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## TRUDEAU SWORN PRIME MINISTER: PALACE AUDIENCE WITH QUEEN TOASTS SOVEREIGN AT CHOG MEETING

**“Nice moments”  
“Gracious and insightful”  
“Selfless service”  
Warm relationship evident**

Report and reflections by *Canis Vetus*

After receiving outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who formally presented his resignation, the Governor General swore Justin Trudeau as Canada’s 23rd Prime Minister, together with his Cabinet, at a November 4 ceremony in the Ballroom of Rideau Hall.

Eager to take the monarchical measure of the country’s new leader, loyalists had two statements to which they might refer. (See box p. 2).

However, much more was to come from M. Trudeau in his early days as Prime Minister. A press release the first Thursday of his Ministry announced that he would have an audience of The Queen in London en route to the CHOG meetings in Malta.

“I am absolutely delighted that Her Majesty has graciously agreed to this meeting,” ran the statement. “As the Queen’s 12th Canadian prime minister, I am honoured and very much look forward to spending this time in conversation with her. In her role as Queen of Canada, she has not only witnessed, but also been an active participant in, the evolution of our country over the past 63 years. Her Majesty will remain an integral part of our country’s progress and future.”

The positive tone of the statement was evident. Nor was it lost to observers that the PM had made a deliberate effort to add a stop in London to meet Canada’s Monarch when in fact he could easily have arranged to be received in Malta.

The November 25th meeting between Sovereign and Prime Minister, after which M. Trudeau’s family was presented, was apparently warm, and reflected the old friendship between Trudeau père and his then young children. The first Trudeau – pirouette notwithstanding – had himself enjoyed a good rapport with The Queen,



The Governor General (top) shares a happy moment with his newly-installed Prime Minister. The Queen (left) greets her 12th Canadian Prime Minister at Buckingham Palace on November 25. Prime Minister Trudeau (right) meets with the Heir to the Throne at CHOG Meeting in Malta.



The Prime Minister (above) toasts The Queen in Malta. Her Majesty is amused! (below)

PM: Your example of dedication and selfless service inspires...long and tireless service

HM: Thank you, Mr. Prime Minister of Canada, for making me feel so old!



who in turn respected his intellect, energy and courtesy. HM told the son “It is nice to see you again...under different circumstances.” Justin Trudeau replied that, when they first met, The Queen had been much taller than he, to which the Monarch replied “Well, isn’t it extraordinary to think of it!”

The meeting proceeded as cameras were ushered out of the Audience chamber. The Prime Minister afterwards reflected that “They were nice moments because I knew how much my dad liked her. You could tell my father was really proud to be introducing his son to the Queen.” At a Canadian High Commission lunch later that day, M. Trudeau added that he had found HM *continued on page 2*

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# TRUDEAU...

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“gracious and insightful, with a unique and valuable perspective.”

The mutual appreciation continued in Malta, where Commonwealth tradition dictated that the newest Prime Minister amongst the leaders should toast the organization’s head at the leaders’ dinner. Trudeau used the occasion to refer to The Queen’s constant presence in the life of Canada, spoke of her “selfless service” and recalled her 1947 vow, as he asked those present to charge their glasses.

The Queen was unusually personal –

some called her words almost “cheeky” – as she replied to her Prime Minister’s words. “Thank you, Mr Prime Minister of Canada, for making me feel so old!” Not every day does the famously reserved Monarch use in public her renowned private sense of humour.

During the many days to come Canadians will see to what extent the sunshine perspective on the person of the Monarch is reflected also in the respect for the institution of the Maple Crown. That said, the beginnings could not have been more propitious.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### STEPHEN HARPER: MONARCHIST

The debt owed to the former Prime Minister was expressed well, centuries ago, by the Bard: “More is thy due than more than all can pay.” The useful, carefully-conceived and well-executed renaissance in the national government’s support of the Crown over the Harper years is the more remarkable as the PM – he was quick to observe – was not a natural monarchist, but one brought to appreciate the institution by a key Minister in the person of Jason Kenney, and a coterie of uber-loyal staffers, including but not limited to Ray Novak, Aaron Campbell and Alykhan Velshi. As has so often been the case during the Reign, the process was greatly encouraged by the profound respect for the Sovereign which developed through Mr Harper’s meetings with Her Majesty.

In removing the Prime Ministerial authority over vice-regal appointments at least from its preliminary stages by first forming an ad hoc non-partisan committee to find a Governor General in 2005 (how brilliantly they succeeded!), then institutionalizing the process, Mr Harper made a contribution of enduring value to the institution. True, M. Chretien’s very fine appointments of Lieutenant Governors were made in what he openly stated was a position open to traditional patronage. But the invitation to public nomination and citizens’ consideration of individuals, in the first instance, was appropriate to the times, and taken up enthusiastically. What perhaps is less known is the fact that the PM personally spent hours with the Committee to discuss its favoured nominees. Clearly, the Prime Minister sought and never abandoned a personal responsibility for the ultimate selection of those who would represent his and our Sovereign. No less enduring was the first full-time appointment of a Canadian Secretary to The Queen and locating the loyal and capable Kevin MacLeod within the Privy Council Office. No Canadian better enjoys his Monarch’s confidence.

The Prime Minister was also, rightly, cautious in matters touching the Crown. In the return of the Navy and Air Force designations to “Royal” he pushed those encouraging him to do to make absolutely sure the restored nomenclature would have wide support within and without the Forces, so that a future PM would not advise Her Majesty to reverse the action. In the event, the insights of Christopher McCreery found a simpler way to achieve the desired goal; but Mr Harper’s insistence on prudent consideration was a wise one. So too was his perception that his desire to restore the personal imprint of The Queen on diplomatic credentials was not a cause he should press on HM or Palace. Knowing which battles to pursue, and when the field is better quit gracefully, is a mark of thoughtful leadership.

The vitriol surrounding Mr Harper during his final year or two in office lies beyond the Monarchist League’s remit. It largely did not touch the Crown, though it made some possible further initiatives unwise. It is to the Prime Minister’s credit that, from the beginning, he and his colleagues knew the dangers, especially for a Tory government, to be seen to be wrapping itself in the Crown to its supposed advantage, à la Ontario Premier Bill Davis over a generation ago, or in pursuit of its overall “political” goals. It must have encouraged the PM to see that the climate in Canada was such that all the federalist party leaders expressed their support for the Crown in a survey taken by the League during the Fall 2015 campaign.

We thank Stephen Harper for his loyalty and service, wish him well in an active retirement and venture to express the hope that after an appropriate interval his Sovereign will honour him as she has other of her long-serving Prime Ministers.



Prime Minister Harper and Monarchist Dominion Chairman Finch enjoying in-flight discussion after attending Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London.

## TRUDEAU ON THE RECORD ABOUT THE MONARCHY

1 May, 2014, letter to Monarchist League Chairman Robert Finch, as follows:  
*Thank you very much for taking the time to write to me regarding the monarchy in Canada. I would also like to thank you for your kind words of congratulations [on being elected Liberal leader].*

*At the 2012 Liberal Party Convention, delegates were invited to introduce, debate, and vote on Liberal policy. Delegates explicitly rejected a motion to include severing Canada’s ties with the monarchy as part of Liberal policy. My view is that severing our centuries-old connection to the monarchy is not a decision to be made lightly. The monarchy remains a cornerstone of Canada’s foundation, and any debate surrounding changes to this institution must include as many Canadians as possible in the discussion.*

*Thank you again for taking the time to write. I always appreciate the opportunity to hear the thoughts and opinions of Canadians. It is through such exchanges of ideas and opinions that I can best represent not only my constituents, but all Canadians.*

*Sincerely,*

JUSTIN P. J. TRUDEAU  
Member of Parliament for Papineau  
Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

2 October 2015, reply to League election-time survey of party positions [emphasis added]: *Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch in Canadian history and remains a beloved figure for many Canadians. Over the past 63 years, she has stood with Canada through key moments of our country’s history and, as our nation underwent change and transformation, has been a rock of stability and a steadfast keeper of tradition. **The Liberal Party has no intention of re-opening the Canadian constitution on this issue.** Her Majesty will remain an integral part of our country’s evolution, progress, and future.*

