

CANADA 150



An estimated 60,000 people packed Victoria's Inner Harbour from Ship Point to the BC Legislature for the Canada Day celebrations.

The 11-day, \$750,000 party culminated with July 1st fireworks lighting up the night sky.

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Orders of the Day was conceived, named and produced in its early stages by Bob McClelland, former MLA and cabinet minister, following his retirement from office. Hugh Curtis ably helmed this publication up through May 2014.

From the Editor's Desk

Well, I hope you all enjoyed Canada 150 because I can promise you that almost none of you will see Canada 200.

Donna and I went walk about with thousands of other proud Canucks up here in Campbell River. One must-see event that attracts contestants from far and wide is the annual log carving competition and this year carver Warren Little got into the spirit of Canada 150 with a historical milestone that should still be standing for the Canada 200 celebrations.

Again, in this issue, the back two pages are designed for easy clipping in order to purchase your tickets for the Sept. 22nd annual AFMLABC dinner at Government House.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the association so it should be quite a party. As you know, our guest speaker this year is Canada's iconic pollster Angus Reid. This issue features an article on some of the research his Institute has done into the legacy of faith and religion in Canada over the last 150 years.



Angus Reid Institute

The legacy of religion and Indigenous people

(Editor's note: On September 22nd Dr. Angus Reid will be the guest speaker at the AFMLABC 30th anniversary dinner at Government House. Angus brings with him a weighty list of credentials and credits. Through the 1980s up to 2002 he was Founder, Chair and CEO of the Angus Reid Group. In 2002, Angus started Vision Critical, one of Canada's largest cloud-based private technology companies. Angus stepped down in 2014 to engage in his original passion, public opinion research. "I really wanted to focus my remaining years on this thing we're calling the Angus Reid Institute," Reid says.)



Though the religions of the world are massive, globe-spanning umbrellas for people of faith, the bulk of people's interactions with religion – their own and others – occur at the community level.

It is through this local lens that a new national study from the Angus Reid Institute, in partnership with Faith in Canada 150, finds Canadians largely pleased with the contributions faith-based organizations have made to their local communities since Confederation. The development of hospitals, schools, and charitable organizations is widely seen as a positive force, especially by those inclined to embrace their own faith.

However, on a national level, the legacy of faith and religion in Canada over the last 150 years has been more mixed. Whether they are devoutly religious or staunchly atheist, Canadians agree that interactions between religious institutions and Indigenous Canadians – most notably the residential school system run largely by Christian churches – have been much more bad than good, and that reconciliation is paramount.

For generations, Canadian churches were largely responsible for managing the federal government's policy of forcibly removing Indigenous children from their home communities and sending them to residential schools.

Children in these schools were often abused and were prohibited from speaking their native language or practicing their culture. The policy amounted to a "cultural genocide" in the eyes of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. An Angus Reid Institute poll found 70 per cent of Canadians agreed with that characterization.

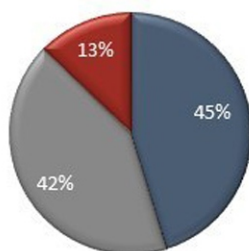
Though this history was deliberately not included in the first question in this survey about the overall relationship between religious and faith communities and Indigenous Canadians, the legacy of residential schools is clearly reflected in the respondents' answers. Canadians say religion's overall involvement with Indigenous Canadians over the last 150 years has been negative or very negative by more than a two-to-one margin.

When asked about residential schools directly, Canadians across all four segments (Non-Believers, Spiritually Uncertain, Privately Faithful and Religiously Committed) are overwhelmingly negative in their assessments. Even the Religiously Committed – though their views are softer than those of the other three groups – are three times more likely to say residential schools were a negative, than to say they were a positive.

Among the Privately Faithful, the ratio of respondents saying residential schools were negative or very negative to those saying they represent a positive contribution from religious groups rises to more than four-to-one. Among the Spiritually Uncertain, the ratio is more than ten-to-one, and among Non-Believers it is more than 64-to-one.

When assessing other types of interactions between faith communities and Indigenous Canadians – specifically non-residential education and poverty-reduction efforts – the Religiously Committed hold more favourable than unfavourable views, while the other groups remain more negative than positive.

What kind of overall impact would you say religious and faith communities have had on the development of your community over the years?



- Very good/More good than bad
- A mix of good and bad
- Very bad/More bad than good

Asked about the need for Canadian churches to work toward reconciliation with Indigenous communities, three-quarters of Canadians (77 per cent) say this is either “important” (37 per cent) or “very important” (40 per cent).

Notably, though they’re less likely to see harm in the past behaviour of religious communities, the Religiously Committed are the group most likely to say it’s important for religious communities to work toward reconciliation with Indigenous ones. The belief that reconciliation is important tops seven-in-ten across all groups, but reaches 84 per cent among the Religiously Committed.

