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Above, Whitecourt MLA Oneil Carlier takes the hotseat for a Q & A session hosted by the Chamber. Frustration levels were high regarding job losses. See page 7 for more.

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From Sagitiwa to Whitecourt - A Salute to the Pioneers

The following was first published in these pages 10 years ago. I think enough time has passed to revisit the work. Like any good story, it is worthwhile reading more than once for old hands, and worthwhile introducing to new residents. Thank you to John Dahl and the late Vic Young for their help in obtaining original manuscript.

About the Author

By the late Victor Young, previous postmaster

John F. (Jerry) Graham was born in the village of Blairgowrie, Scotland on April 21, 1895. He immigrated to Canada in 1913, and was employed by the Imperial Bank of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The following year he was transferred to Saskatchewan. In 1915, he enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps, (the forerunner of the Royal Canadian Airforce). At war's end he returned to Saskatchewan, still in the employ of the Imperial Bank. A year and a half later, he was instructed to proceed to Whitecourt, Alberta to establish a branch of the bank here, arriving on March 6, 1920. He was to spend the next sixty-five years here. He married Wilma (Dolly) Torgerson, daughter of one of the early pioneers. They had one son, John.

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Above, an early band from Whitecourt and area, complete with violin, double guitars, washtub and saw.

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Mayor Chichak makes big push ahead of critical federal budget

Town Press Release - Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak joined municipal leaders from across the country last week to cap a historic effort to show the federal government that the key to building a better Canada with Budget 2017 lies in empowering cities and communities of all sizes.

Mayor Chichak met with fellow Board members from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Whistler, BC, to discuss the federal budget which will be released today. Their meeting follows two years of unprecedented dialogue between FCM and senior federal officials, cabinet ministers and the Prime Minister. At every step, the FCM Board of Directors has delivered a clear message: municipal leaders are ready to deliver cost-effective local solutions to national challenges—including jobs, growth and emission reductions.

“The road to a better Canada runs through our communities,” said Mayor Chichak. “It’s in our communities where we can build more affordable housing and spur economic growth - if this budget delivers the right tools.”

FCM’s recommendations for Budget 2017 include predictable, long-term allocations to launch the next era of public transit—with reasonable cost-sharing so local fiscal limits don’t hamper progress. FCM is also calling for major investments to tackle Canada’s housing crisis by protecting social housing and building new affordable homes. Lastly, the municipal leaders are calling on the federal government to support local green innovation and to implement a plan to spark economic growth in rural, remote and northern communities.

“When municipal leaders have a seat at the nation-building table, it’s Canadians who benefit,” said Mayor-Chichak.

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— Wendell Phillips

Mayors meeting on federal budget falls short

Regarding debt, it could be said there are three kinds. Good debt, which is a temporary obligation where funds are generally used for productive purposes; bad debt, which is for the things that are consumed and not really needed, as in much credit card debt; and then there is odious debt, which is debt that is unjustly imposed and often seems to be never-ending, absent some revolution. This last form of debt is imposed without the consent of the debtor, and includes basically all government debt.



On March 22, the Town sent out a press release (see opposite page) that reported on Mayor Chickak's attendance at a Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting. The essence of the meeting was a call for stable, predictable federal funding that included municipal infrastructure projects, affordable housing and green innovation projects. (The ensuing lame 2017 budget was described as a 'wait and see what Trump does' budget.

Stabilized funding is a laudable goal in that it will en-
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Cariboo Plan, Carbon Tax lambasted for adding to job woes

On March 31, Minister Oneil Carlier gamely fielded questions and heard commentary from an upset public during a Q & A hosted by the Whitecourt and District Chamber of Commerce.

The Cariboo Range plan was a particular sore point. Despite government assurances to the contrary, forestry industry participants pointed out the additional 1.8 million hectares added to the protected Cariboo Range is having a significant negative effect on forestry employment. It was alleged that this resulted in a 57% reduction from a harvest plan drawn up in 2011, leaving one to wonder how it could be imagined there would be little to no disruption in employment levels by the government.

Bureaucratic bungling seems to have added to the problem. Darlene Chartrand related how the uncertainty caused by the lack of a timeline has worsened the situation for their company business. A person from a major local employer related how his emails had gone unanswered and that areas that were assigned as replacement harvesting areas were uneconomical according to standard industry

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Wednesdays - Weekday Storytime @ 10:30, am. April 19 'Talk With Our Kids About Money Day'.