## TEXT OF TRUDEAU TOAST AT COMMONWEALTH LEADERS’ MEETING

Ladies and gentlemen,

*As the Commonwealth’s newest head of government, I am honoured to offer a toast to Your Majesty, Head of the Commonwealth and Queen of Canada. In so doing, I am deeply mindful of Your Majesty’s long and tireless service to the Commonwealth and its citizens.*

*“As Head of the Commonwealth you embody our family of nations and the values expressed in the Charter collectively endorsed three years ago. Your example of dedication and selfless service inspires as we strive to build our societies on the principles of respect, inclusiveness and dignity.*

*“You were only nine years old when you carried out what was perhaps your first official duty on behalf of Canada – an appearance on a postage stamp. That was 1935. From that moment to this, Your Majesty has been such a constant presence in the life of Canada that a modern history of our nation could be written entirely with vignettes from your life.*

*“Here’s one: In 1951, Princess Elizabeth attends her first hockey game, in Montreal, at the legendary Montreal Forum. And another: in 1959, Queen Elizabeth opens the St. Lawrence Seaway. And another: In 1967, Queen Elizabeth cuts Canada’s centennial cake on Parliament Hill as Canadians sing Happy Birthday.*

*“There are countless scenes like these to choose from. In a single tour in 1959, over 45 days, you visited 90 towns and cities. It is safe to say that you have seen more of Canada than almost any Canadian. And always, Canadians have watched and admired their indefatigable queen, forming cherished memories.*

*“Some of those memories are of formal state occasions. Some are more personal. And for a few, some are both.*

*“One that I personally remember well from my childhood and indeed, treasure is this: It is 1982, again on Parliament Hill. Queen Elizabeth signs the Constitution Act, thus empowering Canada’s legal foundation, including our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.*

*“On that cool day in April, seated next to you, was my father. Pierre Elliott Trudeau was your fourth Canadian prime minister. I am your twelfth.*

*“In 1947, you famously vowed that your whole life would be devoted to the service of the Commonwealth. You more than honoured your vow. And for that, on behalf of all Canadians and indeed, of all of us citizens of the Commonwealth, I thank you.*

*“I now ask you to rise, charge your glasses and join me in a toast to Her Majesty the Queen. The Queen!”*





# QUEBEC JUDGE UPHOLDS CANADIAN SUCCESSION TO THRONE ACT

*Ruling largely ignored by national media*

## Highlights of Justice Bouchard's decision

In a decision released in mid-February, Judge Claude Bouchard of the Quebec Superior Court found against a challenge to the Canadian Succession to the Throne Act, which passed unanimously through Parliament in 2013. The Act made the order of Succession solely based on birth order, removing the historic precedence given to male heirs. It also removed the unique proscription on the Sovereign's marrying a Catholic.

To a lay reader, the Learned Judge's decision seemed based on several principal foundations: One is that no UK law was being imposed upon Canada; rather, that Canada had "imported into its constitutional order" the doctrines and principles of British Constitutional Law such as The Bill of Rights and the Act of Settlement, but not their texts. Canada was not acting to change "the office of The Queen" – which under Sec 41 would trigger a Constitutional Amendment – but voluntarily indicating its own agreement to the change of Succession rules adopted by the Westminster Parliament, which was acting nationally and not imperially. Second, this agreement was by convention, indeed in line with the convention under which Canada had acted at the time of the 1936 Abdication. To do otherwise would disrupt the symmetry found in the Statute of

Westminster and the Canadian Constitution whereby the King or Queen of the United Kingdom (chosen by rules of succession that are solely the purview of the UK Parliament) is the King or Queen of Canada.

The League felt that these changes, to which all the Commonwealth Realms had agreed at their Meeting in Perth in 2011, were timely and right. It also vigorously supported the means used by the Government of Canada to give them effect – the normal process of legislation passed by Parliament and given Royal Assent. We also acknowledged that some good monarchists and legal scholars might prefer another way of accomplishing the changes; they demanded a Constitutional Amendment which would additionally require the agreement of all ten provincial legislatures. Chairman Finch and other League officials pointed out scholarly opinion against this view – and made the practical point that opening up the Constitution would be a sure occasion for consequential mischief-making by the then-separatist government of Quebec (which launched the appeal, quite incredibly joined by a few monarchists), or indeed any province for a variety of reasons based on the normal federal-provincial tensions inherent in a federal state. The League welcomed the debate, but regretted the vituperative nature of some of the commentary on a point of law, given that

## COUR CONFIRME LE LOI CANADIEN SUR LA SUCCESSION AU TRÔNE

Faits saillants de la décision du l'honorable juge Bouchard

CMN sera heureux d'envoyer la décision complète sur demande – il suffit d'envoyer un courriel à [domsec@sympatico.ca](mailto:domsec@sympatico.ca)

Dans une décision de mi-février, le juge Claude Bouchard de la Cour supérieure du Québec a trouvé contre un défi au loi sur la succession au Trône, qui a été adoptée à l'unanimité par notre Parlement en 2013. La loi a fait l'ordre de succession uniquement sur la base de l'ordre de naissance, retirant la priorité historique donnée aux héritiers mâles. Il a également levé la proscription unique sur le droit de Souverain d'épouser un catholique.

Un passage clé de la décision du savant juge (qui se trouve au par 155, p 37 du texte) est la suivante: « La Loi de 2013 n'a pour objet que de donner l'assentiment du Canada aux modifications à la loi britannique sur la succession au Trône, selon la convention constitutionnelle du deuxième, considérant de préambule du Statut de Westminster de 1931. Ainsi, elle ne fait que reconnaître que le Roi ou la Reine au Royaume-Uni, désigné en certu des lois du Royaume-Uni, est le Roi ou la Reine au Canada. »

La Ligue a estimé que ces changements, à laquelle tous les royaumes du Commonwealth avaient convenu lors de leur réunion à Perth en 2011, étaient en temps opportun et à droite. Il a également soutenu vigoureusement les moyens utilisés par le gouvernement du Canada pour leur donner effet – le processus normal de la législation adoptée par le Parlement et reçu la sanction royale.

Nous partageons maintenant l'espoir que, avec un gouvernement fédéraliste au pouvoir au Québec, aucun autre appel ne sera lancé, et que plus de certitude a été donnée aux changements souhaitables apportées à la succession au trône canadienne.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### JUSTIN TRUDEAU: BEGINNINGS

How very encouraging it is to see the evidently-warm relationship the Prime Minister has developed with The Queen. The gracious comments M. Trudeau has made about HM on several occasions were clearly expressed and evidently sincere, not least of which in his Toast at the Commonwealth Conference. Nor is it every day that our famously-reserved Queen not only reciprocates the warmth of feelings directed to her, but publicly jokes with one of her Prime Ministers. So that is all good.

At the same time we can't be surprised that what one might term the Laurentian Elite could not grasp the concern of the Monarchist League and others that, unannounced, in the first weekend of the new Government's time in office, a picture of The Queen was taken down from the Pearson Building where the Department of Global Affairs is housed. The Minister, Stéphane Dion, is a monarchist. It was a ham-fisted move by bureaucrats – and yes, so was the removal of the Pellán paintings during the time of M. Dion's Conservative predecessor John Baird. Baird should have ordered The Queen's picture hung without removing M. Pellán's fine work – and the reverse is true as well – oh, petty politics!

But, however petty, is it fair to underline there need be no false dichotomy created between varieties of "Canadian Art." The Queen's image (how fine to see the Jubilee portrait hanging at Rideau Hall as a backdrop to the swearing in of our Prime Minister and his colleagues!) is a supreme example of such "Art," as is Charlie Pachter's Sovereign on a Moose or a state lithograph hung in public places. Such art is not a negation of the huge volume of what people tend to think of as more purely "Art" by innumerable talented Canadian painters, be they Pellán or Group of Seven or... Variety and inclusiveness is our Monarch's way, representative to the core of the Canadian ethos.

