

# THE EASTERN EGGPLANT

## *The real facts.*

### **The Hypocrisy of Summit News**

*Crawford Passy & Ethan McCready Branch*

The Summit News recently posted an article on their website addressing the topic of cyber bullying, denouncing those that hide behind their screen and use it a virtual shield. Summit News has made it clear that they do not condone any actions that may be interpreted as negative or hurtful towards others. Summit news states in their article, simply titled *Cyberbullying: "Saying hurtful things does not make you cool, or relevant or even liked."* The profound irony in this article is the double standard that The Summit holds against all other parties as they too have played the villain in a series of now mostly deleted Instagram comments ridiculing the Eastern Eggplant. If you want to get on your soapbox and start preaching anti-bullying messages you shouldn't be bullying people on your instagram account. An absolute farce.

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thesummitnews18 wastes paper... not very innovative

The editorial's credibility further tanks as the frequency of grammatical and spelling mistakes increases the further you read. The audacity of Summit News' team to slander the good name of The Eastern Eggplant whilst making a mockery of themselves is a testament to the lengths that some will go to attempt to discredit a superior news source.

### **Federal Government Puts Forward Motion: A New Health Accord**

*Ethan McCready Branch & Natalie Mallet*

The federal government has put forward a motion in the health ministry to invest 3 billion dollars into a new health accord to provide financial support to the following areas:

*Improving mental health treatment, specifically for Indigenous peoples, first responders and veterans.*

1 billion of the 3 billion dollars will be allocated to this part of the initiative for community and in school programs, subsidized mental health training for those in indigenous communities, and to invest in making online treatment available for those living in remote communities.

*New palliative care framework in response to Canada's aging population.*

1.5 billion dollars will be allocated to this part of the initiative to subsidize education by reducing tuition costs for college programs in the fields of palliative care and nursing as well as advertising palliative care as a career path for high school students. Some of this money will also be allocated to invest in palliative care infrastructure in underdeveloped communities (such as new hospices, care homes, and subsidizing their costs in locations such as maritime provinces and indigenous communities). This will also include financially incentivizing palliative care professionals to do their co-operative education and work in underprivileged communities.

*Policy Changes*

0.5 billion dollars will be set aside for supporting other endeavors

### **Can we Focus, Please?**

*Jie-Soo Park*

In the immigration ministry, tensions are high as representatives are moving from topic to topic with no concrete resolutions being put forward. Delegates from Quebec are moving from revisiting refugee policies to testing immigrants and assimilating them into Quebecois culture. Being productive means working together to solve one issue at a time, in great depth; not jumping from topic to topic. The refugee policy needs to be amended and fast. These are real people whose lives are in the question and require

help. Arguing about "how to deal with immigrants" is not going to help anyone.

### **A Province Divided**

*Gracen Pitre*

Through the years it would be natural to assume that Quebec is politically split down the middle. What comes unexpected is when Ontario presents a major internal conflict. Approximately 38% of Canada's population lives in Ontario, generally making them the trendsetter of the nation for laws and rights. This makes it all the more troubling to hear the internal conflict the province is having under Doug Ford's government.

In Ontario's official position papers they strangely do not refer to themselves as "Ontario", but rather "The Ontario PC Party". In this light, their minister of environment credits all decisions made on the environment to the Ontario PC Party, or perhaps of one man. What Ontario might be surprised to know, is that Canada is a democracy. This means that any decision made by the government; provincial included, should be a representation of the people, and the members of government. For some reason, Ontario's minister of environment Brandon Richards does not believe that Ontario's PC Party, which was democratically elected, represents Ontario. If they did, then why not refer to the provincial government as "Ontario"?

*Laziness*

Ontario has a number of plans that in theory will benefit their economy and their environment. In reality they have no numeric facts, and no details wrapped together in a barely coherent, less than one page position paper. Ontario gives a stunning, whole 2 sentences on the subject of carbon taxation, vaguely mention "air quality programs" on the subject of water protection, and use the Canadian Green Investment Bond to instead talk about

The Eastern Eggplant nuclear energy. As a whole, their environmental position paper completely avoids the environment.

Before going to Fed-Prov, Ontario needs to reevaluate their commitments and learn Canadian law. Whether this opposition paper speaks for the province, or the work of a lazy deviant is yet to be determined. Either way, something is wrong in Ontario.

