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Canada denies our existance yet we are physically here. At what time will common sense prevail? @JustinTrudeau @cafreeland @Carolyn_Bennett @MarcMillerVM @UN4Indigenous @HRWcanada @anticorruption @AFN_Updates @MNC_tweets @MetisNationON

These are the boats my grandfathers built by hand. There was no room for by catch. If a cod or haddock were out of season we threw it back. We had to. We worked for Jersey Fishing who paid us in tokens. We were slaves to them. The tokens were used for company store.

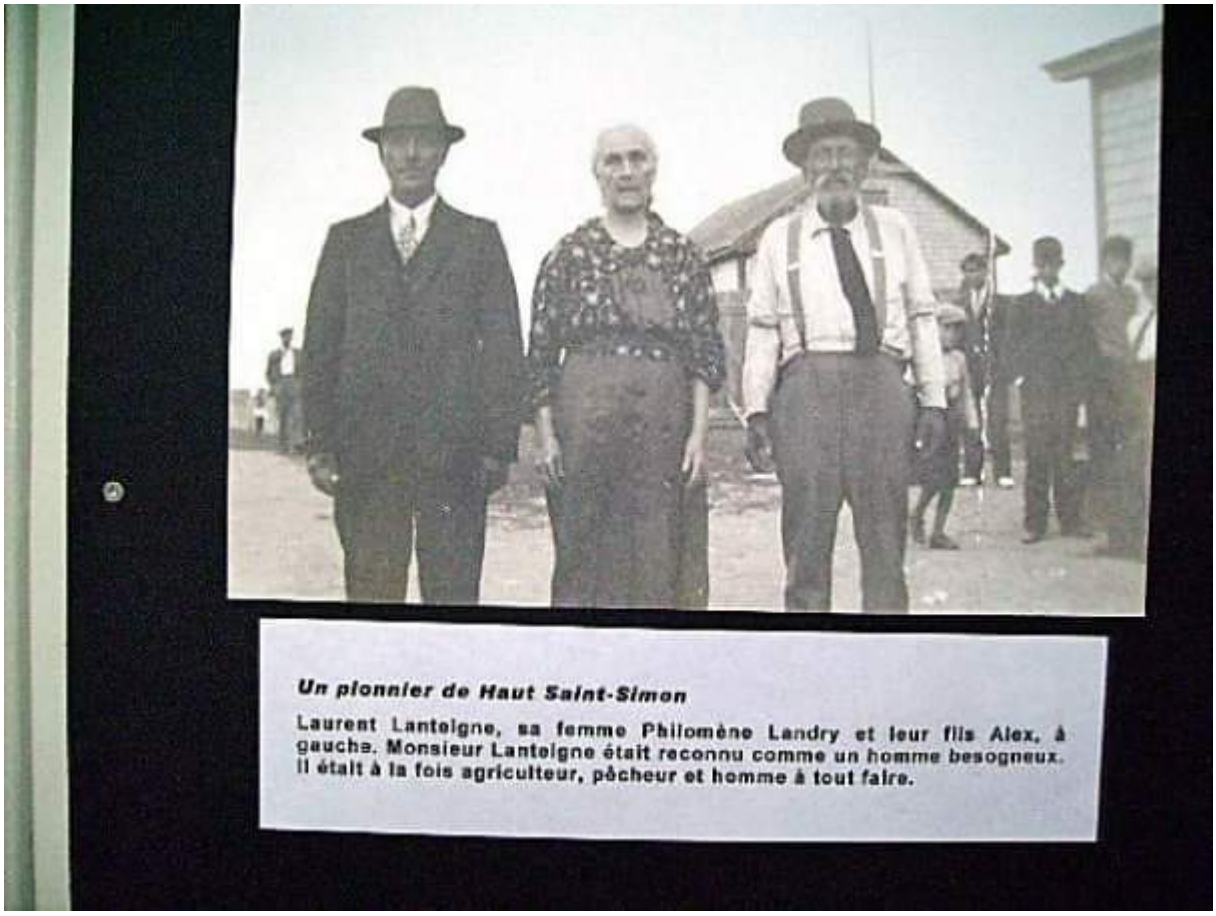


My grandfather Laurent ran the store that ran on credit. He didn't know numbers. We were forbidden reading and writing. He scrawled debt on the wall of the storage room to keep track. Paper and books forbidden to us by Canada's soldiers who raided our homes and business.



