is a disaster except in the TOM triangle**. Railroads that brought **hundreds of thousands of settlers to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta** when central Canada needed settlements to stave off potential incursions from the US can't run a reliable passenger service today?

Our **intercontinental highways and rail lines are a federal responsibility**. Rail and roads that connect Canada to inland ports or seaports are a federal responsibility. The spur rail line connecting **the transcontinental rail lines to Churchill is a federal responsibility** and should be able to handle any sort of traffic destined for a seaport. **All highways connecting the Trans-Canada** to US ports of entry are a **federal responsibility** and should be first-class divided all weather highways protected from flooding.

The **turning point** came when our government allowed rapacious **American investors to mount a public relation campaign to shut down our oil and gas industry**. Not only did **our government fail to protect Canada's interests but joined in the effort**, claiming without justification that our oil and gas sector was contributing to global warming.

Avarice has finally eaten up the federal government and its elitist friends. Trudeau has accomplished what no other Prime Minister in Canada has done. He forced us to look at Canada as she is; fresh out of the shower, unadorned by clothing or makeup and **she is not pretty**.

I have served Canada in various capacities as a proud patriot and have accepted the inherent risks without a second thought. **I loved my Canada including Quebec**. I have travelled from coast to coast and broken bread,

drunk too much wine, compared and debated all sorts of issues and ideas with people from every province. The lack of acrimony and the politeness and respect shown throughout is astonishing. **It pains me to admit that that is the Canada I once knew and loved.**

Our federal government, has abandoned everyone living east or north of Saguenay, Quebec and west of North Bay, Ontario. I am not going to waste time trying to reform a government system that is **beyond rehabilitation**. The denizens of TOM will resist change with the storm and thunder that huge financial assets and ownership of the media can muster. To those who think differently, **remember the oilsands campaign.**

I am a prairie lad through and through. I know prairie people and what they are capable of. Most of our forefathers arrived here from all over the world with what they could carry after a long and arduous journey to a strange and unforgiving place. They built crude shelters of **sod, trees and whatever lumber they could afford** to face blistering summer heat and unforgiving cold and wind in winter. They cleared forests and tilled some of the quarter section of land homesteaders were granted. Individually and collectively, they built, worked and prospered. They built churches, community halls, libraries, schools and hospitals.

When private enterprise failed to meet their needs or was too expensive, they created **credit unions and cooperatives** that provided banking, groceries, gasoline, grain elevators, hardware, insurance, lumber and other necessities. Profits went back to the member investors. Provinces took over hospitals and health care, but in so doing lost thousands of hours of volunteer efforts in fundraising, construction, landscaping and community pride in having a superior facility.

I have no doubt that Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Ontario and Saskatchewan can draw on their heritage and create a separate nation without the ethnic rivalries that dominate TOM and central Canada. TOM can blunder on with a diminished domain and spend a decade designing a new motto.

The prospect of the **Atlantic provinces joining us**, effectively land-locking TOM is intriguing. **Our current constitution, requiring us to sell our energy and other resources to central Canada at local rates less transportation**

and other resources to central Canada at local rates less transportation costs would no longer apply.

TOM cannot survive without us. It would have to compete with the West for investments and negotiate rather than dictate terms of reciprocal services and purchase of resources.

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: A Minister of the Federal Government recently told me of the adage - "**win Ontario and Quebec and forget the rest**". Unfortunately, I believe this is a **belief held by both the Liberal and Conservative parties**. The only way for "the rest" to get a voice in Confederation is to initiate a serious conversation. Alberta has for the 10 years up to and including 2017 funded 71% net, net, net of all Transfer Payments, \$24 billion per year on average - <10% of the population of Canada funding the other 90%. This is ~\$6,000 per year of after tax income for every man, woman and child in Alberta or \$250,000 per family of 4 over the last decade. This is not sustainable. Nobody wants to leave, but absent a renegotiation of revenue sharing we may have no choice. 25% of Alberta's natural resources are included in the revenue sharing formula and 0% of Quebec's - enough is enough.

2. From a Reader: Please consider signing up for emails from the Canadian Energy Network?
www.canadianenergynetwork.org

3. From a Reader: If our unemployment rate is so low and the economy is booming (?) why is our GDP crawling at 1.2%? What this tells me, is lots of people are working at something somewhere but no one is producing anything. If they were, our GDP numbers would reflect that. For example, the U.S. has an unemployment rate of around 5%, about a point lower than ours, but their GDP numbers are three times what ours are. Canada's economy is a paper tiger!!

4. From a Reader: Just a short note to say that I am troubled whenever Gerald Butts is referred to as a "friend, best friend, long time friend" of Justin. Regardless of what anyone thinks of Justin, everyone can agree that Butts is only using him for his own nefarious ends. He should only be referred to as Justin's Puppet Master, Puppeteer, Controller, Master Manipulator, etc. We should not imply that Justin has a mind of his own. That would just be wrong.

ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. JUSTIN TRUDEAU - CANADA BELONGS TO QUEBEC!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oA1yCIHMJwY&app=desktop>

2. THE NEW VIA RAIL SCAM

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-internal-documents-challenge-via-rails-business-case-for-extending/>

3. GWYN MORGAN: HERE ARE A FEW CLIMATE-CHANGE HEAD SCRATCHERS FOR CANADIAN VOTERS TO PONDER

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/gwyn-morgan-here-are-a-few-climate-change-head-scratchers-for-canadian-voters-to-ponder>

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We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. Alberta's energy sector is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately, that is not happening under our current Federal government!

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me.

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