Thursdays - ESL 6:30 except for 20th, My Baby & Me @ 9:30 am Each Week. Teen Night 6:30 to 8 April 20th, Teen Movie Night @ 6 to 8 pm April 30.

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Town Council Update

Each year, representatives from local emergency service functions attend Council to provide a report on activities. At the March 27 Regular Meeting, Council received reports from the Whitecourt RCMP, Whitecourt-Fire Department and Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. Highlights from the reports include:

- The Whitecourt RCMP Detachment generated 4,490 files in 2016, which is down from 2015. Property crimes decreased in 2016 from the previous year. The Detachment continues to make traffic safety and the crime reduction program, which includes the habitual offender initiative, a priority for community policing.

- Members of the Whitecourt Fire Department responded with 11,670 hours attending calls, training, meetings and public education events. FireSmart activities and initiatives continue to be a priority for the Department, and the Department played an important role in Whitecourt receiving FireSmart community status.

- Municipal Bylaw Enforcement continues to assist departments throughout the organization, and will be re-starting community and event bike patrols in the coming weeks.

Plans for the 11th Annual Party In The Park are in full swing, with band announcements scheduled to be made on April 3. This year's event has been re-scheduled to June 16 and 17 to take advantage of the warmer weather and celebrate the summer season.

The Edmonton Eskimos are hosting a workshop at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre on April 12 as part of its northern Alberta tour. The tour includes a two hour flag football fundamentals workshop for local students in grades 4 through 6, and a fan event. The fan event will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Allan & Jean Millar Centre and will offer the public the chance to meet six of the Edmonton Eskimos and get autographs. Watch for further details on the Allan & Jean Millar Centre and Whitecourt Facebook pages.

Council has adopted Road Closure Bylaw 1527 which allows for the closure of a portion of 47 Avenue between 5004 47 Avenue and 51 Street (south of Canadian Tire). The closure will accommodate future consolidation and sale of adjacent lots in the area.

Whitecourt is hosting a public information open house on April 25 regarding proposed changes to off site levies. The event will provide information on off site levies, and the opportunity for developers, builders and the general public to provide feedback on the topic.

People used to laugh at me when I would say "I want to be a comedian", well nobody's laughing now.



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practice. At one point, it was alleged that only 73 cariboo were involved in a significant protected area and there was an offer from the audience to solve the problem with 73 bullets. Oneil pointed out that the Feds have expressed a willingness to work with the province on the Cariboo plan to minimize job losses, which one supposes is better late than never.

The carbon tax also came under fire, which is not surprising in that imposing an additional burden on an industry already hurting from low oil prices is a bit like kicking a cripple.

Government spending and debt and deficit policies were also questioned. Carlier pointed out that the spending was keeping the recession from getting worse, and that his government had saved \$400 million during negotiations concluded with a healthcare group. The WCB head also had their salary cut in half, down to \$450,000. The NDP plan is to balance the provincial budget by 2024,

The view from the Advisor is that government balanced budget predictions would be funny, were not so many people being hurt. For real solutions, we must change our fraudulent money system, wherein money is created as debt, at compound interest, out of thin air, by private institutions.

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1.) Slight wish: "vel ee i tee" 2) Manger model of Bethlehem; "kresh" 3) Flower; "a nem oh nee"

VOCABULARY

1) Wampum: food, weapons, ammunition, strung shells/beads 2) Wattle: waver, turkey throat skin, noisemaker, amount of electric power 3) Weal: welt, weakling, brandish, mind

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able superior planning. Even better is the push for funding to be given at the more responsive and accountable municipal level, rather than the provincial or federal level.

However, the mayors did not go nearly far enough. The result is the increased spending will result in a more disempowered citizenry, as is always the case under increased indebtedness. If the Feds had been responsive to the call for the municipal funding, it would have kept municipal tax rates from increasing to handle the necessary infrastructure investments. However, it makes no difference in regards to the liabilities of the besieged average taxpayer. The proposal might have removed a tax or debt obligation at the municipal level but it would add to it and quite likely increase it, at the federal level.