This report confirms our line to King Clovis. We all remembered who we were and Canada's efforts to extinguish us continue to this day. https://t.co/Y3lBa3uoIv

His wife Philomene Landry had a cousin who was wife to the Jersey Company owner. The rich men married Indigenous women to evade Provincial tax and marry in. She was Mi'kmaw. In my line all my grandparents were of the same families for generations.



The Ancient Order Freemasons of King Solomon Lodge 54 deported us. They planned it all. Read in their own words right here. https://t.co/TXV1J5b4CY

Queen Elizabeth II apologized to the Acadians here. Legal merits in Warren Perrin vs. the Crown. He sued her to get this not for money but simply to admit the truth.



Queen Elizabeth II offers apology for deporting Acadians

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LAFAYETTE — Nearly 250 years after ordering the deportation of about 15,000 Acadians from Canada, England has acknowledged that the act was wrong and set a day aside to commemorate the journey that separated thousands of families.

Queen Elizabeth II signed a written proclamation acknowledging that the expulsion was a tragedy and in violation of English law. The proclamation also set aside July 28, the day the deportation orders were signed, as a day to remember the Acadians' hardship.

For the past 13 years, Warren Perrin, a Lafayette attorney and president of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, has fought for the queen to acknowledge the wrongs of the expulsion and the hardship it caused his ancestors.

"We view this as a very, very favorable... reconciliation with the crown," Perrin said Wednesday.

"It's an agreement to reconcile and commemorate the wrongs that were inflicted upon the Acadians in the name of the crown," he said.

In the Canadian capital of Ottawa on Wednesday, about 200 spectators filled a parliamentary committee room to celebrate the proclamation, according to the The Associated Press.

"This proclamation today is about understanding and recognizing our history," Heritage Minister Sheila Copps said during an emotional ceremony that had some of her cabinet colleagues fighting back tears.

"We are turning the page on one of the darkest moments of our collective history," said Copps, herself a descendant of one of the founding families forced to leave the Acadian settlement at Grand Pre, Nova Scotia.

While the document is deemed a declaration by the Canadian Crown, Copps suggested the Queen may also be prepared to read out the proclamation when she pays a royal visit to Canada in 2005.

In his quest, Perrin said he was inspired by a line in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, Evangeline. The epic tells the tale of two lovers separated during the diaspora.

"It says the exile begins never to end as though we were a people in perpetual exile," Perrin said. "So there was never a closure and we'd like to think now it's a closure. We're never going to forget it but it's a closure."

The apology is timely, Perrin said. Next year, Acadian descendants from across the world will meet in Nova Scotia in August for the Congrès Mondial Acadien.

"I'm sure that played a role," Perrin said. He later added, "I think this is a really positive step to help the Congrès."

(Nick Pittman of the Times of Acadiana contributed to this story.)