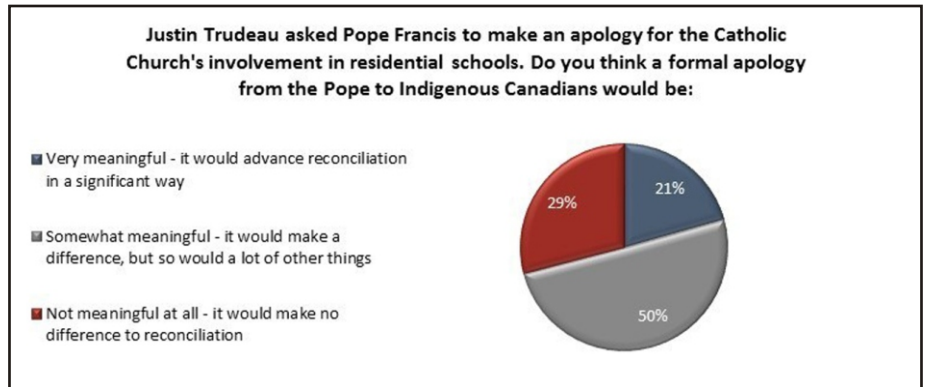
Asked to assess how Canada’s churches are doing on this goal of reconciliation so far, a plurality of Canadians (46 per cent) say they are not aware or can’t say. That said, twice as many think churches are doing poorly (38 per cent) as think they are doing well (16 per cent).

True to form, the Non-Believers are much more likely to think churches are

doing poorly, while the Religiously Committed are the only group that is more likely to think churches are doing well than to think they’re doing poorly in this regard:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently requested an apology from Pope Francis for the role of the Catholic Church in the residential schools policy.

Some one-in-five Canadians (21 per cent) say a papal apology would be “very meaningful” and advance reconciliation in a significant way. Another 50 per cent say an apology would be “somewhat meaningful,” while the rest (29 per cent) say it would “make no difference to reconciliation.”




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Political neutrality in the public service

(Editor's note: This speech - edited for space - was delivered by the Hon. Ted Hughes, QC, to the Victoria Branch of the Institute of Public Administration in Canada [IPAC] on May 7, 1996.)



Professors Hans Michelmann and Josie Steeves of the department of Economics and Political Science at my alma mater, the University of Saskatchewan, wrote a piece in Canadian Public Administration about the transition in the Province of Saskatchewan at the time of the defeat in the early 1980s of the Allan Blakeney government (NDP) and the assumption of power by the Grant Devine government (PC).

It was a time of some disruption in the public service of the province. It is a province, the professors noted, where the practice for the previous 40 years had been in line with the Canadian pattern practiced in Ottawa and most provinces, which reflected the assumption that the civil service is neutral, that it can and will serve political personnel of differing partisan persuasions.

The professors recorded that after the election that state of affairs did not continue uninterrupted. Rather than seeing the public sector as a vibrant progressive servant of the people, (the new government), while in opposition, was inclined to characterize it as an overblown leviathan, staffed with numerous political hacks, unaccountable to the people and given the proclivities of the [governing party] undermining the liberties of Saskatchewan citizens.

They reviewed a number of occurrences soon after the election and noted that:

"One high official, dismissed, one assumes, for the standard reasons of partisanship and/ or incompetence (no special explanation was given in his case), was quickly hired at his previous rank by his former department's counterpart in the Alberta government ..."

It was also reported elsewhere that at the same time several long-time employees who had not engaged in any political activity were terminated because, in the words of the government's counsel, in the many wrongful dismissal cases launched, the government had "lost confidence in them."

It was reported that a single law firm opened 400 wrongful dismissal files. One Crown corporation employee, dismissed for incompetence, sued. He received a satisfactory cash settlement and went on immediately to become vice president of a major trust company and within six years he was the CEO of a major company in the private sector.

The professors closed their submission with this summary: "The political process surrounding the Saskatchewan transition of 1982 has generated several implications for the future character of the public service. Both the breadth and depth of dismissals may make it more difficult to attract capable individuals for careers in the provincial public service."

What has prompted me to address this matter today is that my observation, across the provincial scene of our country in the 1980s and 1990s, leads me to the conclusion that the Canadian tradition of a neutral career public service is increasingly under challenge.

It is not out of control but the trend is there and therefore, in my opinion, it is time for a forceful initiative to reverse it; to restate the virtues of the Canadian tradition and to appeal to the reason and logic of our elected representatives so that they and the people they represent will appreciate that they all will be much better served by an adherence to the time-tested procedures of the past rather than moving step-by-step to gut one of the greatest safeguards of vibrant parliamentary democracy.

IPAC's statement of principles

In 1986, IPAC adopted a "statement of principles regarding the conduct of public employees". In the preamble the statement expressed the view that "high standards of conduct among government officials are central to the maintenance of public trust and confidence in government." Exactly.

The first of the two principles is entitled "Political Neutrality" and the second is "Political Rights."

Political Neutrality - *It is the responsibility of public employees to provide forthright and objective advice to, and carry out the directions of their political superiors.*

Public employees have a duty to carry out government decisions loyally, irrespective of the party or persons in power and irrespective of their personal opinions.

Political Rights - *Public employees should enjoy the fullest possible measure of political rights that is compatible with laws, regulations and conventions designed to preserve the political neutrality of the public service.*

Public employees have a responsibility to avoid participation in partisan politics that is likely to impair the political neutrality of the public service or the perception of that neutrality. In return, employees should not be compelled to engage in partisan political activities or be subjected to threats or discrimination for refusing to engage in such activities.

Political scientists repeatedly suggest that the answer to the problems and debates that arise is the maintaining of an acceptable balance between the two IPAC principles. For our academic friends, the issue is defining the appropriate distance that political rights can be allowed to extend without serious impairment to the principle of political neutrality.

Participation in partisan politics by public servants undermines the confidence which both politicians and the general public must have in the impartiality of the public service.