It cannot have pleased M. Trudeau that the first controversy of his Administration – better let us call it a provocation on a pallet – emerged on a sensitive subject of little ultimate significance. But it may have encouraged the palpable respect for the Crown the PMO showed in the days following, and reminded those that the League "stands on guard" not to pontificate about each symbol, but in recollection of how, in Canada's not so recent history as in those of other lands, the deliberate removal of iconic imagery can be a precursor to attempts to make more substantive changes.

We take M. Trudeau at his word; we will judge him and his colleagues by their actions (how good to see in Cabinet not only M. Dion but another known monarchist, Carolyn Bennett). We look forward to working with the new government and wish it well for the sake of the Realm. "By their fruits shall ye know them."

the substance and positive effects of the Act were agreed to by all. Our role in affecting opinion, especially in the Senate, was subsequently praised in a letter to Mr Finch by the Hon Bob Runciman, Chairman of the Senate Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee.

We now share the hope that with a Federalist government in power in Quebec, no further appeal will be launched, and that greater certainty has now been given to the desirable changes made to the Succession to the Canadian Throne.

As is usual in the Province of Quebec, the Judge's decision was rendered in French, the language in which the case was heard. His Clerk has advised that a translation is being prepared, which should be ready in early-to-mid April. For the purposes of this article and the convenience of readers, CMN has translated several key paragraphs of the ruling. These are entirely unofficial; the only approved texts are those released by the Court. Only a reading of the complete ruling of the Judge can provide a full understanding of his reasons in a complex constitutional matter.

(53, p. 12 of the French text): "...it is not so much the articles of these Imperial statutes which form part of the Canadian Constitution, nor the rules of the succession as such, but much more the underlying principles of these rules, such as that which recognizes that whoever is King or Queen of the United Kingdom is King or Queen of Canada, and this stemming from an hereditary succession determined by the United Kingdom."

(59, p. 13 of the French text): "In the same way [as the independence of the magistracy is from the outset an unwritten constitutional principle] the principle of an hereditary succession determined by the United Kingdom forms a part of the

background of the Canadian Constitution without the necessity of a reference to any article of the Bill of Rights given the absence of a specific reference to that effect..."

(130, p. 33 of the French text: "...the Court does not believe that the rules of succession to the Throne, adopted by the United Kingdom, as being incorporated into the Canadian Constitution on the basis that they would form an integral part of its structure. It is not so much the written rules that form the background of the Canadian Constitution, but rather the principle of an hereditary succession determined by the United Kingdom, and, as such, this principle is not modified by the UK Succession to the Crown Act 2013 nor by the Canadian Succession to the Throne Act 2013 by virtue of which Canada has given its assent."

(139, p. 34 of the French text): "The Court is of the opinion that the constitutional protection given to "the office of The Queen" through use of the amending procedure provided by Article 41a) of the Constitution Act 1982 is intended primarily to guarantee that the powers, position and functions conferred on the Crown as an institution cannot be changed without agreement of the parties enumerated therein, and that, independently of the person designated to occupy the position of King or Queen of the United Kingdom."

(155, p. 37 of the French text): "The sole purpose of the Canadian Succession to the Throne Act of 2013 is to give Canada's assent to the modifications made to the Succession by British Law, according to the constitutional convention of the latter deriving from the Preamble to The Statute of Westminster of 1931. Accordingly, the 2013 Act only recognizes that the King or Queen of the United Kingdom, as designated by the laws of the United Kingdom, is the King or Queen of Canada."



# CONSTITUTIONALIST PHILIPPE LAGASSÉ ADDRESSES MONARCHIST GROUPS

## THE ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL & CITIZENSHIP:

### WHY SHOULD NEW CITIZENS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE QUEEN?

#### “THE HOLLOWED CROWN” IN CANADA

Prof Philippe Lagassé spoke to two enthusiastic audiences – the Osgoode Hall Law School Constitutional Affairs Club and the Monarchist League’s GTA Branch – during a Toronto visit, in late March, centering his remarks as to why the Oath of Allegiance in Canada is properly an Oath to The Queen. The observations below formed the basis of his addresses.

The Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear a Charter challenge against the oath to the Queen that’s required of new citizen. My fellow blogger Léonid Sirota was unimpressed with the decision. He also didn’t think much of my quip that efforts to change the oath should have focused on Parliament to begin with. Unfortunately, as the SCC’s refusal to hear a Charter challenge to the law of royal succession further highlights, attempts to use one part of the constitution to undermine another are ill-fated. And while I understand Sirota’s contention that the case didn’t aim to undermine the legitimacy of the Crown, I think that was the underlying issue. I suspect the courts believed this, too. Nonetheless, the ONCA has given Parliament a compelling reason to alter the oath, and the ruling has left us with a poorer understanding of the Crown in Canada.

Why are new citizens asked to swear an oath to the Queen? The answer is complex.

Our constitution doesn’t have a concept of the state, *per se*. Instead, the

Crown is our concept of the state. All sovereign authority in and of Canada (be it legislative, executive or judicial) flows from the Crown, and what we call Canada is understood to be the ‘body politic’ of *Her Majesty in right of Canada*. Moreover, the Crown and Her Majesty in right of Canada are treated as a single entity. So, Canada is the body politic of the Crown and Her Majesty in right of Canada is the fount of all sovereign authority in and of Canada. In addition, Her Majesty in right of Canada is a fictional legal person. This means that the state in Canada is a legal person, which explains how the Canadian state holds property, contracts, employs civil servants, and commissions military officers.

Although Her Majesty in right of Canada is a fictional legal person, she is also a real physical person, the woman we know as Queen Elizabeth II. The physical Queen Elizabeth II makes manifest the fictional Her Majesty. Put differently, Queen Elizabeth II embodies and gives a physical form to the legal entity that is Her Majesty in right of Canada. Together the physical Queen and fictional Her Majesty form a single corporation with two capacities, one natural, the other legal.

Now, all this helps us understand the oath. The Crown is our concept of the state and fount of sovereign authority. Her Majesty in right of Canada is synonymous with the Crown. Queen Elizabeth II embodies Her Majesty in right of Canada. Hence, Queen Elizabeth II is the physical manifestation of the Canadian state and the sovereign authority in and of Canada. When new citizens swear an oath to the Queen, they are being asked to swear to the state and the source of all legitimate legal and governing authority. They are, in effect, being asked to swear loyalty to what ‘Canada’ actually is in law and under our constitution.



Philippe Lagassé

The appellants challenged the oath on the grounds that the Queen represented something different to them. For instance, according to Simone Topey, who is a Rastafarian, the Queen represents the head of Babylon. Swearing an oath to her would therefore be contrary to Topey’s religious convictions. In ruling against the appellants, the ONCA ruled that they had misunderstood the oath: they were being asked to swear to the Queen as understood in the context of the constitution and Canadian law. Whatever their personal interpretation of who or what the Queen is, the court found that when it comes to swearing the oath, it’s the definition of the Queen in Canadian law that matters.

This is why the case was ultimately about the legitimacy of the Crown in the constitution. Had the courts found that the appellants’ individual interpretation of the oath should trump the constitutional sense, the line between personal views and legal fact would have been blurred. The Crown would no longer have any definitive meaning; instead of personifying the Canadian state, the Queen could plausibly be whatever anyone believes she might be. Suffice it to say, we would not accept this with respect to other public institutions. Individuals are not free to interpret parliamentary statutes in any way they want, for example. Similarly, we expect court rulings to be respected, notwithstanding our personal disagreements with their reasoning. It’s unclear why we shouldn’t afford the Crown the same standing, except for the fact that the monarchy is contentious. If the case had gone the other way, the Crown would arguably have become a lesser part of the constitution as compared to Parliament and the judiciary, one that can be disregarded if it clashes with our personal beliefs.

Thankfully, that’s not what happened. The ONCA rightly found that people can

believe and say whatever they want about the Queen and the monarchy, but that when comes time to become a Canadian citizen, they can be required to swear loyalty to what the Crown means in Canadian law. To become a Canadian, new citizens must swear an oath to what Canadians have chosen to retain as their concept of the state, the Queen. So far as we can tell, the SCC agrees, at least enough that it wasn’t willing to reconsider the merits of the case.

