

Crown Won't Translate French Documents

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Dear Editor,

In response to the September 26th article in a local news paper entitled "Lawyer upset that Crown won't translate French documents" This is obviously nothing new. I learned from personal experience when I was assaulted by an individual from Quebec who requested the trial be in French. The only translation I received was a highly paid translator whispering a portion of the proceedings in my ear, half of which I could not hear and was most often unable to have repeated. I was informed the reason for not supplying full translation was it would be too expensive. That never appears to be the case when court proceedings and documents are translated from English to French.

The Anglo Society of N.B. commends judge Lordon for bringing this discriminating issue to the attention of New Brunswick tax payers. If this service is available to one language group it should also apply to the other.

There is one issue mentioned in the article that I and the Anglo Society disagree with when Judge Lordon referred to Canada as a bilingual country , which it is not.

How can Canada be a bilingual country when one province " Quebec " with 22% of the population refuses to have anything to do with official "forced" bilingualism on the grounds that it's too expensive and would siphon much needed revenue from essential services. We are still witnessing the N.B. language commissioner yanging about the need for more bilingualism "French" in management positions.

How much longer can this small province with a limited tax base continue to provide duplication at an ever increasing rate? In other words run two provinces on one public purse. Could the long range plan be to convert N.B. into a unilingual French province following Quebec 's example? One can easily determine that the political machinery works, because it is a united minority acting against a divided majority.

By what right does a minority force it's language on a majority?

Sincerely,

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