

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR. THE DAILY NEWS. KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
RESPONSE TO WARREN BELL CONCERNING LAWN CARE BUSINESSES. JULY  
30th, 2011.**

Warren Bell is GREATLY MISTAKEN by saying that the Ontario PROHIBITION of pest control products was somehow well-received by the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

PROHIBITION has INFLICTED HORRENDOUS CARNAGE in jurisdictions such as Halifax Regional Municipality.

### **Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia**

In 2000, Halifax IMPOSED, over a three-year period, the PROHIBITION of CONVENTIONAL pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

This PROHIBITION led to HARDSHIP AND LOSSES for the Professional Lawn Care businesses because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products.

Customers DISINTEGRATED BY OVER 50 PER CENT, and REVENUES PLUMMETED BY 40 PER CENT.

The number of businesses DID NOT GROW WHATSOEVER !

### **Province of Quebec**

On April 3rd, 2004, the Province of Quebec implemented the first stage of a PROHIBITION of 20 active ingredients used by the Professional Lawn Care Industry and Do-It-Yourself Homeowners.

The final stage of the PROHIBITION was implemented in 2006.

As a sad consequence of the PROHIBITION imposed by Quebec, OVER 60 PER CENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE INDUSTRY WAS ANNIHILATED.

HUNDREDS OF BUSINESSES DISAPPEARED INTO TOTAL OBLIVION.

On May 25th, 2011, Dow AgroSciences, the manufacturer of the pest control product 2,4-D, SETTLED THE NAFTA CHALLENGE CASE with the Canadian government concerning the PROHIBITION.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, is an agreement signed by the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, creating a tri-lateral trade block in North America.

As part of the agreement, a VICTORY for Dow AgroSciences, the GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC WAS HUMILIATED into making a STATEMENT saying that ...

« *2,4-D DOES NOT POSE AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK to human health or the environment.* »

This agreement confirmed, yet again, that ...

- pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and
- prohibitions are IRREFUTABLY INVALIDATED.

Quebec was the first province to declare weed control products containing 2,4-D as POSSIBLY carcinogenic, which the NAFTA Agreement DEEMED AS FALSE.

## Province of Ontario

On April 22nd, 2008, the Province of Ontario introduced legislation for the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act 2008.

Because of PROHIBITION, DAMAGES to the Professional Lawn Care Industry were EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products.

Because of PROHIBITION, Professional Lawn Care businesses, which at one time provided a good living and some equity for eventual sale for retirement, became WORTHLESS !

Many multi-vehicle Professional Lawn Care businesses were FORCED TO DOWN-SIZE THEIR OPERATIONS to a single truck.

There was a GLUT OF USED-EQUIPMENT-FOR-SALE because of the DOWN-SIZING AND EXODUS of Professional Lawn Care businesses.

Because of PROHIBITION, DOZENS OF BUSINESSES WERE FORCED TO EXIT FROM THE MARKET AND DISAPPEARS INTO TOTAL OBLIVION.

Professional Lawn Care businesses were simply ABANDONED — no one was able to buy or sell a Professional Lawn Care business

Because of PROHIBITION, the owners, employees, and families dependent on Professional Lawn Care businesses faced TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION.

There were NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS GROWTH.

In the Province of Ontario, the PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE INDUSTRY LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS.

Professional Lawn Care businesses were forced to TERMINATE many or most of their employees — UP TO 12,500 BECAME UNEMPLOYED.

Observers are expecting 780 BUSINESS FAILURES OR BANKRUPTCIES.

### **PROHIBITION IS BAD FOR BUSINESS.**

PROHIBITION led to LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT.

These products were otherwise HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and TOTALLY-IRREPLACEABLE.

PROHIBITION INFLICTED HORRENDOUS CARNAGE on the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

PROHIBITION DESTROYED THE MODERN PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE INDUSTRY in Halifax, Quebec, and Ontario.

The SAME fate awaits British Columbia.

For more information, please go to the Pesticide Truths web-site.

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