

# Forced Bilingualism a Major Cause of the Mass Exodus to Points West

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Dear Editor,

For quite some time our elected representatives have been racking their brains on what to do about job creation in this province.

As we are aware their focus has been on shale gas exploration and promoting the idea of a west to east pipeline hoping to curb the continuing exodus of young talented New Brunswickers to the western provinces and abroad.

There is little or no focus on aiding small businesses and entrepreneurs that have always played a major part in employment.

Even if any of these projects were to develop chances are slim that it would benefit English speaking job seekers based on continuous discussions on the street and in the coffee shops.

Some have mentioned that when answering help wanted ads, even for such jobs as \$10.00 per hour light housekeeping work, one of the first questions asked is, "Are you bilingual?" In one particular instance, when an applicant answered no, the individual replied, "then you are wasting your time and mine" and rudely hung up.

This is something job seekers never expect to encounter in so called "friendly New Brunswick", but be assured it does and is ever more frequently since bilingualism has been forced on us citizens. Several others have reported being treated in a similar manner.

We are constantly being told by the Federal and Provincial language commissioners, that regardless of cost and discrimination to unilingual New Brunswickers it is necessary to help preserve the minority French language. Obviously a P. Trudeau Liberal's appease Quebec policy.

Only a chosen few and those imported from out of province to fill some of the designated bilingual jobs stand to benefit, while many of our native English speaking sons and daughters are forced to board the next bus or plane heading west.

It is a blessing for an individual to be bilingual but a curse for a society to be bilingual.

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