The Trudeau government is already well past the debt and deficit projections that accompanied their election campaign.

As was reported “[i]n February, Trudeau backed away from campaign vows to balance the public books before the end of his government’s four-year mandate and cap the deficit at \$10 billion. Those promises were central to the Liberal election platform. When the Liberals unveiled the federal budget in March, they projected a \$29.4-billion deficit in 2016-17, followed by a \$29-billion shortfall the following year and almost \$23 billion in 2018-19.”

What is worse, a little reported projection suggests that the road to serfdom could get rougher. Federal numbers released quietly by the Trudeau government predict decades of deficits. The report, published on the Finance Department website just before Christmas, predicts that the federal government could be on track to run annual shortfalls until at least 2050-51. This presupposes we continue down our current path in regards to how our govern-

ment finances itself.

If such a scenario plays out, the document says the federal debt could climb past \$1.55 trillion by that same year — more than double its current level.

At current debt levels, Canadians are paying about \$30 billion a year in interest payments to private banks at the federal level. The figure is roughly equal to what the government collects from the relatively new GST tax burden. The various provincial debts add to this bill and

Albertans will pay out about \$1.4 billion in debt servicing costs to the 1%, while the new carbon tax is designed to take it from the 99%.

The Town press release spoke how “[b]udget 2017 needs to empower communities like Whitecourt.” It went on to elaborate that “the key to building a better Canada with Budget 2017 lies in empowering cities and communities of all sizes.” However, adding

to the federal debt and deficit will have exactly the opposite effect of empowerment. The borrower is servant to the lender is an old maxim that is absolutely true. When the constituents of said cities and communities are put into yet more debt and yet higher taxes, they are increasingly disempowered.

Fortunately there is a way to have both stable, increased funding, and lower taxes and eliminate deficits.

Mayors should have called for more Bank of Canada Funding at FCM Meeting

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vate lenders. This included major projects such as the St. Lawrence Seaway and the TransCanada highway. It also made possible universal health care, old age pensions and tuition free postsecondary education.

The reasons given for ending the Bank of Canada lending are of 'the dog ate my homework' variety on the one hand, and in many cases, on the other hand, big lies that are the opposite of the truth. Suffice it to say, the graph below shows the results of eliminating the Bank of Canada as a government funding mechanism. Much has been written in the past in the *Community Advisor* regarding the Bank of Canada, including the ongoing lawsuit against this institution by the Committee for Monetary and Economic Reform (COMER).

What is more, the Mayors would not be breaking new ground in calling for more Bank of Canada funding. The City of Nanaimo was one of a handful of courageous Canadian municipal governments that put forward resolutions over the years calling for the Bank of Canada to do its duty, while many other councils debated the matter, before caving. A point to consider is that even if these proposals and resolutions have been unsuccessful in sparking a return to a partially honest money system,



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2. endorse the resolution prepared by B.C. Sovereignty as outlined in the presentation material as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Nanaimo must from time to time authorize the issue of bonds to finance capital projects that are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the citizens of Nanaimo; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Nanaimo recognizes the fact that the cost of interest for bonds issued to fund capital projects is a great burden on the taxpayers of Nanaimo; and

WHEREAS, the Bank of Canada has the responsibility and the authority to "regulate credit and currency in best interests of the economic life of the nation";

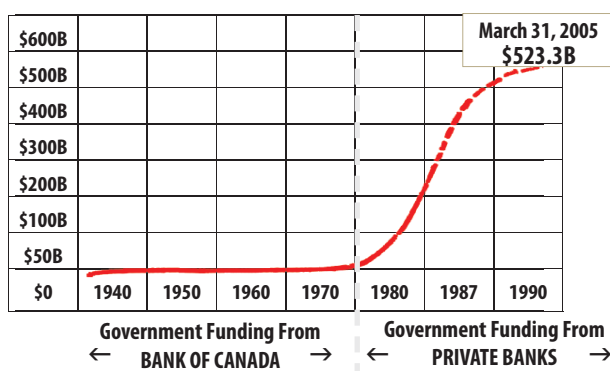
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo that it does express its support for the advisory petition which requests the Canadian Parliament to instruct the Bank of Canada to create and issue an interest-free loan to tax-supported bodies for the purpose of funding capital projects and for paying off existing debts.