## **Consensus on Indigenous Education**

### *Paige Sweeney*

The Federal Government effectively facilitated a progressive and collaborative discussion this morning regarding education for Indigenous youth. As stated in their position paper, the Federal Government will be allocating \$750 million annually to promote and establish educational institutions on First Nations reserves. Delegates respectfully posed questions and concerns relating to the education of Indigenous youth, and the Federal Government responded to the best of their abilities.

At times, the delegations from provinces and territories had to be reminded of which matters fell into provincial jurisdiction, as opposed to federal. Some delegates raised concern with regards to language programs in school curricula, the measures enacted to ensure effective learning environments and the number of elementary and secondary schools in Indigenous communities. Increased focus on Indigenous history, and educators teaching in First Nations communities was also mentioned, and were met with reminders that education is a provincial matter.

This topic of discussion was concluded with a motion for federal agreement on “\$750 million yearly investment into Indigenous educational organisations and institutions throughout provinces and territories”, with specific focus on refurbishing schools, investing in post-secondary education, and providing Aboriginal Languages Initiative funding. Ministers from every province and territory, as well as the Assembly of First Nations, have signed this document.

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## **Opening Statements: The Best of the Best and the Worst of the Worst**

### *Nicole Baltag*

This morning at Fed-Prov, there was a good turnout in audience. We had very impressive opening speeches from guest speakers. Once the ministers began their introductions, all seemed to have an interesting, engaging outlook. Ontario kicked it off quite nicely, stating all their stances within the topics very clearly. Shortly after Ontario's very concise liberal points which come up with a majority of agreement, Quebec stumbled in quite roughly in a primarily French introduction. With no regard to a bilingual greeting, Quebec only cared to switch to English much too further on in their speech, unlike other provinces who decided to show off their bilingualism. Quebec typically didn't care to acknowledge their anglophone community and instead focus in on preserving their French culture, refusing to cooperate until all supreme courts are bilingual. Although, I'm almost sure that had to be a Freudian Slip, and what Quebec really meant to say was, “until all supreme courts are fully francophone”. Another significant introductory speech came from New Brunswick who really did try with a French introduction, however, had their speaking skills backfire on them completely. Manitoba came in strong, well that is, strong and selfish. Just like Nova Scotia, Manitoba had quite the ego. Finding themselves such vital provinces and failing to find any common ground with the federal government. British Columbia took a brave approach, not taking a single glance at their notes and delivering a speech with the utmost confidence. However, they seemed to simply just “support” everything and lack emotion and frankly, devotion, in what they were saying at all.

Finally, what we've all been waiting for, the discussion of the downfall of Prince Edward Island. Receiving quite the mutual judgement from the crowd. PEI's minister had a long and unintelligible speech. Hopefully, Prince Edward Island can pick themselves up from quite the fall, but that seems highly unlikely. On the exact contrary, Alberta made quite the

performance. Relating the passion felt in their cause to a beautiful quote, winning over a majority of the audience.

The territories and Assembly of First Nations delivered similar speeches in preserving first nation culture and feeling welcome on a land that is already theirs. Honourable mentions to Saskatchewan and Newfoundland for engaging speeches. Although it should be to Newfoundland to pay attention to other speakers and perhaps prepare the night before instead of right during the conference so a speech lacking any provincial stances on the topics can be avoided.

Overall, intriguing introductions from the ministers and especially the prime minister who wasn't afraid to crack a joke or two to relieve us all from the unbearable pain that was PEI's speech.

## **Fake News and the Disregard of Quebec's Opinion**

### *Natalie Mallet & Ethan McCready Branch*

Quebec's voice is not being properly heard by both the Federal Government and The Summit and the Federal Government is not recognizing the current Federal Government's real position to have a bilingual supreme court. In an exclusive interview with the Deputy Minister of Justice for Quebec said that: “the Federal Government completely eliminated discussing this issue and refused to listen to Quebec's standpoint”, and it was constantly misunderstood and misconstrued in an effort to spread fake news by The Summit as a request to have the committee meetings in both French and English when in reality Quebec is advocating for a bilingual Supreme Court. Quebec would like the public to know the real truth, not what was propagated by The Summit, that this is “not being discussed to preserve their culture or to be spiteful, but instead to ameliorate the legal side because it is not practical for all of the French members to be expected to be completely fluent in English and vice versa, to know all of the nuances and not miss out on smaller details of what is discussed in the Supreme Court”.