

Canada at 150 Needs Renewal

THE NEED TO BUILD CANADA ON THE NEW HISTORICAL BASIS

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Canada Day 2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Confederation established by the Royal Proclamation of 1867. Today, Canadians face the necessity to enact a new Constitution to replace the one used to found Canada in the conditions that prevailed in 1867. They need to provide Canada with a modern constitution that abolishes the Royal Prerogative on which the present Constitution is based. They need a constitution that vests sovereignty in the people and gets rid of the police powers which maintain privileges in lieu of rights.

A modern constitution for Canada is needed to end the colonial injustice and old arrangements suffocating the Indigenous peoples. Such a constitution must implement the principle of nation-to-nation relations. It must recognize Quebec's right to self-determination and recognize the rights of citizens and residents by virtue of being human. It must provide these rights with a guarantee and a modern political process and forms of governance where members of the polity have a say and control and practical means to hold to account those in government.

A modern Canada and constitution are needed to stop the nation-wrecking of those who have submitted the country to the decision-making power and empire-building of foreign powers and financial interests, supranational trade

arrangements and U.S.-led military alliances and wars. Canada needs independence so Canadians can develop modern human relations amongst themselves and with all humanity.

Canada needs a Constitution that recognizes the rights of all human persons by virtue of being human. It requires a modern political process based on equal membership in the body politic. The renewal of the political process is required so that citizens and residents can directly decide the matters that concern them and affect their lives, solve problems and take up in earnest the humanizing of the social and natural environment.

Canada also needs an anti-war government that makes Canada a zone for peace and demands that problems in international relations are solved without violence and war.

History calls on the peoples of Canada, Quebec and the Indigenous peoples to establish modern arrangements amongst themselves based on a free and equal union of sovereign entities. The challenges are great but the present conditions beckon us all to be up to the task to build a bright future where the rights of all are guaranteed.

Let the working class constitute the nation and vest sovereignty in the people with a modern constitution that builds Canada on the new historical basis!

All Out to Build the New!

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