Moved by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Rispin that the recommendations of the Standing Committee be adopted. The motion carried.

they do serve notice on the private banksters that they are not entirely hidden.

The upshot, is that the damage the fraudsters do is somewhat ameliorated, as interest rates are kept low, the better to assuage an increasingly aware and upset public. The ultimate goal of course is to create an honest money system that truly empowers the individual. There are many good designs out there, devised by accredited economists and lawyers. The best one I have come across is called binary economics. The details can be found at www.cesj.org. In the meantime, until better systems can be put in place, our job is to keep the heat on, however modest our resources. The FCM advocating for an increased role for the publicly owned Bank of Canada is one of these ways. Then they will truly be working to empower the citizenry.

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Oil Market Update

Having remained stable in the low US\$50s since December, crude prices plummeted by roughly 10 percent recently on concerns that recovering U.S. supply could derail the OPEC-led agreement to curb output.

At the centre of these concerns, U.S. commercial crude inventories have hit new record highs for the past four weeks; however, markets appear relatively more balanced across a broader group of countries.

Notwithstanding the recent decline in prices, it is worth noting that little has changed in terms of market fundamentals. In particular, despite U.S. shale production being somewhat more economic than originally thought with crude in the low US\$50s, world supply is likely to fall short of demand in the first half of the year.

Inventories swell in the U.S., but decline in other markets

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the start of the year. For instance, preliminary data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows crude inventories as having risen each week in 2017, and touching record highs the past four. On the other hand, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has reported falling aggregate inventories of crude and refined products since August of last year, with the notable exception of January. The end of March is showing prices again above \$50

The bottom line

The recent price downturn should be viewed more as an indication of market sentiment regarding the willingness of OPEC (and, to a lesser extent, non-OPEC countries such as Russia) to abide higher U.S. production, and less as an indication that the global supply and demand outlooks have changed significantly. While the production decisions of OPEC – and particularly Saudi Arabia – remain vital to overall price stability, current forecasts of fundamentals suggest that the gradual rebalancing of supply and demand should continue.

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Jerry Graham was “many things to many people”; Banker, Land Agent, Postmaster and Magistrate. He was also a World class traveller, and an accomplished poet

His manuscript, “Sagitiwa to Whitecourt” grows out of an experience both varied and rich. In a sense it is a reminiscence — a narration of the incidents and events within the range of his personal knowledge. It gives us a first hand knowledge of the early days of Whitecourt.

Sagitiwa to Whitecourt (Written 1970)

By Jerry Graham

The year was 1919, and older readers will remember the winter of 1919-1920 as one of the coldest and longest on record. Early in 1920, at which time the author was acting in the capacity of Manager at Springwater, Sask., he received a telegram instructing him to proceed to White Court, Alberta, and to establish a branch of the bank there. (Whitecourt was quite often spelt as two words in the early days). Being curious as to where White Court might be, it was only natural he should contact the local Agent of the Canadian National Railway for particulars.

Imagine his surprise when he was informed by the Agent that no timetable in the possession of said Agent listed any “White Court”. The Agent expressed regret at being unable to help, leaving the author with a telegram instructing him to proceed to a place, the location of which no one appeared to know!

Springwater was at that time, and very probably still is, a sleepy Prairie hamlet with an elevator or two, train service three times a week by mixed train, and as

was common at that time, our meals were supplied by a gentleman of Oriental extraction, whose Bill of Fare consisted almost entirely of beefsteak and pork chop, of which one or the other was almost always, “All gone”!

His apple pie however, usually left everyone in a happy frame of mind. While partaking of the latter, the author happened to mention that he had been transferred to White Court, Alberta, but had no idea where the place was, and unfortunately the C.N.R. Agent had been unable to help. A Scandinavian, whom the author knew as “Ben”, supplied the information, and assured the author he had been there. “Go to Sangudo, and drive in from there, maybe fifty miles or more”.

Now the mercury had been hovering around twenty to forty degrees below Zero (Fahrenheit) almost all winter and showed not the slightest indication of improvement, and one could readily think of more appealing assignments than that of driving fifty miles behind a team of horses. This mode of travel was understood when one mentioned “driving” in those days. However, having recently left the Air Force, where an order is an order, haste was made to comply with the order just received.

