

REES' Pieces

Smart and Aggressive, Not Likely

It's highly unlikely Canada will ever get smart and aggressive enough to get ahead of the curve. I don't mean to sound negative, but hope I am realistic and constructive. Yes, we're compassionate and caring, but with all our natural resources we don't do enough to become # 1.

Take for instance, we were either instrumental or certainly agreed to major assistance and payments to help Japan and Germany rebuild after the war. I'm not saying we should not have done it, but took at their economies now.

For years, we have been shipping crushed metal to the Orient to have it come back in the form of kitchen appliances, and almost anything else. If you wanted to buy chop sticks, where are they made? Where did the original log come from? Why aren't we processing our timber and shipping massive amounts of chop sticks to the larger markets which use them?

Alberta and British Columbia are at logger heads over a bitumen pipeline from Alberta's tar sands to BC for shipment overseas. If Canada is going to get a black eye from global environmentalists for the tar sands as Western Canada's economic engine, why don't we have both eyes blacked for building the refineries in Canada to ship finished product?

I'm not an economist, but I've always understood it's beneficial to produce a finished product rather than export the raw goods, then re-import the finished product. Shouldn't we be fulfilling Canada's energy needs then build bigger processing facilities to export the surplus?

I just read in the Globe & Mail a 400 Km pipeline is being proposed to ship one billion cubic feet of natural gas daily from shale fields in Ohio to a hub near Detroit to serve Michigan interests and then be fed into the Vector pipeline into southern Ontario, which will supplant Western Gas.

Canada needs to increase labour efficiencies to become a competitive leader. If we are not competitive, it's no wonder we have a struggling economy except automotive and Alberta's energy sector.

We need to wake up and pay attention to what is going on around us. Confederation happened in 1867, because Ontario and Quebec needed Atlantic Canada to survive. With confederation we ceded power to others.

Right now Atlantic Canada could be at the top of the heap, but we are not. Look at Newfoundland. Within 20 years it has become a "have" province, while Ontario has slipped to "have not". If Newfoundland can do it, so can the rest of the Atlantic region. We might be starting on our way, with the hydro development in Labrador and the electrical cable coming underwater from "The Rock" to Nova Scotia.

We can do it. We have the natural resources which everyone wants and needs. Let's not give them away. Let's be hard-nosed like several Newfoundland premiers. Brian Peckford set the tone for subsequent premiers.

Nova Scotia needs astute and devoted entrepreneurs to implement a plan. Government should empower them to produce 35,000 new jobs in the next decade, outside of Halifax.

If a "tax free" zone was established in Guysborough County, the Melford terminal would proceed instantly creating thousands of jobs. The coal areas from Springhill to Pictou and Antigonish Counties need to start extracting methane for energy.

With its thermal energy assets, Springhill should be much more industrial than it is. Let's persuade the federal government to use thermal energy in the Springhill Institution. That infrastructure could be the basis for industrial development. For example, greenhouses would be the most competitive in Canada operating year round producing the region's vegetables with surplus capacity for exports.

The Debert Park is an asset unequalled in eastern Canada, but development lags far behind its potential. Located elsewhere six months would have delivered what has been done in a decade. It could have rivalled Burnside.

Municipality of Colchester and Town of Truro councils should be ashamed, they have not been aggressive to create a climate for business in Debert to have delivered 1,500 - 2,000 new jobs. Those new jobs would have provided the synergy to attract even more business. Maybe the Debert Park should be a "tax free zone".

I wonder how many hours the two councils have deliberated on that topic?

Maurice

Letters to the editor

This is an open forum for your opinions and comments.

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Dear Maurice:

Sorry to part company, but as you no doubt gathered, I am in no position to do the news from Great Village, as shown in August. I am now at Wynn Park, a very nice place, attentive attendants and wonderful supervision.

I just wanted to tell you, I have enjoyed our arrangements over the past and will miss it in the future. Several people have told me they will miss my "wonderful" verses and suggested that I still contribute, which to me seems wishful thinking.

Anyway, best luck in the future and may you continue to prosper.

Regretfully,
Florence Adams.

