



Vote Candidate

Let's face it. Politics is a vice. Just like sex, drugs and rock'n roll. Who we have leading us can upset a "normal" quiet place like Fredericton. It's a place to deposit signs depicting honest gentlemen, all with the best of intentions. All people run about telling us who is best and what a good job he is going to do. They tell us of how a party has been in office for too long. Give the public a chance in six months and they'll march on the legislature and burn the premier but, hey, that doesn't matter, it isn't now.

Our quiet campus has even been sucked in by the matter at hand. The beer vans, banned by the powers that are in government, have been replaced by those of their very own promising us that we can meet the next leader of the province. Such an honour to see someone whose job it is to do the best for me, you and all others by providing direction to our representatives.

Most people vote one of three ways, by party, by leader or by riding. Each might have it's merits but only one makes true sense. Vote by riding.

If one votes for a party, and much of this province does, what are they agreeing to? A party is like one big happy family. It has one leader and many arguing children, all

of whom follow their leader; father. Each child trying to immitate father, but knowing that they aren't nearly as competant as he. Each child would rather die than be put up for adoption to another family. It would seem these people believing in parties, vote for a symbol, not caring or understanding anything else, including the issues in some cases. They follow blindly because, the family knows best.

Voting for a party leader is another interesting possibility. One man whom you wish to represent your personal interests and the rest of the public as well. Let's take that and put it into a ratic, one person representing six to eight hundred thousand people. This might work given that all people think the same, but they don't. That's what makes up individuals. Add to this that New Brunswick is divided into two sections, north and south by language and population density. If you live in the north, what are your chances of getting what you wish when what is done is for what the majority wishes, controlled by the south? Sounds like the basis of the American Revolution in reverse to me.

If you had to trust your neighbour here or some stranger somewhere else it's a

ridiculous question to ask who you prefer. You know your neighbour, he knows what is going on around you better than the stranger. Even if you don't trust him, you know how much rope to give him. If a house burns on your street you know about it and are probably upset. If it burned down in Saint Quentin and you weren't associated with the town, chances are you couldn't give a damn. That, although a sad song, is human nature. Times are bad, so they say, so why do you trust either a party which doesn't have enough direction to make swift, intelligent decisions or a leader who, chances are, doesn't know you from Adam. A man who has the best intentions, who lives in your area, and who has the best chance of doing something productive for your community is the only answer.

They tell us that we can meet the next leader of the province. Want to meet all the candidates for your area, the men who are immediate to you? Market Day tomorrow would be a good place to field them out on your own turf, while they kiss ice-cream and lick babies. After all, if you don't make an intelligent decision, why should the people you vote for?