Through Saskatoon to Edmonton, where after a brief stop, the author boarded the all-day mixed train for Sangudo in a somewhat despondent mood, something the C.N.R. did little to dispel.

Nearing Onoway (half a day’s journey by the way) the train entered wooded country thickly treed with poplars, and the author’s spirits soared immediately. Have you ever gazed across the vast expanse of prairie at the setting of the sun, and wished that just one tree, or even a good sized bush would break the awful monotony?

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At the time Jerry Graham came to Whitecourt, the railway ended at Sangudo. Farmer's got their grain to market from Whitecourt and area by horse and wagon. Above, Delmar and Charlie Thomas waited until snowfall, so their teams had an easier time on the trail.

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Really, this was thrilling and the further we travelled, the density of the vegetation increased and game birds showed occasionally. This was better.

Picking up a supply of cash at Sangudo, and also investing in some heavy clothing we got wrapped up in the cutter, and set sail for Greencourt, a matter of twenty-six miles or so distant. The road, or one should say "trail" led through Rochfort, (the place was not called Rochfort Bridge at that time), a place named after Cooper Rochfort, a real colourful English character, or probably his brother. It came as no great surprise when the author later learned that Mrs. Rochfort was an artist of considerable ability with her canvases hanging in Edmonton and elsewhere. Talent is found in the most unusual places and as will later be told even Whitecourt, isolated as it was, was not found lacking.

West of Rochfort some distance we caught sight of the railroad under construction, possibly near where the Town of Mayerthorpe now stands, although there simply was no Mayerthorpe at that time, and no settlement of any kind. When the railroad did attract a settlement of sorts there, this settlement was known as Little Paddle.

Later, some time in the afternoon we reached Greencourt and checked in at Jeff Wardlow's Stopping Place. The difference between a Stopping Place and a Hotel has never been adequately explained to me, except that in the pioneering days it was customary to refer to all such places as Stopping Places.

But getting back to Jeff Wardlow, let it be said that everyone who passed through Greencourt knew Jeff, a kindly man with a ready smile and a wealth of understanding. He was always willing, and invariably able, to supply information about any part of the country west of Sangudo. In Mrs. Wardlow, who looked after the comfort of the guests and attended to the meals, Jeff had an excellent partner.

Having made arrangements with Jeff for transportation for the next leg of the journey, and having been assigned a driver known as "Shorty" Smith, the departure was being made the following morning, when a gentleman approached and asked if perchance he could ride with us. In this way the author met Pat Hardy, one of the most colourful characters ever to grace the Whitecourt scene.

Pat constantly advised Shorty on the correct procedure to adopt when negotiating what Hardy called "sidling spots" on the road, (places where the drifting of snow has piled the roadway full, consequently making it slope dangerously to one side). Everything went famously however, even through the Selleck Swamp, and we were approaching Lonira (our noon day Stopping Place) when Shorty momentarily forgot Hardy's advice. We slid down a sidling spot and upset. After reloading, Hardy again laid down the law insofar as it related to good driving, and we made Lonira and Curly Moore's for lunch.

The team having been placed in the barn and fed, we proceeded into Moore's. Now stealing was practically unknown in those days and we just left our bags, etc. on the sleigh.

However, having one bag with possibly eight thousand dollars in cash therein, the author decided it would be tempting fate too much just to leave it where it might conceivably go astray, so took it with him. Accordingly he entered Moore's carrying a grip. Now Curly had seen many a colourful character in his time and he certainly gave the author the eye. It was evident to anyone capable of reading his mind that he was saying to himself,

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"There's another strange one; scared he might lose his underwear." His curiosity was somewhat heightened when on going into what served as the dining area the grip was again picked up and placed between the author's feet when eating.