However, the ONCA ruling was not all bad news for those who oppose the oath. When describing what the Queen refers to, the court focused on the fictional legal personality alone. The court implied that the oath doesn’t refer to the Queen in her natural capacity. As well, the court noted that “the oath is a symbolic commitment to be governed as a democratic constitutional monarchy unless and until democratically changed.” This suggests two things. First, that there is no compelling reason for Parliament to retain a reference to the Queen in her natural capacity in the oath. The oath could be rewritten to make reference to more anodyne terms, such as the Crown, Her Majesty in right of Canada, or simply Canada (as Australia has done) without taking away from the symbolism. Second, by stressing that the Queen is a mere symbol, the ONCA arguably gives Parliament a reason to rewrite the oath. Simply put, why retain an oath that offends certain new citizens if it’s merely symbolic?

Indeed, I’d argue that the ONCA went a bit too far in scrubbing the Queen of any substance. The logic behind swearing an oath to Queen Elizabeth II is that the Queen, Her Majesty in right of Canada, and the Crown are bound together in law. Denying that new citizens are being asked to swear an oath to the Queen in her natural capacity misrepresents the nature of the Crown. New citizens are being asked to swear to the Queen in both her natural capacity and her legal capacity, since her natural and legal capacities are intertwined. That’s the best way to explain why an oath to Queen Elizabeth II is an oath to Canada or to the state. Otherwise, we’re stuck with the strategy that the ONCA employed, stating that a plain reading of the oath is incorrect, despite the fact that Canada’s citizenship guide emphasizes a plain reading.

A literal reading of the oath isn’t wrong. It actually tells us more about our constitution than the symbolic reading the ONCA offered. But defending a literal reading of the oath requires accepting that Canada is a constitutional monarchy in more than a symbolic sense. Since the courts may not be willing or able to do that anymore, those who challenged the oath may have won after all.

## READ IN PRINT

### A new service for Monarchist League members who do not have email

In a perfect world, we would wish everyone had and used email! This is not a moral judgment, but a reflection of the ability of that medium to reach good monarchists instantly and at no cost or bother.

Nonetheless, it is clear that a notable tranche of our membership is immune to the charms of the net. Rather than retreat as a rejected suitor, we bow to your choice – we hear you! We want you to read about what we’re doing and how you can help the cause.

So, as of this issue of *CMN* we are offering those without email a new service from the League: the option, *without any cost to you*, to receive print versions of our email communiqués. We will batch them in two or three to an envelope, and mail them to you.

All we ask is that you be a paid-up member of the League, and fill in the form below. If you do ever switch to electronic communication, do let us know so we can put the postage and time to another use.

THANK YOU for your loyal support, in whatever the medium! (And no, we do not do hieroglyphics – we can’t afford the stone or the postage...)

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## TO OUR READERS CMN RESUMES PUBLICATION

At one point the League hoped that the considerable time, effort and expense of maintaining a print version of *Canadian Monarchist News* would be rendered superfluous in an age of electronic communication. Members have clearly indicated that they disagree, and wish this publication to continue.

It will do so, with an effort to appear more regularly but with fewer pages, and even more pictures relative to text. Digests may appear of some articles which hitherto would have been printed in full; readers will be invited to ask, without charge, for print or electronic versions of the whole.



# ROYAL ROUNDUP

## QUEEN RE-OPENS CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON, RECEIVES KEYS



The Queen after re-opening Canadian High Commission, accompanied by former Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird.

April 16 found The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh at Grosvenor Square, where Her Majesty toured the new facilities, accepted its keys from High Commissioner Gordon Campbell and admired a soaring new space housing Canadian art, and named the Queen Elizabeth Atrium.

## MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF ONE OF THE FRANKLIN EXPEDITION SHIPS

The Queen transmitted a message to the Governor General on September 9, 2014, following the discovery of one of the two ships belonging to the Franklin Expedition lost in 1846:

*"I was greatly interested to learn of the discovery of one of the long-lost ships of Captain Sir John Franklin. Prince Philip joins me in sending congratulations and good wishes to all those who played a part in this historic achievement."*

## PRINCE OF WALES SWORN TO CANADIAN PRIVY COUNCIL – LEAGUE MEMBER IAN HOLLOWAY ALSO JOINS ELITE BODY

During his most recent Canadian homecoming, the Prince of Wales was sworn into the Queen's Privy Council for Canada by the Governor General at a private ceremony in Halifax. A press release from the Prime Minister's Office explained that "His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has shown unwavering dedication to Canada throughout his lifetime, including through a number of charities and other good works. It is most fitting that he joins a select few beyond Canadian parliamentarians who are appointed as a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada."



Monarchist UC Law Dean Ian Holloway sworn of the Privy Council by the Governor General, with whom he had once shared a job!

Another of those select appointments took place on January 30, 2015, where University of Calgary Dean of Law and avid monarchist Ian Holloway was sworn a Privy Councillor consequent upon his appointment to the Security Intelligence Review Committee. Thus Holloway is permitted to share in state secrets, and keep them inviolable, in the same way as members of Cabinet. Dr Holloway was recently appointed to a second term as Dean of the UC Law Faculty.

## CHARLES AND CAMILLA'S VISIT TO PEI'S ROTARY YOUTH PARLIAMENT SPURS LOYALTY

*Reflections of a New Young Monarchist.*  
by Drew MacEachern

When I got the invitation to participate in the Special 2014 Rotary Youth Parliament, being held at Province House, the seat of Prince Edward Island's legislature and meeting place of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference, I did not expect that it would be such a monumental occasion. While currently entering my third year of university, I had participated in the Rotary Youth Parliament held in Province House sponsored by Rotary International during both my Grade 11 and 12 years, as well as serving as a legislative page in Grade 12. In fact, all of the participants in this Youth Parliament were drawn from current or former pages. With that experience, it seemed that this Youth Parliament, debating one question, "whether the youth of today are prepared to carry on the work of the Fathers of Confederation" would be a nice throwback to our past experiences.

Subsequently it was a very pleasant, if not slightly intimidating, shock when I discovered the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall would be the special



Drew MacEachern of the University of PEI Model Parliament.

guests for the event, and would even be participating. I had recently discovered a new found curiosity in the institution of the Monarchy. I had previously considered myself a Republican; however, I had recently begun to reappraise my support for the Royal Family for a variety of reasons. As such, I was rather excited to see members of the Monarchy in the flesh. As such I think it is accurate to say, my co-participants were all concerned with understanding what exactly what was going to happen, and what we were going to say during our practices leading up to the event.

The morning of the event, May 20th, started off slowly. The Royal visitors were set to arrive roughly half-way through the event. We would go through a little more than half the speeches, stop, and then resume the rest once the Royal Entourage arrived at Province House. Eventually a break was called to wait for the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses in the Chamber. When they did arrive it was almost surreal to see the Royals as regular people in the flesh. The made their way to the front of the chamber to sit with the Speaker of the Legislature, the Hon. Carolyn Bertram, who was presiding over the event. The seating arrangement between them was a rather interesting blend of legislative and royal tradition. Since, due to parliamentary tradition, the Chamber belongs to the Speaker, no one could sit higher than her, especially not in her chair. However, as per their royal status, no one could be seated higher than the Royals. As a result, they were all seated at equal level at the clerks' desk at the foot of the Speaker's chair. I found this a very visual representation of how both democracy and monarchy, two seemingly incompatible concepts, have evolved to stand side-by-side in our parliamentary constitutional monarchy.

I was the second to speak after the Royals arrived. My topic focused on how international experiences are important for developing Canadian youth to have a



The Prince of Wales greets local monarchists in the crowd during HRH's recent homecoming.

global perspective, focusing largely on my new role as Coordinator of the UPEI International Student Buddy Program. My speech was made so much better by an impromptu suggestion by my colleagues on the government side. During my practice speeches I mentioned that I am currently in the process of learning Japanese and hope to study abroad someday. My fellow government members mentioned that I should throw in some Japanese. Deciding this was a good idea I quickly decided to add in "I am studying Japanese" (*watashi wa nihongo o benkyou shiteimasu* for those interested) after this mention because it was the most coherent and relevant thing I could think of on the spot. During my actual speech I noticed the Prince slightly raise his eyebrows and smile in pleasant surprise when I threw this in.

