

REPORTON



McFacts about McFree McTrade

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The Grope and Flail

As a result of the recent buying, selling and merging of major corporations in Canada, it is now realized that companies and business organizations were actually wrapping up an unprecedented campaign to persuade employees and the public that a free-trade agreement with almost any other industrialized country is essentially for the benefit of the people on Wall Street and on Bay Street.

This information comes to the Grope and Flail via our terribly inaccurate system of Enirvonics

Everyone involved in the debate agrees that the bashful business sector has taken on its highest profile since 1911, when it took up arms in favor of protectionisn and against a reciprocity agreement negotiated with the United States by Sir Wilhemia Laurier.

The normally bashful business community has gone to the wall over the free-trade issue and bashed its head. Since opposition to the deal, which was negotiated by the Conservative government, and both booed and cheered on by Liberal Leader John Turn-

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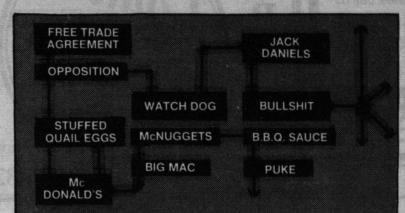
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about, there have been several major changes and takeovers in the business world.

Most notably, inside sources say there has been a widespread belief that the business community actually enjoys the attention, the newly formed class distinctions, and they may attempt to form their own government with the help of businessmen Jack Daniels and clown Ronald McDonald.

The demand for Big Mac hamburgers, sold at McDonald restaraunts has increased as a result of the deal, according to another poll done by the terribly inaccurate Enirvonics Research group. More people are also requesting the barbeque sauce to go with their Chicken McNuggets.

"Believe me because I am from the East, the changes are largely due to the free-trade deal, and that more people are aware of McDonalds now." said Mabel Appleyard, a Carleton University professor of political studies. "I am even switching sauces! Lord knows I used to be a die hard mustard user.'

The hottest topic in town is the switch from skin diving in the North Atlantic ocean to the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Due to the free-trade deal, more and more people are requesting the Seaway over other waterways, "just because it is closer to Ottawa and not as oily," said Thomas Thimble, a professor of political science at the University of Western Ontario.

"Most of the people in the east just do not give a darn about anything that is happening west of Ottawa any way, so I really think that the whole free-trade thing is just for all those guys in suits and Gucci shoes in Ontario, I mean the only guy in the west who knows how to dress right is glen Lather any way. That's what I think, any way." stated McGill University student of fashion economics Jodie Lollipop.

Well, now the debates in the House of Commons have changed direction. The Opposition is now basically serving a watch dog against the free-trade agreement insted of their usual stuffed quail eggs. Debates have risen over the issue of whether to be trendy and eat at McDonalds or to remain with the watch dog. Animal rights groups are opposed to the watch dog, but that is another story.

Nevertheless, free trade is here to stay and the rest of the country will have to learn to eat watch dog and barbeque sauce and skin dive in a non-oily water body.

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