Politicians should be able to know, accept and rely on the fact that professional public servants will provide them with forthright and objective advice and will loyally carry out their directives and decisions.

If public service personnel have been partisan in the political sense, it is impossible for their political superiors, other than those of the stripe they have endorsed, to have confidence in the advice they give and the loyalty that they have pledged. Likewise, the public is entitled to the assurance that they will be treated fairly and impartially in all their dealings with the public service regardless of background.

Departure from political neutrality impairs the ability of the public service, at the time of a change of government, to communicate to a new administration that competent and experienced public servants are ready and willing to serve, offering advice of an impartial nature on matters such as policy options and with a commitment to the loyal implementation of policy decisions made by the political decision-makers.

Furthermore, if public servants are seen as players in the political process, this will lead to a replacement, at the time of a change of government, with those with whom the new administration feels comfortable and that inevitably will lead to politicization of the public service through the appointment of partisans who are on the side of the government of the day.

Once that happens, the revolving door concept is in full swing with wholesale replacements occurring when governments change. The end result of that will be a political public service without professionalism where merit moves to the back seat, morale tumbles with the accompanying disastrous effect that it has on production in the workplace.

Absolutely nobody is well served by such a result.

As I view the scene across the country, I see the imbalance of which I speak as being on the increase, ever so gently continuing to tip the scales. I am not alone in detecting what is occurring although, I am likely with far less company and perhaps quite alone in suggesting what I believe the solution ought to be.

I have no difficulty accepting the view of the Supreme Court of Canada that the degree of restraint which must be exercised on partisan political activity is relative to the position and visibility of the civil servant.

My views, however, go to the other end of the spectrum when it comes to middle management and above, including those who aspire to move into roles such as the development of policy options for government and with policy implementation responsibilities after elected members have made their policy choices.

I am not talking just about Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers. Rather, I am talking about those who hold the level of position today that attracts you to voluntary membership in IPAC. With several years of experience on my side as a deputy minister, I believe I know of what I speak. I know who you are and I know of the desire of the overwhelming numbers of you to faithfully serve with honour, integrity and due diligence whoever and whatever government the citizens of our province choose.

In my opinion, there is little room for participation in partisan political life other than as good citizens exercising the right to vote, as you all should do. The down side of active, partisan participation on your part can only be the weakening of a high quality professional public service.

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Former ADM Jim Walker has fallen to leukemia at 75

Former Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Walker passed away unexpectedly on June 20th at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. He was hospitalized on the 18th suffering from a very fast moving leukemia. He was 75.



A Celebration of Jim's Life was held at the Uplands Golf Club on July 12. Donations can be made to any of Jim's favourite charities: SPCA Victoria, Marmot Recovery Foundation, Nature Trust or Wild Life SOS India.

Marmot Recovery Foundation's Adam Taylor sent out the following notice to members: "It is with great sadness that we announce that Jim Walker, our Board Chair, passed away unexpectedly. Jim was a tireless advocate for nature. After his retirement from government, Jim continued to volunteer his time and expertise as a board member of the Marmot Recovery Foundation and the Nature Trust of BC.

"Jim had been the Foundation's Board Chair since 2006, and we will miss his steady leadership and gentle guidance. Jim had a special place in his heart for the marmots, and spent countless hours volunteering in the recovery effort."

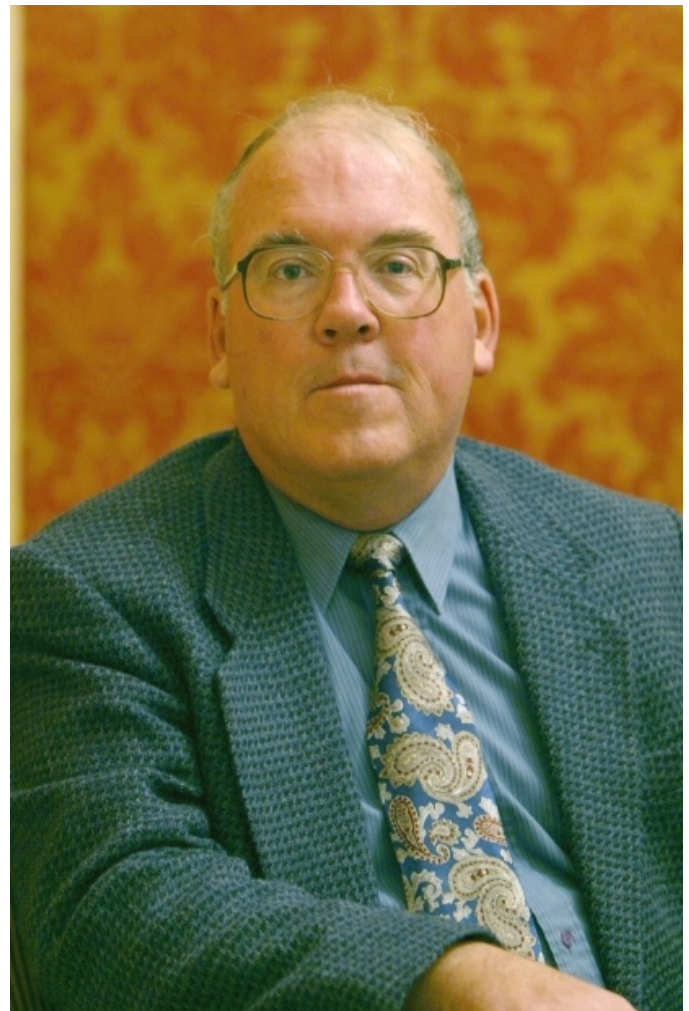
Jim Walker was known for his expertise in wildlife management and land-use management. He held several senior positions with the provincial government, including Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Protection, and Director of Wildlife. Jim was a leader in helping to develop a number of provincial initiatives, such as the Forest Practices Code, the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, the Clayoquot Land Use Plan and the Grizzly Bear Strategy. Jim was a volunteer director of The Nature Trust of British Columbia from 2002 to 2012.

