

Long live “REXIT”! May it be victorious, happy and glorious, and the sooner the better.

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Peter Donolo made the case brilliantly in last Saturday’s Globe and Mail (HARRY, MEGHAN AND THE NEED FOR A CANADIAN ‘REXIT’). It is beyond absurd for a sovereign democratic North American country to keep a foreign woman as the very symbol and embodiment of Canada’s people, of its nation, of its territory, its sovereignty and its legitimacy.

However, there’s one important argument that Mr. Donolo left out. Portraying the Queen of England as supposed Queen of Canada threatens our national unity.

I grew up in Montreal and attended French schools, notably Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf. So I learnt in my sensibility as a youth just how offensive it is to the descendants of New France to have the British monarchy as the symbol of our national identity. For the Québécois (and for me), the British monarchy “reigning” in Canada remains forever the consequence and the reminder of the British conquest of New France. As the once-popular anthem goes :

In Days of yore,
From Britain's shore
Wolfe the dauntless hero came
And *PLANTED FIRM* Britannia's flag
On Canada's fair domain.

The British monarchy is not only an *alien* symbol of Canada, it was, is and will always remain a symbol of conquest and of colonialism.

It is high time for Canada to assume fully its true sovereignty, its authentic identity, and to discard this festering symbol of alienation.