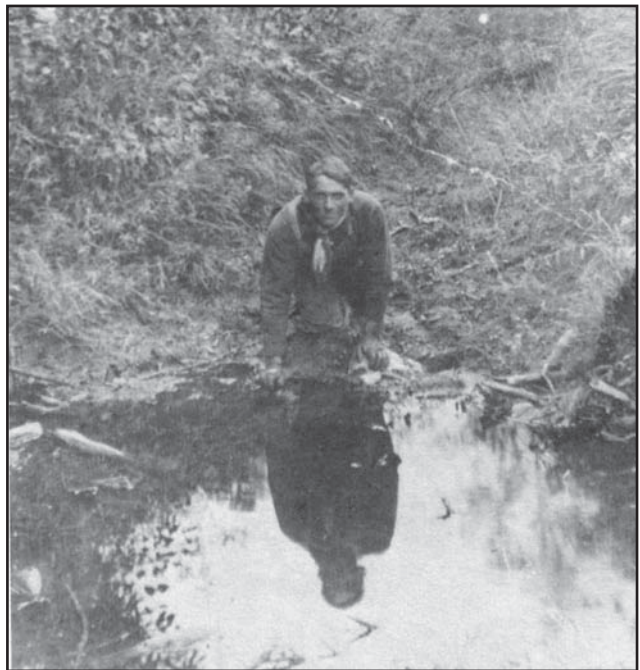
When finished eating (a most satisfactory meal served by Mrs. Moore) the grip was again picked up. By this time Curly was just about fit to be tied. To ease his tension somewhat and sidling up to him he was asked, "Say, how goofy do you think one can get and remain at large?" He was taken aback and stammered something like, "No, No", as any boy might if caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

He was then informed why the grip was considered quite important, and why precautions were being taken to prevent its disappearance. In later years when the author and Curly were both residents of Whitecourt, we had many a good chuckle about this episode.

The road over the hills, (almost in exactly the same location as Highway 43 now is, with some of the hills now being bypassed), proved too much for Shortie's

driving on two more occasions. We dug ourselves out of the snow, with Hardy vehemently declaring that should this happen once more, just once mind you, he was going to do the driving and from there on Shortie could walk. Considering Hardy was a non-paying passenger, this was something of a usurpation of authority, but the thoughts expressed coincided exactly with those passing through the mind of the author, and most fitting.

Shortie must have taken them to heart as nothing further in the line of trouble was encountered, and we arrived in Whitecourt on a cold Saturday afternoon around four o'clock. An effort will be made to give an account of what was found here, and what prompted the author, a few years later, to leave the employ of the Bank and remain here. Having been asked on many occasions if regret at making such a move had ever assailed me, let it be said that had the choice to again be made the procedure would be exactly the same.



A land agent getting a drink along Mink Creek Trails. Next month, Jerry Graham's Salute to the Pioneers will continue.

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It takes an honest money system to make a democracy

Editor's Note: In the February Advisor, a recap of the recent Canadian publication Beyond Banksters: Resisting the New Feudalism was published. The premise of the book is how to overcome the current elitist push to subvert democracy and return most citizens to a feudalistic state, under debt servitude. True, we have the technology to have relatively comfortable feudalism. Still, a human life spent under the yoke of a fraudulent money system and unpayable debt is a life that is robbed of much of its potential.

Dear Banksters Readers,

The Liberals' spring budget is now out, and just in case you haven't heard... every single member of Canadian Parliament now has their very own copy of *Beyond Banksters: Resisting the New Feudalism*.

We want MPs to read the book. Liberal MPs clearly need a lesson in the cost of privatization and in economic alternatives, and opposition MPs should be equipped for question period with details on asset-flipping, the stealth privatization agenda of the Canada Infrastructure Bank, and of course the background of Trudeau's "Advisory Council on Economic Growth" and ties to Blackrock, Bank of America Merrill Lynch etc.

Help put the pressure on! Call, email, or tweet your MP (and Liberal Cabinet Members) to let them know... that you know... they have the book, and you want them to read it!

Take it further... make these issues part of the national conversation!

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Mainstream Media In Collapse

by Paul Craig Roberts



Dr. Roberts was former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury and Associate Editor of the Wall Street Journal. He has held numerous university appointments

and is now shining a light into some dark corners. Dr. Roberts can be reached at <http://paulcraigroberts.org>

Few any longer believe the "mainstream media," that is, the presstitutes. This has put the presstitutes into a panic as they lose their value to the ruling elite if they cannot control the explanations in order to justify the self-serving agendas of the ruling elite.

To fight back against the alternative media that does tell the truth, a secret group, PropOrNot, as well hidden as an an offshore money-laundering operation, published a list of 200 websites accused of being "Russian agents/dupes."

