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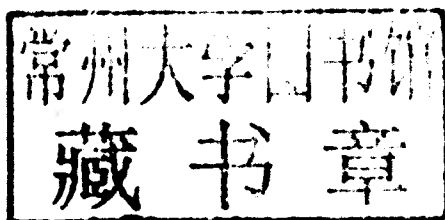
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# Dedication

I dedicate this book to my best friend Margaret Bowlby and all Canadian vanguards who feel personally devoted to the preservation of our culture and value system. Margaret Bowlby is a person of integrity and has been a representative of Canadian vanguards for many years. Margaret has worn many hats to assist me with this project, and her devotion and hard work have proven invaluable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my two sons, Stephen and David for all their support. Stephen for providing his editorial skills and David for his technical support. This book became reality due to my two son's understanding of it's importance to Canadians to know the whole truth.

A Special Note of Thanks to John Richard Bowlby for his devotion, his loyalty, his friendship, and his moral support during the long hours he put in as my Campaign Manager during the 1993 Federal Elections. John was also a witness to many of the events that surrounded my expose of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. To Charles Frey who agreed to be a key witness to my meeting with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Crime Investigations Unit. My heartfelt appreciation and thanks to a very dear, warm-hearted and sensitive friend, Marie Marthe Champagne who has given Margaret and I all the encouragement and support that was essential for us to do our job.

To all of you I say "Thank You" for everything you have done to make this book become a reality and not just a dream.

*Shelley Ann Clark*



# Prologue

One hundred & forty-two {142 } years went by before Canada achieved what everyone thought impossible, a "Free Trade Agreement" with the United States of America; an agreement that became a major historical event for Canada.

Even though it has been 24 years since the infamous Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement made history minutes before midnight on October 3, 1987, events over those past 24 years have created a demand for this book to be written. This demand has emanated not only from Canadians, but also from individuals from around the world.

Due to this incredible demand, which took me completely by surprise, I have made the decision to write this book. "THE SALE OF A COUNTRY" is a riveting account of the events that took place behind the scenes in the Canadian Free Trade Office. Deputy Chief Negotiator, Gordon Ritchie wrote "Wrestling with the Elephant" from his point of view and Foreign Affairs Officers, Michael Hart, Bill Dymond and Colin Robertson wrote "Decision at Midnight" from their perspective. They have done an excellent job, but it is an account of the events in which they were participants. There is another side to the story on how we "LOST" our country. Because Germain Denis did everything under a veil of secrecy, none of them knew about the machinations that went on behind the scenes.

My decision was also based on the fact that I wanted to ensure that the whole story of what happened to our country would be known to Canadians and would become part of our historical records. I knew that this would not occur because the mainstream media

was not and is still not doing their job. The mainstream media is not working for you.

The mainstream media was completely under the Prime Minister's control. Lord Thompson and Conrad Black who owned all the mainstream media at the time, were close buddies of Brian Mulroney. The more Canadians and I tried to get the mainstream media to carry my story, the more we discovered that Canada no longer had an "independent press". It reminded me of an article written by John Swinton (now deceased), that was passed on to me by a caring Canadian. The article appeared in an American publication titled "The Journalists" in July 1993. A copy of this article can be found in Chapter 20 "The Mainstream Media—THE TRUTH".

I am also reminded of an ancient Russian proverb: "What is written with a pen cannot be removed with a hatchet".

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# FTA Historical Background

Summarized Historical Background which led to an historical event for Canada on January 2, 1988

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1846—The idea of having free trade between countries was first conceived when Britain repealed its Corn Laws and ended preferences enjoyed by Canadian producers in the British market.

In 1866, Sir John A Macdonald is unsuccessful in negotiating a reciprocity agreement with the U.S.

In 1896, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's overtures to the Americans are rejected.

It was not until 1934 that the U.S. is receptive to the idea when the U.S. Congress adopts Reciprocal Trade Agreements with other dominions.

In 1935, Canada and the United States successfully negotiate a trade agreement under the RTA program, ushering in more free trade than under any previous agreement.

1957—Gordon Royal Commission study warns about the high cost of protectionism to the Canadian economy.

1967—A pioneering study of the benefits of free trade between Canada and the U.S.A. is published by the Wonnacott brothers

1975—The Economic Council of Canada recommends Canada negotiate a free trade agreement with the U.S.A.