After my speech finished, we continued with other interventions. The Prince and Duchess appeared to enjoy it; the Prince let out a little chuckle after the youth premier and I decided to bang our desks and let out a few "hear, hears" in support of our colleagues. Then we went into a brief question period where we were asked questions we decided upon earlier by the Speaker. However, Prince Charles decided to ask his own question about how the page program has helped us understand the political system and whether it affected our desire to get involved with politics. After this, all the student participants got to come out onto the floor of the Legislature and have one-on-one talks with Their Highnesses. I was on the side that talked with Prince Charles. I shook his hand and briefly discussed with HRH the experience of being a page and my work as a legislative intern compiling a list of unparliamentary language. They then left to continue their tour of the Island.

Later that evening, when I returned home, I submitted my application for a free trial membership in the Monarchist League of Canada.



(left) Indefatigable League supporter and benefactor, Byron Thomas of Georgetown, Ontario, is presented to the Princess Royal before a private dinner during a recent homecoming to Toronto. (centre) Long-time League member Matthew Rowe (wearing plaid scarf) in attendance on the Prince of Wales during the Prince's Canadian Charities event in support of its Campaign for Wool. Matthew is Director of Operations of the PCC.



(right) An important encounter for The Canadian Royal Family, vice-regals and provincial leaders with First Nations people at Kitchenuhmaykoosib. Newly appointed as honorary Canadian Rangers, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Ontario's then Lieutenant-Governor designate Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the Countess of Wessex, and Ruth-Ann Onley, wife of Ontario's outgoing Lieutenant Governor, proudly wear their Ranger hoodies.

Credit: Peter Moon



# A Toast to the League: Its Work from a YM Perspective

## University of Toronto Young Monarchist Aidan Nicholas reflects on the new focus of the Monarchist League of Canada

*Delivered at the annual Monarchist League of Canada's annual Accession Luncheon, this speech brought resounding applause and many requests for its text.*

It is my honour and my happy task to propose today the Toast to the League: an honour because together with all of you, I so respect the work of the League today, as over the past 45 years of its unequalled service to Crown and Canada; a happy task, as my fellow Young Monarchists and I find so much enjoyment in our shared efforts to promote our cause.

What do we most value in the League? And why am I proud to be a member?

First, the League focuses on the *institution* of constitutional monarchy, not on personalities and gossip as do the British tabloids and a good many of the social and so-called "conventional" media. We are not "fans" but believers in our country's constitutional arrangements. We focus on reason, not name-calling directed at our republican friends who, however wrong we believe their views, love Canada as do we; and we target that great indifferent centre of our population, who, the League realizes, will be won over by the force of repeated reason, not by bombast or bullying.

Nor are we into the frippery of the trivial: excusers and fancy dress and dining-out. Sure, we enjoy a rare event such as today's – but most of our work we do in t-shirts and jeans, the hard slogging of posterizing our campus or answering a sceptical radio host or – dare I say – debating with the unconverted in a pub at the end of a long day of studies! In a word, we regard the institution as

precious, but *we* are not!

Second, the League was the first Loyal Society to go onto the web – in 1996. The *fifth* iteration of that website is soon to be introduced to our members. We were the first to tweet a Royal Homecoming – and the Palace joined in on that occasion! The first to move most communications from expensive and slow-to-be delivered print – to the instantaneous and inexpensive email and the web. We've produced three English films on YouTube, our GTA Branch has added two Monarchist Moments to that collection – and within a month or two the YM's will be adding our first French-language film, wherein Quebecers will reflect on the value of the Crown for La

Belle Province. In a word, the League may be promoting a venerable institution; but we do so using the tools of today's modern communication methods.

Third, the League is inclusive: to us not a clichéd nod to political correctness, but a reality. We adopted a bilingual letterhead almost at our inception, despite the fact in 1970 this remained – incredible to think – controversial in some quarters. And now we have four volunteer translators so that the League communicates in English and French as befits a national organization. Soon we will be adding a Chinese-language section to our website. Our membership is truly diverse. Not we ever believed that monarchists must be WASPS, or for that matter any particular ethnicity or colour or faith – I am so proud that the League every day better mirrors that ineluctable image shared with us by Adrienne Clarkson – of the Aboriginal Circle widening to include us all. Us all. If there's anything The Queen's long reign and the League's devoted history is about, it lies in those two words: us ALL.



those of the Netherlands or Spain or Jamaica or Malaysia. We celebrate May 2-4. We delight in the varied personalities and priorities of our 11 vice-regal representatives of the Sovereign, each bringing a distinct tone, all sharing in a deep loyalty. We toast Victoria and Elizabeth as Mothers of the Canadian Confederation. We remember that it was George V who in 1921 foreshadowed our beloved National Flag by declaring red and white as the colours of Canada, and our present Queen who proclaimed that Flag in 1965. We see the Crown at its most enduring and popular when draped in the Maple Leaf – forever!

Sixth, the League never rests on its laurels. It sees in the millions hailing William and Catharine

from coast to coast to coast the resonance of their youth and enormous potential for the Crown; but it realizes too that excitement fades quickly, memories are short and knowledge of our institutions leaves much to be desired. It knows that social media moves at lightning speed in cyberspace, and that as soon as today's new website is launched, the planning must start for tomorrow's. It is actively engaged in considering for issues arising at the time of a demise of the Throne. And full of energy in promoting the Prince of Wales' Canadian initiatives as the best hope for Charles' happy reign as our King. The League's efforts are the gift of itself, its members, to our Queen, to the institution of Monarchy, to our country, "from the depths of the land strong and free."

Today we once again affirm our pride and loyalty, loyalty to Sovereign and pride in the League's 45 years of service, our labour and our love;

And so I ask you to rise and join with me in drinking to the continuing success of THE LEAGUE – LA LIGUE!

Fourth, the League focuses its message and chooses its battles: its accomplishments range from the symbolic to the substantive – a long list you can read on our Chronology – and it has always concentrated on outreach and education, not on some clubby, inward-looking self-congratulation. I was so happy to learn that in Jubilee year our revised educational booklet was in such demand that a first printing of 7000 flew off our shelves within weeks; so back we went to its generous donor to ask if we could print a second. This good friend said yes, unhesitatingly. What an example! How this generosity motivates me and my YM buddies to do more! He is here today. And while we can't all provide \$5000 on request we all can provide 5000 *minutes* of our time. So a huge thanks to him and those other few who make the battle possible for us foot-soldiers.

Fifth, the League is 100% Canadian. The Maple Monarchy has evolved distinctly. We have no need to ape British institutions and social mores in promoting and explaining it any more than we would

## SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE QUEEN THE LEAGUE'S PROJECT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HER MAJESTY ON HER 90th

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE

*NB: the information in this article appears on the League's special landing page at [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca)*

Our Queen will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 21 of this year, although the occasion is marked "officially" on varying dates throughout the Commonwealth. In Canada, it is Victoria Day. In Britain, it will take place in June, with a national service of thanksgiving, a Palace balcony appearance, a giant street party on the Mall and Trooping the Colour. What could we possibly ask our fellow Canadians to give a woman whose treasure is not material, but which lies in her life of service, inclusion and community – an example to us all?

The League decided that – much like the community celebrations we fostered throughout Canada last September to mark the historic length of the reign, our birthday project should be simple and accessible to everyone – a true celebration from our national family to the head of the nation.

So, we are asking **you**, your family, your friends and any other group you might be associated with, to join with organizations and individuals across the country in setting up a video cam and singing a verse of "Happy Birthday to You" in English and French (heritage and First Nations languages also welcome) in a certain key, at a certain tempo, and sending them to a special URL for uploading. The submissions will be "layered" one on top of the other to produce a single mighty chorus reflecting our affection for the Sovereign and the unity of our nation under the Throne.