"WikiLeaks is on Zimdars' list, which shows Zimdars' absurdity. WikiLeaks posts no commentary or news, only vetted documents,"

PropOrNot's effort to discredit truth-tellers was hurt by the site's anonymity.

Consequently, the next list appeared on the website of the Harvard University library, where it is attributed to a Melissa Zimdars who was an unknown in the media world. The websites on the list are also on the PropOrNot list, but those of us on Zimdars' list are no longer "Russian agents/dupes," merely purveyors of "fake news."

None of my readers agree that I provide fake news. Indeed, when I tried to retire, my readers demanded that I continue providing them with reliable information as they understand that the presstitute media consists of lies.

Now I hear from bloggers in France that the French newspaper *Le Monde* has posted a list of conspiratorial news sites, and, yes, French sites that translate and post my columns in the French language are on the list. It appears that the campaign against truth is being extended to the entirety of the American Empire.

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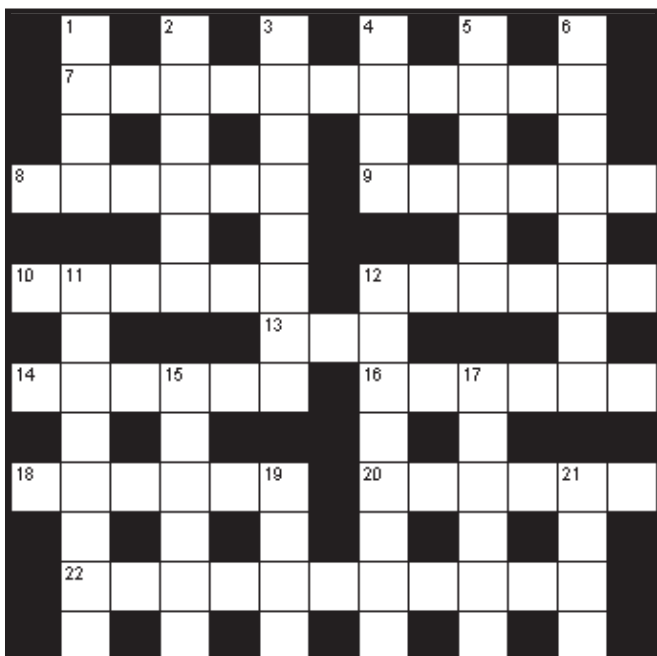
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Just as the *Washington Post* and the Harvard Library made themselves look ridiculous and had to put some distance between themselves and the lists that they publicized, *Le Monde* will also. Not only was I a columnist for leading French newspapers, such as *Liberation* (Paris) in the late 1980s and for *Le Figaro* (Paris) in the early to mid-1990s, but also I was awarded the French Legion of Honor by the President of France in 1987. The honor was personally presented to me at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., by the French Minister of Economics and Finance, and later Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur, at a grand party at which top level Reagan Administration officials attended bearing a letter from the President of the United States congratulating France for recognizing my contributions.

I have wondered if the *PropOrNor* list was a creation of the presstitute media, such as *CNN*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *NPR*, *MSNBC*, in order to protect their monopoly over explanations, or whether it was a creation of the CIA in an effort to protect the presstitutes who serve the CIA by controlling the explanations that gullible and ignorant people receive. I suspect that the list is a creation of the CIA or the Department of State. It is a desperate act by those who have lost credibility to keep control over explanations.

The Harvard Library website, perhaps in response to criticism, has now identified Melissa Zimdars as an assistant professor of communication at Merrimack College.

The library distances itself from the list by declaring it to be "an informal list." The library still has a link to Zimdars' list of fake news websites, but the link opens to something else. Stephen Lendman provided a copy of Zimdars' list on Global Research (Read Harvard's Fake Guide To Fake News Sites). Notice that WikiLeaks is on Zimdars' list, which shows Zimdars' absurdity. WikiLeaks posts no commentary or news, only vetted documents.

Ed - It gets sillier, if such a think is possible, in that the previous charge against Wikileaks was that it was endangering national security because the secret documents it released were real and true. There was never any dispute on the authenticity. The final irony is that the Wikileaks documents now being labeled fake news were written by the same establishment now calling them lies. In short, the establishment narrative is we lied when we wrote the documents, and then we lied about their release endangering national security. Now we are telling the truth. Cross our hearts.