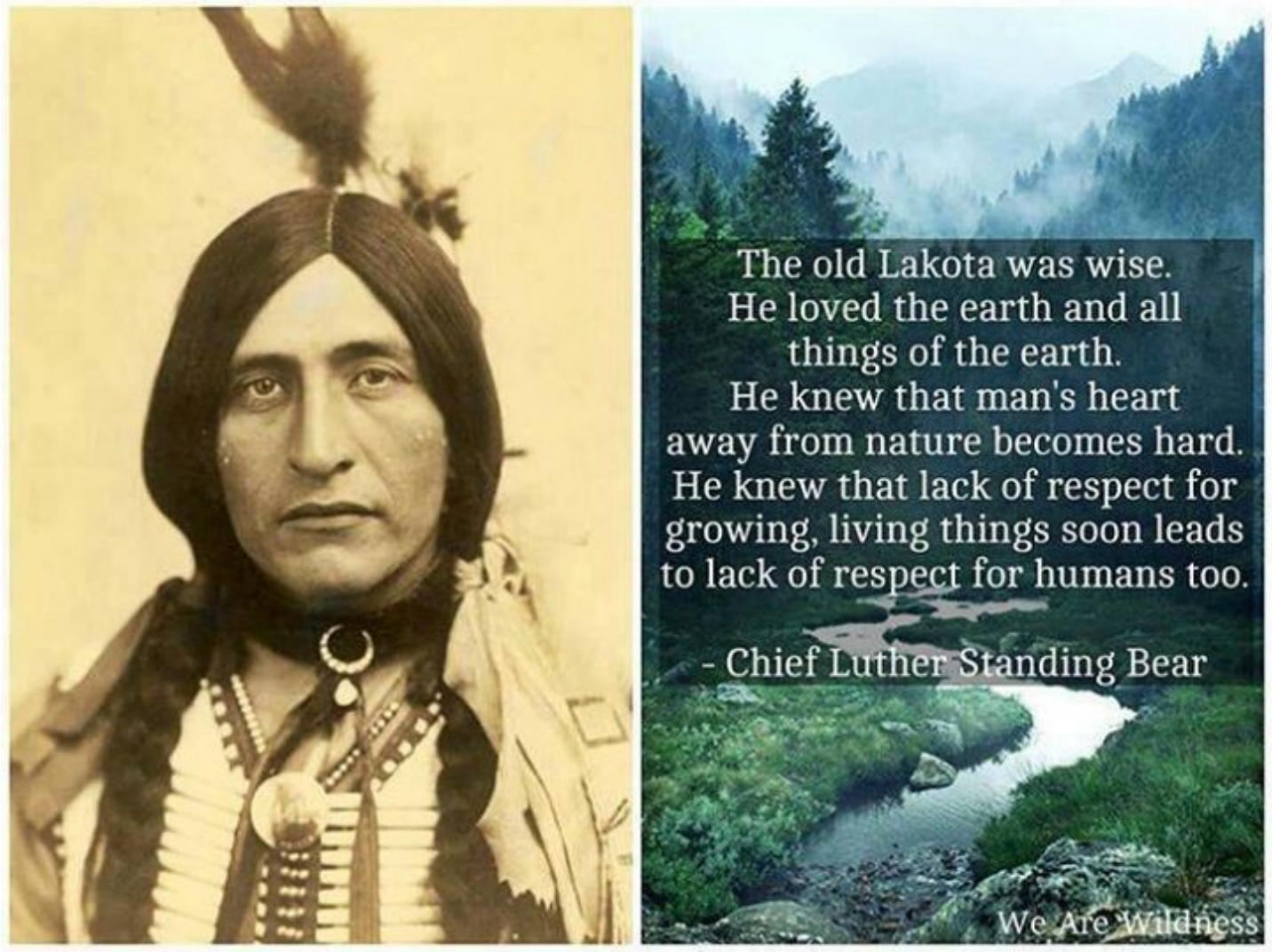
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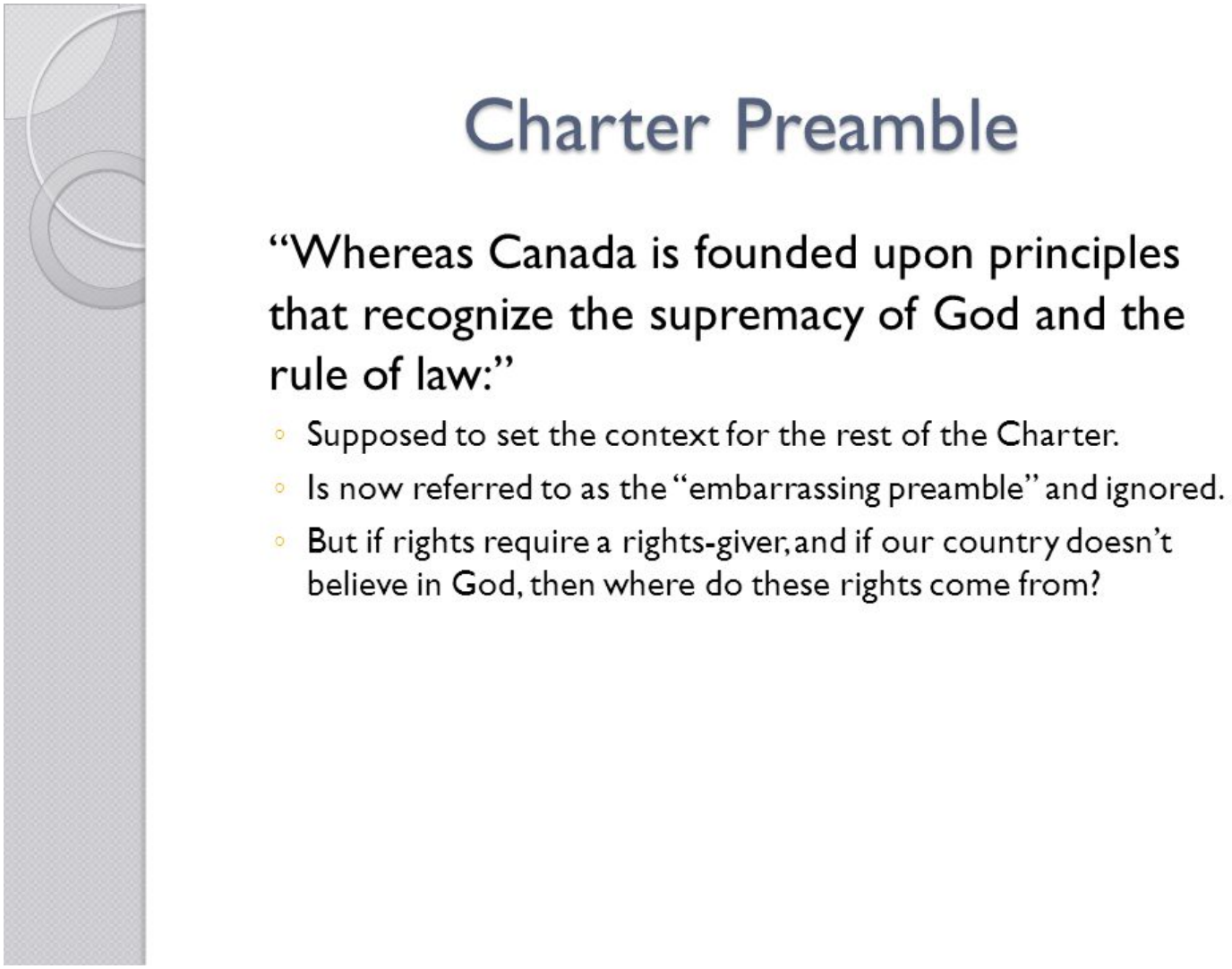
Canada still doesn't admit it was a genocide. They would have to explain who did it. We need to get there. Don't bury the truth please. Stop hiding history in the name of loyalty. Your denying your own Crown. https://t.co/czVw3X6BQP

