

PQ member says

Separation could mean violence in Ontario

If there is any violence in Quebec's bid for independence it is apt to come from Ontario, not Quebec, according to Gerald Godin, a member of the Parti Quebecois and a former Quebec journalist.

Godin was speaking at Sheridan College Thursday afternoon.

Asked if he really felt separation without bloodshed was possible Godin said he is confident that will be done. "If there is violence it won't come from us."

Godin suggested that Ontario Premier Bill Davis said no to an economic association with Quebec, that could lead to violence in Ontario.

He said Ontario's economy is based largely on the automobile and if no cars were sold in Quebec it would add 2,000 people to the unemployment rolls in Ontario's car industry alone.

Godin claimed that if that happened violence could break out as part of a backlash against Quebec. The only other area where he could envision violence would be on the part of the Canadian Army, if soldiers were sent to Quebec.

Godin said the aspirations

of the Parti Quebecois were often grossly misrepresented in the English media.

"It is often presented in the form of radical surgery, with Quebec wanting to remove the heart or an arm from Canada."

"We don't want to break the economy of Canada. That's why we want an economic association with the rest of Canada," Godin said.

Godin said his party and the Quebec government wanted to control its own destiny and wanted full control over tax dollars raised in Quebec.

One student suggested that all of the money that is raised in Quebec actually goes back to Quebec in the form of programs anyway and so Quebec shouldn't gripe.

Godin acknowledged that the federal taxes raised in Quebec return there, but emphasized the fact that Ottawa wouldn't listen to Quebec's needs.

He claimed the Mirabel airport was foisted on Quebec by Ottawa. "We told them we have an adequate airport in Dorval and didn't need another."

Even after Quebec resigned itself to having an airport it

didn't need, the federal government insisted on the current location instead of one preferred by the province.

According to Godin, the decision to build the airport 35 miles away from the centre of development in Quebec was a catastrophe for Quebec.

The decision forced 12,000 people off prime agricultural land that had been farmed for years and took about 120,000 acres out of production. Because of the location, Godin says Quebec will now be forced to spend between \$300 and \$500 million on highways to serve the airport.

Godin cited senior citizen housing as another area where Ottawa had foisted its

will on the province.

"Because our application was eight days late they refused us \$63,000,000 that we needed to provide housing for our senior citizens. They think that by being rigid in Quebec they'll pick up votes in the rest of the country. They are roughing us up. They did it with the war measures act, they did it with Mirabel and they did it with our housing grants."

Godin said the constitution should be scrapped and Quebec and Canada should sit down together as two nations and determine what services could be shared and handled from Ottawa.

He said Quebec would be prepared to contribute

towards Air Canada, a common defence policy and "we could keep the Post Office—for what it is worth," he said.

"But we want control of all of our money. We don't want to have to go to Ottawa every time we want something. We don't want anymore Mirabels," he said.

He claimed Quebec needed a yes to the question of the referendum and indicated that it the Parti Quebecois didn't get a yes the first time, it would try again.

Godin said Claude Ryan is "stupid" to tell people to vote against the referendum and argue that Quebec could get what it needs without separation.



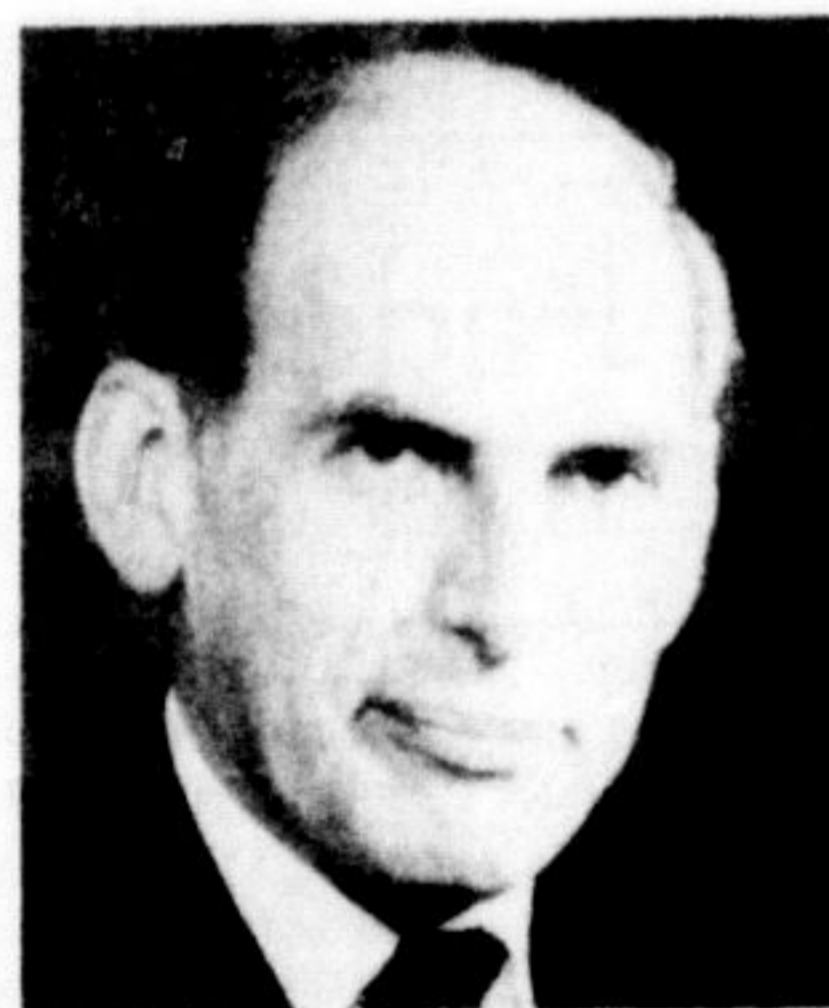
GERALD GODIN, Parti Quebecois MLA for Mercier County, discussed Quebec's aspirations with students at Sheridan College Thursday afternoon.

Jack Pemberton heads Royal

Jack Pemberton, president of C.A. Pemberton & Co., Ltd., Toronto, was elected for a two year term as the 23rd president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, according to an announcement by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. He succeeds Reford W. Gardhouse of Milton in this capacity after two years as president, two as vice president, and four years as a member of the executive committee and the board of directors. The role of vice president has been assumed by David B. Weldon of Toronto and London.

Educated in Toronto, Mr. Pemberton raises cattle and horses in Esqueping township and is well-known as a collector and competitive driver of horse-drawn vehicles, including antique carriages. As president of a family business started by his father 50 years ago, he distributes processing equipment and supplies to the food industry in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Pemberton is currently a member of the Board of Governors, University of Guelph, a director, Canadian Equestrian Federation and a past president of the Carriage Association of America. He is



Jack Pemberton

a former member of Halton Museum Board.

Another neighbor, S. G. Bennett, has also been president of the Royal.

General manager is John Moles who lives near Acton. This year's fair will be November 9 to 18.

—The sugar bush demonstrations at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre were popular with visitors over the March break.

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Be sure to visit McDonald's this Sunday for an Egg McMuffin breakfast. You're in for a treat, and the Cancer Society will reap the benefits.

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