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Monetary reform and religions

Editor's Note: The following is about a media effort in Quebec that has been spreading the truth about the money system since the 1930's, through the concept of social credit. Alberta has an interesting history here in that a past social credit Alberta premier, William Aberhart, was the only Canadian premier or prime minister in history to attempt to put an honest money system in place.

The piece emphasizes the relationship between justice in our money system and Christianity, as is to be expected from the Catholic affiliated organization that runs the presses. However, it would be remiss here not to point out that the essence of all major religions align with honesty and justice, as befits the various moral codifications meant to help a people live in peace and security.

The following is from the Michael Journal website, the Internet portal of the institution.

Excerpt - If you have come across this journal for the first time, by simply reading the headlines, you will immediately notice that this journal does not bring you the results of the last baseball game, the report of the third divorce or the fourth marriage of a star of Hollywood, or the latest holdups, murders, or road accidents in your area. Neither will you see in this journal advertisements from chain stores and supermarkets.

With only a quick look, you will have noticed that this journal deals with money issues, and that it also contains religious articles. The aim of this journal is very simple: to promote the development of a better world,

by applying Christian principles into society, especially into the economic field. This journal will denounce everything that goes against Christian principles or can threaten order in society.

This journal is called "Michael", after Saint Michael the Archangel, the leader of the angels who fought Satan and the rebellious angels. Saint Michael is the Archangel of social justice, who represents the triumph of good against evil. It also means that the apostles who diffuse this journal, the "Pilgrims of Saint Michael", are fighters who are inspired by this spirit of Christian justice. Moreover, the headquarters of this journal is based in Rougemont, Que., and the name of the parish church of this town is precisely Saint Michael's.

Some people might ask why the "Michael" Journal always speaks about the money question. Louis Even, the founder of this journal, wrote: "It is because every economic problem, and almost every political problem, is above all a money problem. We never say that the money

question is the only one to be solved, or the only one that must be dealt with. We do not even say that it is the highest one, but it is certainly the most urgent one to solve, because all the other issues come up against this money problem."

Consider all the different problems affecting society, and you will see that they are practically all related to money: governments trying to reduce their deficits and debts by cutting into services and increasing taxes, families that cannot make both ends meet, the murder of the unborn because parents cannot feed extra children, the selling of pornography and the exploitation of the human person to make a buck, the pollution of the envi-

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ronment to keep production costs low, etc.

It is for these reasons that Louis Even decided, in 1935, to spread the Social Credit doctrine — a set of principles and financial proposals that were set forth for the first time in 1918 by the Scottish engineer, Clifford Hugh Douglas, to solve the problem of the chronic shortage of purchasing power in the hands of the consumers. The words “social credit” means social money, or national money, money issued by society, as opposed to the present money that is a “banking credit”, money issued by the banks.

When Louis Even discovered the great light of Social Credit in 1935, he immediately understood how this solution would put into application Christian principles of social justice in economics, especially those regarding the right of all to the use of material goods, the distribution of the daily bread to all, through the allocation of a social dividend to every human being. A journal in French called “Vers Demain” (literally, Towards Tomorrow, for a better future) was founded by Mr. Even in 1939, and then a version in English, now called “Michael”, was founded in 1953. (A version in Polish exists since 1999, and one in Spanish, since 2003.)

Sudoku Answer

4	6	9	5	3	7	8	2	1
3	5	1	6	8	2	7	9	4
7	2	8	9	1	4	3	5	6
6	7	4	1	2	3	9	8	5
9	8	2	7	4	5	1	6	3
5	1	3	8	6	9	2	4	7
8	4	7	2	5	1	6	3	9
2	9	5	3	7	6	4	1	8
1	3	6	4	9	8	5	7	2

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4x4
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1100CC, 4x4
2008 Joywer



105,000 km
2005 Kia Van



V6, 5 spd
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Mint 800CC
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V6 Auto - Low KM's
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Low KM (Mint)
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4x4
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w/Trailer
1987 International



Divided Auto
2002 Ford V8 Cargo Van



4x4
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600 E-start
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20 ft
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2006 Frontier



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