Laws like this cannot continue to censor truth to history. We need to move forward lawfully. I am who I am by circumstance of birth bound to laws no Government can undo. Let peace prevail please. Equal human rights and compliance to law is what we need. https://t.co/7BYqxdMRea

Peace with the earth and with each other is what we need. Equity is needed in Canada.



The racism, sexism and wars of religion are rooted in policy.



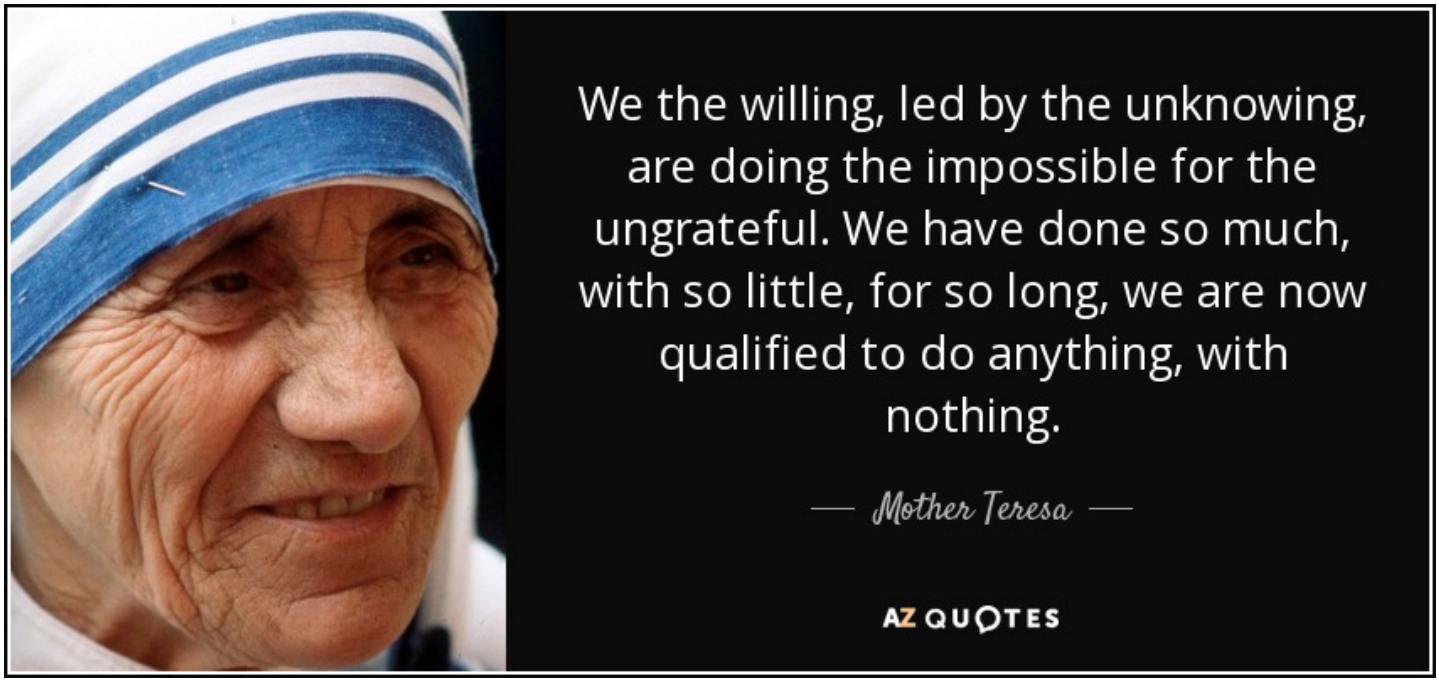
We need Canada to listen to the people. https://t.co/0IBHXEG409

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My kin were deemed the bottom that feeds the top in Canada.
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I am an Acadien of Caraquet. View 52 minutes into the film. The Orange Order, KKK kept us down. Confederate and German Mercinaries too. https://t.co/DWmhJNQsYn

As a Roman Catholic I strive for peace against all odds but knowing we Acadians survived I know in my heart the odds are pretty good when love and truth is on your side. If we all work to improve the system together, there is no need for odds at all. Let's fix this together.



These wampums have our history in them. https://t.co/PChHbJcBxg

This is a law still in the books in Canada. https://t.co/jLUy4MASBi

Although they don't scalp people today, the message and example it gives to disregard our people still hurts people.