### How can we participate?

Access our special landing page by pasting into your browser: [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca). Then open the pdf files at the end of the introduction page for complete instructions: simple and fun. Any questions after reading? Email us at [domsec@sympatico.ca](mailto:domsec@sympatico.ca). And also, do kindly pass along this invitation to everyone on your mailing list. Let's make this an amazing, heartfelt celebration!

Deadline for submissions: April 25

## CHANTEZ «BONNE FÊTE» EN L'HONNEUR DES 90 ANS DE NOTRE REINE!

VOTRE PARTICIPATION ET PUBLICITÉ DEMANDÉS

*NB: les informations contenues dans cet article apparaît sur ?? la page de destination spéciale de la Ligue au [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca)*

Le 21 avril, notre reine aura 90 ans. (Son anniversaire « officiel » au Canada est la fête de la Reine, en mai. En défiant les stéréotypes de l'âge et de la « retraite, Sa Majesté poursuit sa vie de service au Canada et au Commonwealth.

Voici comment **vous** pouvez vous joindre à une célébration nationale pour souhaiter un joyeux anniversaire à la Reine.

La Ligue monarchiste du Canada propose aux membres et à tous les Canadiens de créer une vidéo de la chanson « Bonne fête », dont un couplet en français un couplet en anglais (nous serions également heureux de recevoir un couplet chanté dans une langue des Premières nations ou dans une langue patrimoniale).

Un « groupe » peut être: les membres d'une famille – un groupe de voisins – la gang de votre lieu de travail – vous le nommez!

Nous allons superposer les contributions afin de former un puissant chœur de bons vœux affectueux, le tout soutenu des vidéos des groupes participants. Ces groupes seront mentionnés sur la pochette du DVD, lequel sera ensuite envoyé à Sa Majesté et téléchargé sur les médias sociaux en guise de cadeau de fête.

### Comment participer?

S'il vous plaît accéder à notre page d'atterrissage spéciale en collant dans votre navigateur [www.monarchist.ca/fr/Reine90](http://www.monarchist.ca/fr/Reine90)

Puis, ouvrir les fichiers pdf à la fin de la page d'introduction pour les instructions complètes: simple et amusant. Vous avez des questions après avoir lu? Envoyez-nous un courriel à [domsec@sympatico.ca](mailto:domsec@sympatico.ca)

S'il vous plaît aussi transmettre ce message à tous ceux que vous connaissez. Faisons ensemble une célébration étonnante et sincère!

Date limite pour les soumissions: 25 avril



# VICE-REGAL ROUND-UP

**Doyon: rôle n'est pas seulement symbolique ~ Dowdeswell to protect integrity of Crown ~ Filmon seeks to connect people ~ Mitchell speaks of the "soft skills" important to education**

## FOUR NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS APPOINTED

Since the previous issue of *CMN*, four Canadians have been appointed to serve The Queen in their respective provinces. From east to west, we hail the willingness to take on this responsibility on the part of QUEBEC's J Michel Doyon; ONTARIO's Elizabeth Dowdeswell; MANITOBA's Janice Filmon; and ALBERTA's Lois Mitchell.



Après avoir prêté serment en tant que représentant de la Reine pour la province de Québec, le Lieutenant-gouverneur, l'hon Michel Doyon, reçoit les applaudissements du premier ministre, Philippe Couillard.



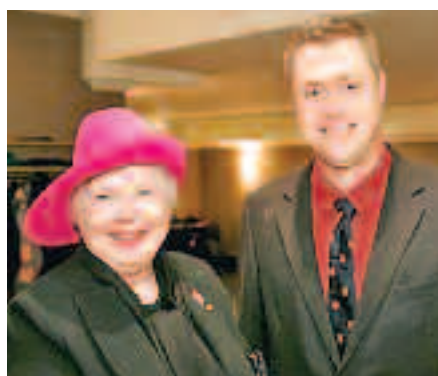
L'hon J. Michel Doyon, nommé Lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec le 21 juillet, 2015

Michel Doyon a été membre de conseil d'administration de Radio-Canada de 1998 à 2008; deux fois bâtonnier du Barreau du Québec; et il a servi aussi dans autres postes de responsabilité publique. Assermenté le 24 septembre, 2015, le 29e Lieutenant-gouverneur a expliqué le 28 septembre à la Presse Canadienne que sa fonction "est bien méconnue," mais "Ce n'est pas seulement symbolique." *LPC* a écrit que Son honneur veut jouer un rôle actif dans la société québécoise, particulièrement en ce qui a trait à la revalorisation de nos institutions démocratiques, dont celle qu'il incarnera au cours des prochaines années.

Ontario's Liz Dowdeswell, as she is known to friends, is a self-described "policy wonk." An Officer of the Order of Canada, she was President of the Council of Canadian Academies at the time of her appointment, having previously served as



Aidan Slind, the League's Summer Intern to Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, speaks at Farewell Reception. Next to Her Honour is Eugene Berezovsky, one of many Interns who have gone on to be employed by the Vice-Regal office.



Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell with Monarchist League Dominion Chairman Robert Finch at recent League Accession Lunch. Ms Dowdeswell was named Queen's representative on June 26, 2014.

an Undersecretary of the United Nations, and as a deputy minister within the federal and Saskatchewan governments. In her Installation address, the 29th Lieutenant Governor pledged to protect the integrity of the Crown, and spoke of challenges facing Ontario: ensuring responsible and inclusive prosperity; the fragility of the planet; and the maintenance of social cohesion.

Janice Filmon came to the vice-regal post well aware of the opportunities and perils of public life, as her husband Gary had served as Manitoba's Premier 1988-1999. However, Her Honour had built an independent résumé as a social worker, in philanthropy and in her passionate involvement with the voluntary sector, chairing the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation and founding the ALIVE volunteer initiative program. The province's 25th Lieutenant Governor spoke to a *Free Press*



Janice Filmon and her husband, former Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, meet with Their Excellencies at Rideau Hall, under the gaze of...



Janice Filmon was named Manitoba's 25th Lieutenant Governor on March 23, 2015.

interviewer of using her own emphases in the position as a "stepping stone to make a difference" over the ensuing five years; and that she loved "the idea of connecting people... reading and saying 'I want to find this person and bring them to Government House.'"

During the last days of Mrs Filmon's predecessor's time in office, Global News produced a short piece with Private Secretary Phyllis Fraser touring Manitoba's Government House: worth a look despite

its not explaining how the Lieutenant Governor is The Queen's representative. As always, the media focuses on the expenses of the vice-regal office: [global-news.ca/video/1909157/a-look-inside-gov-ernment-house](http://global-news.ca/video/1909157/a-look-inside-gov-ernment-house).

As Alberta's 18th Lieutenant Governor, Lois Mitchell began her professional life as a teacher in Vancouver, but quickly became engaged in the business and philanthropic life of Calgary, where she founded Rainmaker Global Business Development, co-founded CrimeStoppers Calgary and sat on many boards including those of Hockey Canada and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. Her Honour drew upon her classroom experience as she mentioned in her Installation address the need to teach children "the soft skills of empathy, patience, compassion and resiliency that are as important to success in life as any academic learning."



Lois Mitchell was named Alberta's new Lieutenant Governor on May 20, 2015.



Alberta LG Lois Mitchell inspects the Guard after her Installation.

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# SEPTEMBER 9, 2015: 138+ CANADIAN COMMUNITIES



*First participants – two small and isolated towns: the NWT First Nations community of Whati, and Flowers Cove, NL on the Gulf of St Lawrence*

*Chief Imam in Canada joins Christian denominations in asking prayers for The Queen*

**Celebrations Across Canada  
On September 9**

**Municipalités Célébrant  
Le 9 Septembre**



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League graphics designer Anton Abaev designed the front of the program for the League's National Celebration of The Queen's Historic Reign on September 9th. A few communities are missing (Rothesay & Stanley, NB) as they confirmed participation after the program had gone to press.

