Question: Is the Canadian welfare state in retreat? If it is, what explains its decline? If it is not, what explains its persistence?

Yes – the welfare state is in retreat –

2 possible reasons:

* Economic reasons/globalization
  + This is a factor
  + But not a huge effect – level of globalization-induced retreat
    - Production regime
    - Party system – bigger party cleavages
    - Type of welfare
      * Tuohy – Path dependency argument – internal logics – making some easier to retrench than others
  + Institutions
* Federalism
  + Keith Banting -
    - Multiple entry points
    - Blame avoidance
    - Competition
* Multiculturalism/decline in “fabric of society”
  + This is not