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Ever wonder how some of history's great visionaries might address the divide between proponents of **rampant extractive capitalism** and what others view as **environmental reality**?

This question animates the performance of this **fictitious radio revue**, a **satirical** and **high-octane** eco-homage to Garrison Keillor's venerable program, *A Prairie Home Companion*.

Hosted by made-up Canuck media maven **Garrison Mentaliti**, the satirical revue features:

- 1 British philosopher **Adam Smith** (1723–1790)
- 2 Russian empress **Catherine the Great** (1729–1796)
- 3 French conjuror **Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin** (1805–1871)
- 4 American industrialist **Henry Ford** (1863–1947)
- 5 Japanese Haiku master **Matsuo Bashō** (1644–1694)
- 6 Canadian communications theorist **Harold Innis** (1894–1951)

Grounded in current **scholarly literature** and accented by a **postmodernist wink**, the half-hour performance and ensuing discussion explore social, economic, cultural and ultimately moral issues around living in a **petroculture**, and communicating about the **environment** in the massive shadow of the world's third-largest source of oil and perhaps its largest industrial project, **Alberta's bituminous sands**.

The diverse perspectives shared by our time-travelling guests leave us to ponder the mighty **challenges and absurdities** of life and ecological discourse in '**Canada's Energy Province**' late in the petroleum age.

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