

Ontario

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I wish to tell you how much we in Western Canada appreciate your efforts in fighting the Constitution. You are doing a great service to Canada and to your constituents.

If this Constitution is passed it will, beyond a doubt in my mind, divide this country.

I have just finished a 20 city and town speaking tour of Alberta and I can assure you better than any so-called "Poll of Public Opinion" that the West will separate if this Constitution is forced on them. In what manner and when I cannot predict but the feeling grows daily. The Premier of Quebec has left no doubt in anyone's mind that he is prepared to lead his province out of the federation of Canada also. Ontario will, in that advent, find itself completely isolated and left with only an undemocratic constitution and no market for their goods.

Already in Alberta almost half the oil drilling rigs have left for the United States and I am sure will never return. Already, as the enclosed letter to the Premiers of Canada indicates we, the ordinary persons of the West, are now organizing boycotts against Ontario packaged or processed food goods.

We regret this action towards our fellow Canadians, but it is the only way we know to demonstrate in a concrete way what will later happen to Ontario in the future if the West is driven out of Confederation by this unvoted for and unwanted constitution.

I, myself, like many other born Westerners had a family that came from Barrie and Lindsay originally, and I was raised loving Canada.

Fortunately, however, I was also raised and taught to love Canada and love above all the democratic principles it stood for.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter we have had delivered to all members of the House of Lords in England which sets out the Westerners' position and, indeed, the position of all freedom-loving Canadians. Also, a copy of the "Alert". This paper has been circulated by the hundreds of thousands in Western Canada. If it would have any value to you, you have my consent to duplicate it or re-publish it.

Would there be any value in having the members from Ontario who are opposed to the Constitution prepare a written declaration to that effect and signed by them as a group. Such a declaration sent to England might show a mere majority of Ontario and Quebec members do not present a fair picture of the attitude of Ontario as a whole, as completely supporting Trudeau's Constitution.

We do thank you for your wonderful stand for freedom.

Sincerely,

RUTH GORMAN

Enclosures

P. S.

I am a mere independent Albertan and do not speak as a member of a separatist organization. As such I am able to appeal to the average Albertan who I am finding still loves Canada but whose hate for the Constitution and for Mr. Trudeau's flagrant disregard for Canada's economic welfare is clearly growing greater every day and is driving a permanent wedge between Eastern and Western Canadians.