Writing in the Vancouver Sun in 2013 Jim said: "My lifelong commitment to conservation spurs from my close association with nature during my idyllic, storybook boyhood on the famous Miramichi River in New Brunswick, fly fishing for Atlantic salmon. If this early intimacy and connection with nature is absent, will people still have an appreciation for the natural world and the importance of its preservation? Probably not.

"After hundreds of thousands of years in a close relationship with nature, people are now losing their connection with it and any appreciation of its inherent value.

"Urban dwellers who lack early exposure, intimacy and connection with nature will continue to see the environment as a 'hostile' entity that requires domestication. Without public understanding, support and proactive conservation efforts, our land will remain unknown and its lush biodiversity will, with time, inevitably diminish.

"I wholeheartedly believe we are capable of reversing this perception. While not without its challenges, The Nature Trust of British Columbia, its supporters and other conservation organizations, have set out to do just that through land acquisition, stewardship and continued community education. They welcome all the support they can get."



The ADM who saved Ogopogo

By Bruce Strachan

Members who served in the Environment portfolio during the 1980s and 1990s will remember Jim Walker well.

Walker served in the ministry for 28 years and retired in 2001 as the Assistant Deputy Minister - Fish and Wildlife. His dedication to wildlife protection and a better BC environment was significant. Jim's notable contributions included the creation of the Muskwa-Kechica management area, the Forest Practises Code and the Clayquot land use plan to name a few.

His creative talent shone through when he included Ogopogo as a protected species in the Wildlife Act. By way of background, in the summer of 1989 there was a report in the Sun and Province papers that a US news group was planning on visiting Lake Okanagan and combing the lake with a submersible camera complete with a harpoon.

Their intent was to film and possibly capture Ogopogo. Needless to say, this news did go down well in BC. I was minister at the time and talked to Jim to see if there was a way to put a stop to this potential harassment. It was an intriguing problem; how does one protect an animal that may, or may not, exist?



Jim came through with a clever solution crafting an addition to the Wildlife Act protecting "a vertebrate, over three metres in length, resident in Lake Okanagan, which is not a White Sturgeon." It worked, the US news crew called off the hunt and Ogopogo had a new status. Regrettably, a few years later a shuffle in the ministry saw Jim out of wildlife management and an ADM seriously lacking Jim's sense of humour and intellectual creativity had the Ogopogo protection removed. Jim returned to his ADM position within six months but did not add Ogopogo back to the act

That aside, Jim's quick thinking saved the day in the summer of 1989, raised awareness of the Okanagan and all its wildlife species - Ogopogo included.

Rest in peace Jim, and thanks for all you did to make our province a better and far more interesting place to live.

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When Irish eyes were definitely not smiling

By Tristan Hopper
National Post

In 2015, Ireland's Justice Minister Frances Fitzgerald attended a Dublin citizenship ceremony and proudly told 73 newly-minted Irish that "Ireland has never invaded any other land, never sought to enslave or occupy."

It's a uniquely Irish boast. On a continent jam-packed with invaders, the Emerald Isle is known to count itself as one of the few that has resisted the urge to charge onto foreign soil and plant a flag or two.

Too bad it's not true.

Go back 150 years to the frontiers of Canada, and you'll find no shortage of armed, rowdy, top-hatted militants who would beg to differ that they weren't an invading army of Irishmen.

"Canada ... would serve as an excellent base of operations against the enemy; and its acquisition did not seem too great an undertaking," wrote Irish nationalist John O'Neill, an architect of what are known as the Fenian Raids.

The plan was simple: Take a bunch of Irish veterans of the American Civil War, take over Canada and then tell Queen Victoria she could have it back in exchange for an independent Ireland.

The wildly optimistic planners of the scheme figured they would only need about two weeks to take over Kingston, Toronto and the other major centers of what is now Southern Ontario.

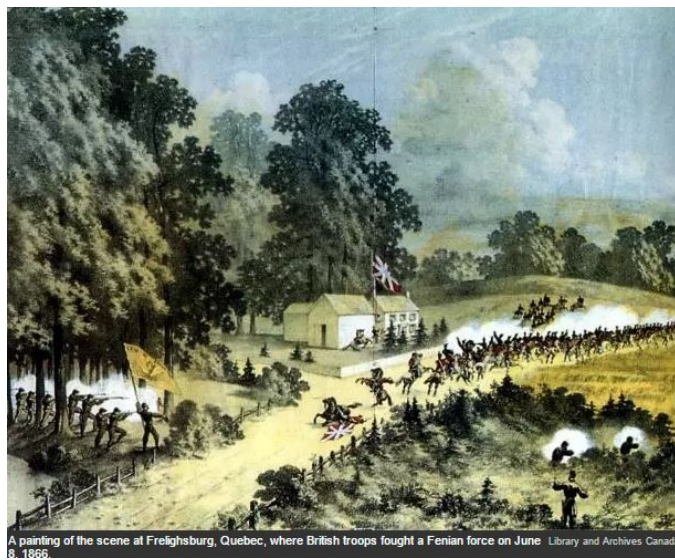
From there, they would commandeer some ships, slap together a navy, sail up the St. Lawrence and demand the surrender of Quebec. Then, once the Atlantic Coast was swarming with Irish privateers, the English would have to deal.