In Canada there was confusion and an unnecessary abundance of caution about celebrating September 9th, 2015, the day when our Queen's reign surpassed that of Queen Victoria, Mother of Confederation, with some in officialdom taking it upon themselves to speak for The Queen and advising that any recognition of the achievement would not please Her Majesty. More, the imminent election precluded any programming engagement on the part of the the federal government, although Canada Post, the Royal Canadian Mint and the Bank of Canada all honoured the occasion, the "P" rate postage stamp being particularly striking. Despite these circumstances, Canadian loyalty proved resilient: the Governor General led the way with a Reception at Rideau Hall to mark the day, an event to which many Monarchist League members from across Canada were kindly invited.

The Monarchist League itself spearheaded a simple form of community celebration by writing every municipal

authority in the nation. 138 cities and towns adopted the suggested approach; many more issued proclamations or otherwise manifested their loyalty to our Queen and friend, a contemporary Mother of Confederation.

A group of Young Monarchists within the League, led by Aidan Slind, undertook their own special outreach: religious leaders of every denomination were asked to request their congregations to hold The Sovereign in prayer on September 9th. They achieved a remarkable result. It was good that the Anglican Primate of Canada and many of his Bishops responded affirmatively (beginning with National Indigenous Peoples Bishop Mark MacDonald). But just as heart-warming and – by former standards, more surprising – were similar responses from the head of the Canadian Council of Imams (Muslim), the Metropolis of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Cardinal Archbishop of Toronto (Roman Catholic) together with other bishops.

It was particularly moving that two of the first municipalities to respond affirmatively to the suggestion of a simple civic celebration were the First Nations community of Whati, whose population of around 500 lives in the far reaches of the NWT, northwest of Great Slave Lake; and the Town of Flowers Cove, a place of

270 souls in Newfoundland and Labrador, set on the Gulf of St Lawrence near to the top of the great Peninsula.

The League's own celebration took place at Toronto's Pilot Tavern, where Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Deputy Premier Deb Matthews addressed the diverse crowd and joined in enthusi-



Yarmouth, NS celebrates the historic reign. Mayor Pam Mood addresses those assembled.



Former Police Chief and community activist Maurice Butler of Morden, MB, spearheaded the civic celebration of The Queen's reign – and presented the Monarchist League with a fine collection of all that went into it for the Archives.



Yarmouth Town Crier, David Olie, reads the Mayor's Proclamation.



The colour party is from the Yarmouth Memorial Club



# UNITIES CELEBRATE QUEEN'S HISTORIC REIGN

astic singing of songs of the realms, led by the young Monarchist contingent.

The Oakville post office was overwhelmed as materials requested by the municipalities – the League's educational booklets and bilingual flyers, both reprinted – were packaged and distributed across the country in late summer. One day's despatch alone brought over \$1500 to Canada Post's coffers!

In all, a heartfelt celebration of an historic Reign was not diminished by the lack of national resources: again, the voluntary sector and the least bureaucratic level of governance showed the nimbleness lacking further up the chain, and the strength of patriotism unencumbered by bureaucracy. And its geographic compass, appropriately, encompassed the uttermost parts of a far-flung loyal land.

## The Premier of Ontario, speaking in the Province's Parliament on September 14, 2015:

...During her reign, Queen Elizabeth has institutionalized walkabouts, developing them into a much-loved tradition. I am speaking about walkabouts today because of their symbolic importance. Earlier generations typically perceived a king

or a queen as a remote figurehead, but the advent of walkabouts has helped to forge a connection between the monarch and her people and has reflected the democratic spirit of our age. Yet at the same time they strike a careful balance by also respecting the dignity that is integral to the high office the Queen holds. Her Majesty has done an exemplary job of maintaining the monarchy, which is one of the pillars of our democracy. By doing so, she has helped to sustain the combination of parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy that we're so fortunate to live under.

Our system of government which has evolved over many centuries has allowed Canada to become a vibrant and stable democracy, and one of the world's most successful nations. It ensures that the power of the state is not absolute; that peace, order and good government endure; and that as citizens we can take control of our destiny and live without fear of tyranny. The Queen has steered a steady course for more than 63 years. She has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service, and she has upheld the monarchy as a symbol of stability and continuity...



Un certain nombre de membres de la Ligue de Montréal ont réunis dans un pub le 9 Septembre de porter un toast au règne historique de la Reine. François Marquette, le président de la branche, est assis deuxième à gauche du drapeau de la Ligue.



Georgetown, ON, League member Byron Thomas organized a mid-day ceremony attended by hundreds of local celebrants of the Halton Hills.



The Mayor of Windsor, Ontario, pays tribute to The Queen.



Over 100 residents of Kisbey, SK, joined by the inhabitants of seven neighbouring communities, enjoyed a celebration of The Queen's Reign jointly organized by the town and the local Rebekah Lodge.



The Mayor of Ottawa celebrates The Queen's Reign



Rideau Hall: the Governor General's celebration of The Queen's historic reign on September 9th included Monarchist League members invited from across Canada, including (2nd from left) Victoria Branch co-Chairman Bruce Hallsor, standing next to Carleton University YM co-Chairman Ben Savage. Senior League spokesman for the League in Western Canada Keith Roy stands immediately left of His Excellency, while Québec Chairman Francois Marquette is 2nd to the right of the Governor General.



Halifax residents celebrated September 9th with a noon-time gathering led by Mayor Savage.



Allegiance to Queen reaffirmed on September 9: Flowers Cove, NL



# BOOK REVIEW: Canada and The Crown

## CRITIQUE DE LIVRE: Le Canada et la Couronne

edited by/édité par

D. Michael Jackson & Philippe Lagassé  
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This work, together with its companion volumes, is available via CMN: see back page.

Ce livre, avec ses volumes de compagnie, est offert via NMC: voir la dernière page.

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Critique et commentaire par  
Scholasticus & Adsectator

*Canada and the Crown* is a collection of essays largely but not entirely derived from presentations made during a Diamond Jubilee Conference on the Crown in Regina in October, 2012, then edited and published in 2013 by the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations in association with the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. A particularly attractive feature of this volume is that each essay is preceded by a summary paragraph in the other Official Language. This review and commentary focuses on the contributions the writers deem most significant and most likely to be accessible to the reading public.

Cet ouvrage est en grande partie le fruit de deux conférences sur la thème de la Couronne tenues à Ottawa (2010) et à Regina (2012) reflètent le regain d'intérêt du public pour l'institution de la monarchie au Canada. Une caractéristique particulièrement intéressante de ce volume est que chaque essai est précédé par un paragraphe de résumé dans l'autre langue officielle. Ainsi, les lecteurs français et anglais peuvent également comprendre au moins l'argument de base de chaque article. Cet examen et commentaire se concentrent sur les contributions que les auteurs jugent les plus importants et les plus susceptibles d'être accessibles au public.

The book begins with a foreword by the Governor General, an appropriate person to do so not simply because of his position as Queen's Representative in Canada, but also since Mr Johnston is clearly the most understanding and cheerful proponent of the Canadian Crown of any Governor General since General Vanier. His Excellency regards our "balanced Crown" as "quintessentially Canadian" and "fulfilling a very real purpose... to blend tradition with modern circumstances... a system of government... admired around the world for its ability to forge consensus and stability."

Il est logique que le livre commence avec un avant propos par Son Excellence le Gouverneur générale du Canada. Son Excellence est une personne appropriée



The Governor General: "understanding and cheerful proponent of Canadian Crown".



Michael Jackson, CVO: "great servant of provincial Crown down many decades"

de le faire non seulement en raison de sa position en tant que représentant de la Reine au Canada, mais aussi que M. Johnston est certainement le plus compréhensif et joyeux promoteur de la Couronne canadienne de toute les Gouverneures-générale depuis le bien-aimé Georges Vanier. Dans son texte, il définit notre Couronne comme « fondamentalement canadienne » qui « joue un rôle symbolique et unificateur... un système de gouvernement qui...suscite l'admiration du monde entier par sa capacité de forger le consensus et la stabilité. »

Michael Jackson – that great servant of the Provincial Crown down many decades – introduces the work with sketches of the essay contributors: they include eminent scholars of the Crown such as his co-editor Philippe Lagassé, Professors David Smith and Peter Russell, Senator Serge Joyal, Dean Ian Holloway and author Christopher McCreery. He perceptively explains the wide-ranging contents of the book, historical to contemporary, from 19th Century vice-regal mores to today's international deployments of Canadian Forces. The Crown, he writes, "is so multi-faceted [that] it touches on multiple layers of Canada's governance and political culture."

