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And they will, for we are too polite to let them know that their misplaced nationalism has been allowed to exist because of the rest of this country's willingness to allow Quebec to be different and to take pride in that difference. On their own, as a separate country, Quebec would have to harmonize with its trading partners in language and culture just as the rest of Canada is presently doing. No concessions will be made for their Franco-phone sensibilities and sense of uniqueness. They will be too small a country to defend against the encroachment of the American culture around it.

A child who runs away from home eschews the right to parental protection, economic support and the property of the parent. Why should Quebec be any different than an errant child? Why should it expect any more support than that child?

Well it should make for an interesting fall. Should the yes side win in the Quebec referendum, and it is hoped it will, will such referenda become a way of life for the next hundred years to be taken ever less seriously. Who knows. Maybe in the spring, the rest of Canada should hold a referendum to decide whether to keep Quebec and see what loyalties arise as a consequence.

Change is a must in the life of any community, for one as small as South Marysburgh to one as large as Canada. Change means we are growing and strengthening, developing our potential with the resources at hand. If it stops, a country or a community dies. We have an amazing community in a wonderful country, let's help it grow.

- Bev Walker

**Life is what happens while you're making other plans.**

## THANKS

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We have had a wonderful response and would welcome any ideas you might have for an article, story or opinion on any subject that you think would be of interest to our readers. So do let us hear from you - Just Call 476-3798.

- Des Marcille

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