The invasion's organizers, the Fenian Brotherhood, even began funding the effort by selling bonds that would be promptly repaid by a future Irish Republic.

But like most rebellions throughout Irish history, the "invade Canada" scheme was big on romance but very deficient in strategic planning.

Although the Fenian Brotherhood had envisioned vast columns of battle-hardened Irish-Americans streaming into Canada, their peak showing was only about 1,000. Of those, many forgot to bring guns, and many more deserted as soon as they hit Canadian soil.

All told, Fenian conquests added up to little more than brief occupations of a customs house, some hills, a few villages and Fort Erie.



To worried Brits back home hearing the name "Fort Erie" and nursing visions of Irish forces over-running a mighty Canadian fortification, a letter to the Times of London quickly set them straight.

"It may relieve the anxiety of people to know that Fort Erie ... consists of a corn mill with a dwelling house," it read, adding that the "corn mill was burnt a few years ago."

And, unlike most successful conquerors, the brief rulers of Fort Erie ended up having to bum transit fare in order to finish their retreat.

After the U.S. government eventually got around to arresting Fenians massed on the border (staging freelance foreign wars from U.S. soil is illegal, after all), New York's Tammany Hall political machine put up the train fare to get the raiders back home.

And yet, the Fenians just kept invading. They invaded New Brunswick, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. For five full years, from 1865 to 1870, any Canadian who lived within a day's walk of the U.S. border would never be quite sure whether they might wake up to find that yet another Irish raiding party had taken over a post office. As early Canadians would never tire of boasting, the Fenians were often pushed back by hastily assembled militias filled with farmers who barely knew how to work a musket.

They were also pushed back despite stunningly bad leadership at the top. Future Canadian Prime Minister John A. Macdonald was serving as minister of militia during the largest raid in 1866. As telegrams poured in with updates about the rebel advances, Macdonald remained far too drunk to read any of them.

“Hypothesis A would be that he went on a bender from time to time and unluckily the Fenians chose one of those moments to invade,” historian Ged Martin, author of a 2013 biography of Macdonald, told the National Post in 2015. “Hypothesis B would be that he freaked out and took to the bottle.”

And yet, the 1866 Battle of Ridgeway - fought between Fenians and the first-ever all-Canadian military force - is one of only a handful of modern military victories won for the cause of Irish nationalism.

As the rookie Canadians began to retreat, they were chased off the field by a Fenian bayonet charge.

To be sure, the Fenians were not official “armies of Ireland,” a country that was then still part of the United Kingdom. But, the invaders can claim a direct line to the forces that established the modern Republic of Ireland.

The Irish Republican Brotherhood, a sister organization to North American Fenian groups, would ultimately stage the 1916 Easter Rising, an attempted armed takeover of Dublin.

The Fenian Raids had leaned heavily on the idea that once first blood was drawn, it would stir the hearts of Irishmen everywhere. Thousands of sympathetic Irish-Americans would pour over the border, Irish-Canadians would pull down the Union Jack and countrymen back home would be emboldened to stage a revolution.

The strategy ended up being dead wrong for a Canadian invasion, with some dissident Irish nationalists even saying that it would have made as much sense to invade Japan.

But, the “public sentiment” card worked wonders for the 1916 Rising. Although a military failure that was initially opposed by the Irish mainstream, the harsh British putdown of its leaders ended up sparking a wave of Irish nationalism that would see the Irish Free State established only six years later.

As for a Canada that was still relatively short of military achievements, it’s easy to forget the immense, over-the-top pride the young country took in dropping everything to beat back some ragtag Irish republicans.

Canadians of the era were so wildly pro-British that it was even known to creep out Britain at times. And for thousands in this sleepy, agrarian corner of the British Empire, it had been their chance to fight back what was soon being lambasted in the press as “barbarians” and “bands of plunderers.”

Better yet, it had been a stupendously cheap victory. In a testament to the poor marksmanship or humane sympathies of the combatants, the whole invasion was pushed back at the cost of only about three dozen Canadian dead.

There were patriotic songs, epic poems, gripping bestsellers and government grants of 160 acres apiece to veterans. For decades afterwards, a column of proud be-medaled Fenian fighters were a regular feature of Canadian parades.

As one particularly jingoistic poem put it, “your proud valour made them flee, and the wildest jubilee sound o’er our loved land again.”

(Tristan Hopper tells OOTD: “Lots of letters on this story, mostly from Irish people claiming that since the Republic of Ireland never declared war on Canada, my thesis is wrong. However, when it comes to Irish people bearing Irish flags and fighting Canada on behalf of Ireland, I think the benefit of the doubt favours me.)



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(The writers Ludmila B. Herbst, QC, is the assistant editor of the *Advocate* and Julie Nadalini is a colleague and library technician at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP, as well as a classically trained singer with a bachelor of music degree from the University of Victoria.)