Dear Mr. Rees:

My name is Camilla Marshall and I am the lady who called you about your tourism feature magazine earlier this summer. Sorry it has taken so long, but we have had three deaths in the family.

I really found it informative. In fact, I like it more than the tourism book. Some of the

features I like: it tells about the little out-of-the-way places, which I feel are just as important as the large places.

The little places seem to tell more about the history and people which gives is a human touch.

Please keep up the good work and if you need some names of other places for your paper, you can contact me.

Yours truly,
Camilla Marshall
New Glasgow, NS.

Open Letter to Canada Post & Prime Minister Stephen Harper
Hello,

I am writing to you in the hope that you might include my letter to the editor in your newspaper. I have been trying for more than 3 years to get Canada Post to issue a postage stamp to mark the Korean War 60th Cease Fire Anniversary next year, there is only one Canadian Korean War Stamp and Canada Post continues to say no to a second stamp. I feel that one stamp is just not enough and it is not fair to our veterans.

Thank you for your help, Guy Black

ARTICLE

Canada Post shuts door on the Korean War

An open letter to Canada Post and Prime Minister Stephen Harper

I have written to this newspaper along with a few others in order to make my plea public, and perhaps convince you (Canada Post) to reconsider your decision to say no to our veterans and it may move our Prime Minister to help.

I am unofficially writing on behalf of all Korean War veterans and for those 516 brave Canadian men that died during the war. Those buried on the Korean peninsula remain silent but they are not forgotten by me, their comrades, families and many others.

Canada Post represents all of Canada and the stamps produced each year play an important part in portraying Canadian life and history. Since the end of the War in 1953, only a single Canadian Korean War themed postage stamp has been made and you refuse to make another.

The war lasted three long years, and tragically saw the death of several million soldiers

and civilians from both sides of the front line. This world historical event involved many allied countries who fought for the first time under the United Nations banner and with a just cause, to stop a war. I ask you both now, the Corporation and Prime Minister, why will Canada Post not honour our veterans who succeeded in winning the greatest prize - peace.

Next year is the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War cease fire, and before it is too late when our veterans have all passed on, please reconsider your decision NOT to recognize this important historical event with a lasting national honour, a commemorative postage stamp.

Signed, Guy Black
Recipient, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation

Economy & Five Islands News

By Ruth Thompson

Linda and Olsen Field and family had a good trip the International Shell Festival in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Also Linda and Olsen along with Mike and children had a great trip to the South Shore. The highlight of the trip was they all went Whale Watching.

There will be Gym equipment, also on Mon and Wed night as well. It will be a good time for the community to get together to join in on some activities. Tuesday Morning there will be a Rug hooking demo and learning session

There was a great turnout for the baby shower for Amy Moore. Looks like it will be a girl with all the pink that was there. Congrats to the happy parents and the grandparents Eric and Debby. Charles Moore, son of Debbie and Eric will be home on October 1st.

I had a nice visit to Scarborough, Ontario to visit family and friends in July. The weather was real hot, but I enjoyed myself anyway.

I had the pleasure of having my friend, Eleanor Brown, and her friend, Sarah Dobbin, visit me from Lakefield, Ontario. Eleanor and I have

been friends for over 30 years. On Sunday, September 16th Eleanor and Sarah and I sang at both services, first in Bass River at 9:30 A.M. and 11 A.M. in Economy.

Fall is upon us and the students are back into school. Time sure has flown by. My

sister Helen paid us a visit on Saturday 15th. She is doing just fine.

I am back as reporter for the Shoreline. I would appreciate if you were to either call me at 647-2878 or e-mail me with news at: ruth.thompson@bellaliant.net

Activities have started at the Economy Recreation Centre. They are as follows:

Monday A.M Zumba;
Monday P.M Volleyball;
Tuesday A.M Shuffleboard;
Wednesday P.M. Badminton;
Thursday P.M. Bingo and
Mon/Wed/Fri. A.M.

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Dominion Chair Factory Store

BIBLE HILL:
C.W. Fraser Pharmacy
MacQuarries Pharmacy

DEBERT:
Barnhill's Superette
Debert Mini-Mart

FIVE ISLANDS:
Masstown Market Five Islands

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Glenholme General Store

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