

I speak only for myself.

I am a loyal Canadian who lives in the West. I do not regard myself as a separatist. I loved my Canada, I was content with a confederation of provinces, and with our fine democratic set of laws that have served us well for over a hundred years.

If there are separatists in Canada they are Ontario and Quebec. They are the ones that are being led by Trudeau out of traditional Canada. The moves to change confederation and to give us a new unasked for set of laws that entirely changes the nature of the Canada we loved and knew, all have been issued out of Ottawa.

It is Trudeau who is the separatist. He violently is lying to change our status quo, not requested by the people, but by manifestos, and issued from the top. He is separating us from the Canada we loved; Ontario for cheap gas, Quebec for preservation of their culture, are following the pied piper out of a fine Canadian federation. Because we cannot accept his dictates, he calls us the separatists.

I think it's time we looked at what Mr. Trudeau will take from us, besides taking our oil and gas revenue.

I've spent a lifetime being concerned for democratic rights and freedoms. Whether it was the dower act for women, the right to vote for Indians, the right to schooling for handicapped persons, and advised on Canada's position re the UN charter of rights.

My own special concern now is on our serious loss of rights under the new proposed constitution he is forcing almost unseen on us.

Trudeau by closure has prevented our elected members speaking on this matter in parliament. He has closed down the discussion with the premiers. The ridiculously brief, constitutional committee, has barely been given enough time to sit down and straighten out even its procedures. No expert individual's advice has been allowed, no big, and important group is being allowed to speak to them and if they do, like the Women's group, or the Canada West group they are harassed and insulted. Discussion of our rights has been stifled.

Trudeau is disregarding the West's concerns. A meeting of Calgary citizens would be a visual and clearly recognizable demonstration of the West's deep concern for not only its resources, but the preservation of Western Canada's basic democratic rights.