The plaque beneath a magnificent copper beech on the grounds of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria provides one clue that more than the Legislative Chamber lies within. The plaque notes that the tree was planted, nearly a century ago, in commemoration of Ethelbert O.S. Scholefield, Provincial Librarian and Archivist 1899–1919.

Scholefield was part of a proud tradition of librarians of the Legislative Library of British Columbia. The Legislative Library is not a “law library”, principally in the sense that it does not collect case law. However, its vast holdings include resources on innumerable subjects that inform legislators in making laws.

The Legislative Library’s holdings also include records of the laws that have been made (statutes, gazettes, journals, regulations) and, particularly useful for the pre-Hansard era in British Columbia (that is, before 1973), a wonderful collection of “scrapbooks” that provide a window into the reasoning behind legislative enactments. These carefully assembled volumes contain sometimes very detailed newspaper reports of speeches from the Legislative Chamber as well as of events of the day. The contribution that the Legislative Library makes to the work of the Legislative Assembly and to the province was recognized in the decision to build a separate wing of the Parliament Buildings for library purposes. That separate wing was opened in 1915.

The library has a long history. It was originally established in 1863 to serve the colonial legislature. It was at first housed in one room within “The Birdcages”, the colonial administration buildings that were located on the same grounds as today’s Parliament Buildings. In “The Birdcages” books and other materials were assembled but not looked after by anyone. This unsystematic compilation and storage of materials continued even after British Columbia became a province of Canada in 1871.

This disorganized collection became dusty and dirty to boot, and lost much of its utility. At long last R. E. Gosnell, a former reporter, was appointed as permanent librarian in 1893, with Scholefield becoming his assistant in 1894. Gosnell apparently took a pitchfork and wheelbarrow to the task of cleaning up and organizing the collection. He sought to create “a useful library, one that would largely anticipate not only the requirements of the Legislative Assembly ... but [also] the enquiries of the Province at large.”

The library collection moved into the new Parliament Buildings when those structures were completed in 1898. At that time library staff also included Alma Russell, the first accredited librarian in Canada west of Ontario. As well, Gosnell instigated the establishment of the provincial archives, as he believed “a special department relating to British Columbia” should exist. (The provincial archives ultimately separated from the Legislative Library in the 1970s, moving across the street to the Royal British Columbia Museum.)

Ultimately, Scholefield (by that point in charge) realized that more than the two rooms allocated in the Parliament Buildings were required, and that a new library wing had to be built. He obtained a grant from then-Premier Richard McBride to fund that building project, and Francis Rattenbury, who had designed the original Parliament Buildings, was engaged for this design as well.

In September 1912 His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, then Governor General of Canada, laid the cornerstone for the new wing. A time capsule was placed within the cornerstone at the time (but as was learned in connection with 100th anniversary celebrations in 2015, it cannot safely be extracted). The “Connaught Wing” or “Library Wing” was opened in September 1915. Outside, the Library Wing is similar in appearance to the original Parliament Buildings, but is embellished with statues of notables from the worlds of literature, philosophy, exploration and government. Those depicted on its outside walls include Sophocles, Socrates, Dante, Shakespeare, Captain Vancouver, Captain Cook, Nootka Chief Maquinna, Sir James Douglas, Simon Fraser and Alexander Mackenzie.

Inside, the Library Wing includes a marble-walled rotunda, capped by a central glass dome curiously inlaid with a ship’s wheel. Immediately beneath the dome is a ring of “grotesques”—winged, mythical creatures that are the interior version of gargoyles. They include two with faces modelled on that of a young Queen Victoria, who had of course by then long passed away. Rumour has it that the patterned floor of the rotunda, with various handsome circles and triangles, may reflect Rattenbury’s Masonic affiliations.

The interior of the Legislative Wing also includes a Members’ Reading Room panelled with Honduran mahogany and a Gathering Room which, among other things, houses part of the Legislative Library’s invaluable card catalogue. Library staff still regularly uses the card catalogue to access historical newspapers and other materials.



As noted on the Legislative Library's webpage, the library's "primary purpose ... is to provide reference and research services to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, their staff, the Officers of the House, and legislative support staff". Indeed, the library remains open to those clients at any hour when the Legislative Assembly is sitting (which can lead to some late shifts for library staff!). Among the Legislative Library's heavily used resources are, predictably, its Parliamentary Practice volumes. Though generally members' preparation is undertaken well in advance, library staff may also be called upon to provide last-minute substantive information that is raised in the legislative debates.

While some MLAs use the library more than others, all of them are welcome in a non-partisan environment, whether to gather or to reflect. The reading material available to them includes not only the weighty matters described above, but also for occasional respite, a selection of other titles including fiction, cooking, gardening and travel. These titles primarily feature Canadian content (both subject matter and authors), but wider literature can also be found in the collection. In addition, the Legislative Library collection includes community newspapers to provide MLAs temporarily residing in Victoria a link to their respective communities. The Library Wing is also open to members of the public when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, though it is best to call in advance to ensure it is open for a visit.

Public in-person access is through the Main Entrance at the front of the Parliament Buildings.

The Legislative Library has a strong tradition of public service and engagement. It was the first provincial library in Canada to establish (in 1898) a travelling library service. Cases of materials were loaned for a fee (\$6 per case) to areas across the province without library services; materials were even loaned to ships. Library staff members were also among the volunteers for a Second World War service that sent books to armed forces stations throughout Vancouver Island; the Library Wing was essentially the headquarters of that service.

