We have it, but we're greedy

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS Herald Commiss

In my imagination I have roamed the world, in reality I have not strayed very far. Paying off a mortgage and raising three children, I discovered, does not allow one to exactly spread their wings and explore the wonders this little earth has to offer.

There was a marvellous five-day boat trip from England to the shores of North America when, 27 years ago, I arrived as a young immigrant, full of wonder and excitement over this new home my parents had selected. Then there was a short plane flight between Buffalo and Toronto some years later and a one week visit to Montreal (whose cosmopolitan flavor delighted me) and Ottawa on our honeymoon - and that just about sums up my worldly adventures.

I can clearly envision, however, the glory and majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliant blue gems of their hidden lakes and rivers and, in my imagination, I can almost smell the salt breezes as they blow in off the rocky, wild shores of Newfoundland. By closing my eyes, I can hear the plaintive, wild calling of seagulls, drifting on outspread wings over the described, sandy, driftwood-strewn beaches of British Columbia.

FLY OVER . In October, I am going to fly over three-quarters of this country to Vancouver, a flight that will take five hours. a time span in which you could cover most of Europe. Only then, I am sure, will the full scope and vastness of this magnificent country become apparent to me.

The barely habited reaches of northern Ontario, filled with forests and lakes; the plains of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with thousands of square miles of wheatfields that burn gold under a summer sun and endless cattle ranges to supply a nation's food supplies. Westward to the booming cities of Afberta, reaching finally to the foothills of the Rockies and then, soaring up and over into the sheltered magnificence of British Columbia.

We do indeed have It all; water, lumber, industry, wheat, beef, oil, fish and beauty for the soul - a sum total of assels that must have the rest of the world envious.

Why then, must we be so devisive? Why so provincially, small-mindedly greedy, when we are so interdependent one with the other, for what we should be gladly dispersing to fellow-Canadians?

While I cannot pretend to understand the workings of governments, I question the emphasis on all this multiculturalism nonsense. I do not wish to be considered an Anglo-Canadian, my husband does not want to be labelled an Italian-Canadian. We are Canadians, period. Our lives are here, our children were born here and, while we will always remember the countries of our origin with fondness, this is our home and whatever future we may have left will also be here.

MERELY SYMPTOM?

Is multi-culturalism merely a small symptom of multi-provincialism? Will we just sit apathetically back and watch the day dawn when we will also be called Albertan-Canadians, Ontarian-Canadians? Is that what we really want for this marvellous country that has been so naturally blessed?

When are we, a mini-nation with an inheritance of wealth, energy and youth sufficient to lead the world within our grasp, going to stand together and firmly declare: We are Canadian, we are privileged, we are one!

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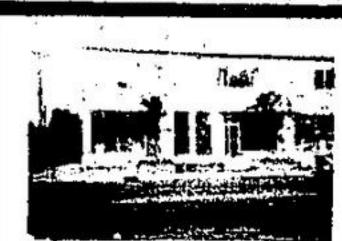
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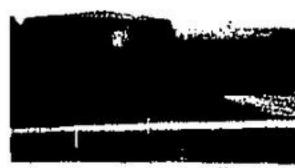
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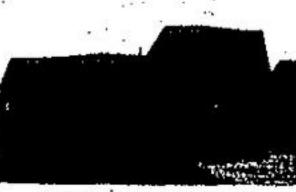


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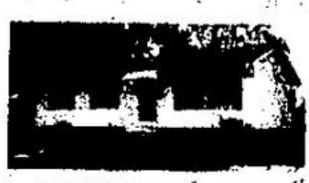


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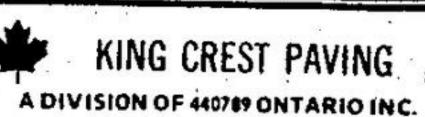
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