In the fine tradition of libraries preserving important works of all kinds for future generations, the Legislative Library also holds an important and impressive collection of rare books, some purchased but many donated. Those books include a first edition of Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan* and a complete copy of William Shakespeare's *Second Folio*. The latter is currently on loan to the University of Victoria.

The Legislative Library is a provincial treasure that should be celebrated. It is an important facet of making and recording law and, beyond that, it forms part of the province's rich cultural, social and architectural tapestry.

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CANADA 150



Bruce Strachan and Bev took to the water on Shuswap Lake July 1st and Bev captured a dazzling fireworks display presented by the Village of Sicamous.



Jeff Bray celebrated Canada 150 at sea, paddle boarding the placid waters of Cadboro Bay.



More than 5,000 people, in red and white T-shirts, created the Coast Capital Living Flag on the lawn of the Legislature. As their photo was taken, cheers erupted and the flag-waving crowd burst into an impromptu, uninhibited version of O Canada.



AFMLABC President Penny Priddy celebrated Canada Day with her grandkids Sam and Olivia.

Are female Pakistani legislators “proxies” for the elite?

By Adnan Akhter
The Express Tribune

A general perception ascribed to women in South Asian politics is that they belong to higher social strata and certain political parties, which aides their journey into the mainstream political arenas.

However, women in general still lack the opportunities to participate in the political arena due to a strong patriarchal system.

In Pakistan, a country where women constitute 48 per cent of 190 million people, there are numerous issues concerning women's rights. According to Pakistan's Economic Survey 2014-15, only 22 per cent of women are employed. They lack opportunities due to cultural and religious constraints.

The country's landscape rooted in forced marriages, acid attacks, honour killings and domestic violence incidents remains bleak for women in general. The Human Development Report (2015) ranks Pakistan at 147 on the Gender Development Index due to a marked increase in women rights violations.

Since there is a lack of representation and exclusion in the political arena, these issues tend to grow in number. In order to increase women's participation and representation in line with global commitments, Pakistan introduced reserved seats for women in parliament in 2002. However, the representation of Pakistani women remains under inquiry.

Historically, Pakistani women have struggled for citizenship and political rights. Although, they played an active role during the independence movement against British rule, only two women were elected in Pakistan's first constituent assembly (CA). As soon as the nationalist struggle was over, women were pushed back to their homes.

In the 1973 Constitution, the rights of female participation in all social, political and economic arenas were ensured. That led to the opening of government posts and services for them. Moreover, this was the first time a woman could be appointed as a provincial governor and the National Assembly's (NA) deputy speaker.

However, the situation reverted in the 1980s. This era saw the promulgation of the Hudood Ordinance, notorious for its lack of distinguishing between adultery and rape and its discriminatory enforcement against women.

In 2002, General Pervez Musharraf introduced mandatory women quotas at various levels of governance, 33 per cent seats reserved for women at the local level, while 17 per cent in both houses of the parliament. The



Women on reserved seats can only raise agenda items that are in line with their parties' or their party leader's stance.

implementation of quotas was seen as a positive step for empowering Pakistani women as previously women legislators never accounted for more than three per cent of the total representatives.

The concept behind quotas is that women are part of governments and legislatures. However, whether women on quota seats actually represent women is questionable.

A total of 60 seats are reserved for women in the incumbent 14th NA, which accounts for 17 per cent of the House. These women are often seen as “proxies” of the wealthy and elite families and hence do not represent the interests of the general female population.

Moreover, since there is no defined mechanism for the selection of women on reserved seats in the law, the perception is that political parties' leaders select 60 women candidates based on their own choice. These women either are mostly relatives of the men leading political parties or belong to certain families, thus leading to an “elite capture” of the reserved seats. In such cases, elite women who are favoured by political parties may also lack experience to represent citizens in legislatures. Exploring their personal backgrounds, a majority of women on reserved seats are either homemakers or social and/or political workers.

In a nutshell, it can be ascertained that some women in mainstream Pakistan's politics exercise strong influence in safeguarding women's rights. However, there are wider systematic, structural and societal issues that hamper their performance.

(The author is a researcher on parliamentary and electoral affairs. He has a master degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) – University of Sussex.)

Member News

Where Are They Now?

George Abbott facilitates sustainability review

Following through on a commitment at the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) Annual Convention & Trade Show, the provincial government announced this spring that George Abbott, along with his partners at Circle Square Solutions, would be the independent facilitator overseeing the Contractor Sustainability Review.

"We're pleased to have an independent facilitator with so much experience working with industry and communities," said David Elstone, TLA Executive Director. "The Contractor Sustainability Review is the most significant piece of work to affect timber harvesting contractors in almost 20 years and George Abbott is the kind of experienced person we need take on this challenge."

Abbott has had a long and distinguished career in politics and public service, serving in many ministerial positions. During his term in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Abbott worked with industry, environmental, and First Nations groups to complete the Great Bear Rainforest agreement.

"George Abbott's experience working with the forest industry through developing the Great Bear Rainforest agreement means he has the on-the-ground experience needed to facilitate the Contractor Sustainability Review," said Jacqui Beban, TLA President.

The TLA says: "Timber harvesting contractors are the economic backbone of BC's rural communities. Working to achieve contractor sustainability will allow independent timber harvesting contractors to earn a fair rate of return so they can continue to provide steady, well-paying jobs in BC's rural communities."

The TLA represents 480 independent forest contractors and their suppliers operating on the coast and accounts for close to 90 per cent of the trees harvested on the coast.

What else is George up to these days? He tells OOTD: "I'm very boring." That includes being a doctoral candidate in political science at UVic (all completed but his dissertation); director and chair of the BC Safety Authority and Institute for Health System Transformation and Sustainability (nonpartisan, non-governmental board appointment in both cases) and president of Circle Square Solutions working with former deputies from government on public policy issues.



Abbott says: "Circle Square Solutions provides strategic planning and consultation services through a team of experienced professionals from multi-disciplinary backgrounds. Our expertise at the highest levels of government enables our team members to provide a unique perspective in problem-solving, public consultation, stakeholder engagement and negotiation processes to arrive at decision-making that is both respectful, practical and successful."

"Our clients range from municipal, provincial and federal government agencies, including Crown corporations, associations, First Nations communities, and public and private sector organizations."

George served as Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and government deputy house leader from June, 2009 until October, 2010. He also served as Minister of Health, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services and Minister of Education.

While serving in the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's services Abbott worked with the UBCM to pass the Community Charter. He was awarded a lifetime membership in the UBCM for his work on the file.

Letters

In New Westminster, celebrating Canada's birthday, especially Canada's 150th, took on its usual patriotic motif in western Canada's oldest incorporated city and British Columbia's original Colonial capital. At a mere 158 years old it is still something of a 'big brother' to the nation of which it is a proud part. But, this time there is an historic, athletic 'twist.'

Honouring the fact that the game of lacrosse was first recognized in 1859 as Canada's National Sport, the "Royal City's" Canada Day celebrations organizers got together with the local lacrosse fraternity to ensure this 158-year-old sports designation was not overlooked on the occasion of the country's 150th national anniversary. After all, New Westminster is also home to The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

In addition to the traditional arts, crafts and performance events staged throughout the city on July 1st, local lacrosse players from a variety of age groups squared off for a series of 'demonstration' games on the playing surface originally adopted as the venue for the game, the grass (albeit artificial) fields in historic Queen's Park. A fitting, local tribute to the nation that has now also come of age at 150.

John Ashbridge
New Westminster

Brian:

Enclosed is my cheque for this year's dues, plus a little extra for 'Orders of the Day.'

It was a great tribute you put together for Grace McCarthy. Well done!

Regards,
Dan Peterson,
Abbotsford

Orders of the Day:

Enclosed is my 2017 dues - my apologies for being late. Keep up the good work.

Bill Goodacre,
Smithers

To OOTD:

Please find enclosed my 2017 dues. I always look forward to getting OOTD.

Dan Miller,
Victoria



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Len Norris



"And what did we do today ... play football in the mud or attend the legislature?"

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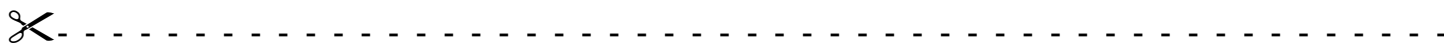
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Government House, Victoria**

***With thanks to Her Honour, Lieutenant-Governor Judith Guichon
you and your guests are invited to our 2017 Dinner.***

- Time: 6 pm for 7 pm
- Dress: Business attire please
- Cost: \$95 per person, taxes included.
- Special Guest: **Angus Reid**
Renowned Canadian Pollster; Founder of the Angus Reid Institute

This event is open to all. You and your guests need not be former MLAs. Join us for dinner and enjoy! *Please advise soonest.*

Please make your cheque payable to the **Association of Former MLAs of BC** and mail it to the address below. (If you wish, you may post-date your cheque, but **no later** than September 1, 2017). Sorry, no refunds after that date. If you have already reserved, thank you!



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I/we plan on attending Dinner at Government House on Friday, September 22, 2017.

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Official Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting **Friday, September 22, 2017**

Hemlock Committee Room
Parliament Buildings, Victoria
Commencing 1:30 p.m. sharp

Our Guest Speaker at the Annual Dinner

Angus Reid

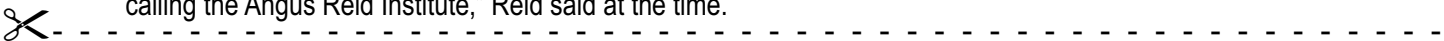


On September 22nd Dr. Angus Reid will be the guest speaker at the AFMLABC 30th anniversary dinner at Government House.

Angus brings with him a weighty list of credentials and credits. Through the 1980s right up to 2002 he was Founder, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Angus Reid Group in Winnipeg following his early career as a university professor. The company became the largest, most recognized market research organization in Canada with 300 staff and significant international operations. The company sold to Ipsos in 2000 and is now branded as Ipsos Reid.

Next Angus and son Andrew started Vision Critical in 2000. The company became one of Canada's largest cloud based private technology companies with 700 employees, \$110 million in revenue and offices around the world. Vision Critical online software powers the market research and customer insight programs of many of the top 500 companies worldwide.

Angus stepped down as CEO in 2014 to engage in his original passion, public opinion research. He saw big public policy issues, from youth voter-engagement to attitudes and understanding of energy projects and pipelines, begging for truly independent research. "I really want to focus my remaining years on this thing we're calling the Angus Reid Institute," Reid said at the time.



Additional guest names

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