Jackson also provides a very useful summary of the renaissance in the profile and governmental support for the Canadian Monarchy which stemmed from the intersection of happy events within the Royal Family (Jubilee, Royal Wedding, William and Catharine's tour of Canada) with the useful, purposeful and continuing imaginative policies of the Harper governments – initiatives notably admired by many who do not otherwise support the Tories, but who credit the Prime Minister and his colleagues for their support of the Crown which – as it should be – is not a matter which ultimately swings many votes in a federal election. And he rightly observes that should Professor David Smith ever prepare a new edition of his 1995 volume, *The Invisible Crown: The First Principle of Canadian Government*, which heralded modern scholarship into the subject after decades of neglect, he would surely have to drop the "invisible" from the title.

Michael Jackson – un serviteur inégalée de la Couronne provinciale pendant beaucoup des décennies – présente le travail avec des croquis de contributeurs de dissertation: ils comprennent d'éminents chercheurs de la Couronne comme son co-rédacteur en chef Philippe Lagassé, les professeurs David Smith et Peter Russell, le sénateur Serge Joyal, Dean Ian Hollo-

way et l'auteur Christopher McCreery. Il explique avec perspicacité l'énorme portée de l'ouvrage, historique au contemporain; du moeurs vice-royaux du 19ème siècle de déploiements internationaux des Forces canadiennes d'aujourd'hui. La Couronne, écrit-il, « est tellement multi-facettes [qu'] elle touche tant de sujets de la gouvernance et la culture politique du Canada. »

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avec la Couronne

A rare and knowledgeable insight into both historic and contemporary attitudes towards the Quebec Crown makes Senator Serge Joyal's essay of first importance, worth by itself the price of the book, a singular tour of a subject demanding no less than seven pages of footnotes! The Senator, himself a reformed republican, relates how for over 350 years French Canadians were devoted supporters of the Monarchy, which they saw as foundational to the rights and freedoms they had benefited from, a "loyalty inseparable from their faithfulness to the Catholic Church, part of an age-old alliance between the Throne and the Altar." The nationalism of the 60's wreaked havoc on both institutions, with the Crown being seen – and taught – as a symbol of colonial oppression. Joyal suggests that the arguments of that era have not really evolved. The debate, he opines, "is mired in ignorance – evidence of a form of political immaturity."

Le fait que les Canadiens restaient fidèles au roi, contents de rester "sujets," dit Joyal, est qu'il y a trouvé en Georges III (comme en Louis XV) leur garanti de "notre protection royal" et leur assurance des "bienfaits des loi de Notre royaume d'Angleterre." "Ils aiment leur roi" car il a défendu Québec contre les Américains. Donc ils aiment leur roi anglais. Joyal écrit que cette fidélité sauverait la colonie britannique." Ca – et le stupéfaction des habitants quand ils ont lu les nouvelles de l'exécution de Louis XVI.

Quand en 1864 ont commencé les discussions qui mèneraient au Confédération, les représentants du Bas-Canada "n'hésitèrent pas à proclamer que les colonies devraient être réunies sous la Couronne." Alors Georges-Etienne Cartier a déclaré à la Conférence de Halifax, "I am living in a province in which the inhabitants are monarchical by religion, by habit and by the remembrance of past history... Our great desire... is not to weaken monarchical institutions, but on the contrary to increase their influence..." He went on to suggest the expectation of a Royal head of state for the emerging country!



The King and Queen arrive at the Old Capital of Québec, 1939: 100,000 would cheer them on the Plains of Abraham.

Laurier would re-echo these sentiments a generation later, speaking in Paris during an 1897 visit of Quebecers' passionate devotion not to the Flag of France *qua* France, but to its being the flag "of our ancient monarchy." "Je suis profondément attaché aux institutions britanniques," said the Prime Minister, which, in the traditions of his language, he dubbed the value of "loyauté."

Joyal goes on to make the historic connection between these convictions and those which were had not ebbed, but whose public manifestation was kindled during the Royal Tour of 1939, perhaps the apotheosis of its expression, when 100,000 hailed George VI and his smiling Queen on the Plains of Abraham. Not least important of the sentiments expressed by the province's political elite of the day were those of the canny Premier Maurice Duplessis, who had made his reputation in seeking more autonomy from the federal government. "To remain altogether French," he reminded his audience, was the intention of the settlement given Quebec in 1791. The Throne, he said, is "le rempart de nos institutions démocratiques et de nos libertés constitutionnelles."

In the epoch of the Tour, even republicans such as Dandurand, together with anti-conscriptionists such as Houde, could speak sincerely of the attachment of the province to the Crown. Joyal suggests Houde's formulation proved to be the most felicitous formula "pour décrire en



Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis with Archbishop Charbonneau of Montreal: church and state passionately loyal to Crown throughout most of the province's history.



..stupéfaction des habitants quand ils ont lu les nouvelles de l'exécution de Louis XVI.



## BOOK REVIEW... CRITIQUE DE LIVRE...



*Discours de la Reine au Parlement du Québec, le 10 octobre 1964. "Nous sommes fières du rôle irremplaçable et de la destinée particulière du Canada français."*

quelques mots la réalité vécu par les Canadiens français: ... vous trouverez une famille qui est le vôtre, familles d'origines, de races et de pensées diverses... qui... à sa manière, façonne son destin national." Thus, posits Joyal, Houde expressed the view that the expression of French-Canadian nationalism could freely develop under the Crown. Prophetic words indeed!

Alas, the next return of a Sovereign to Quebec, that of The Queen in 1964, brought a very different reaction, a homecoming overshadowed by the infamous "samedi de la matraque" – literally, "the Saturday of the billy clubs." For on October 10, nervous police, far out-numbering pro-republican demonstrators, waded with excessive force into the crowd to 'protect' the Sovereign. Joyal reveals that this small body included none other than the 25-year old Brian Mulroney, then a student-at-law at Laval University.

Nothing daunted, The Queen proceeded to make a remarkable address in the Legislative Council chamber. Drafted for her by none other than Governor General Georges Vanier, The Queen noted that every constitution remains perfectible, and that no one should be surprised if the existing arrangements were not responsive to all the problems of the day. And she lauded the "French fact" in words which might have surprised a good deal of English Canada, not yet fully conscious of all that was to come in the next decades: "nous sommes fières du rôle irremplaçable et de la destinée particulière du Canada français. Pendant quatre cent ans il a conservé sa vigueur et sa force... In serving the true interests of Quebec, you will also serve those of Canada, just as the true interests of Canada must respond to those of the whole world."

But the damage had been done. Joyal notes that Saturday as a turning point in public opinion, one which "elevated to high import the symbolic presence of a foreign stranger who was not only opposed to the interests of French Canadians, but also the cause of troubles and

disorder." Three years' later, however, The Queen's unremarkable visit to Expo 67 – technically as guest of the Exposition rather than the state – found her speaking of the duality of the Canadian experience contributing to its greatness, one not based on a power struggle, but "par le don, le rayonnement et l'exemple."

By the Montreal Olympics of 1976, the ever-cautious Premier, Robert Bourassa, tried to have Prime Minister Trudeau recommend that The Queen not accept the customary invitation for a country's head of state to attend the Opening Ceremonies and declare the Games had begun. Faced with a Trudeau adamant in refusing to do so, Joyal tells us that M. Bourassa even considered declaring the Stadium international territory so that he could say the Sovereign was not on Quebec soil! In the end, The Queen's week passed without any incident, and low-key security allowed local residents in Bromont, site of the equestrian events, to mingle freely with the be-kerchiefed monarch walking resolutely through the same muddy fields as they! It was at the Fisher estate in nearby Knowlton that the historic photo was taken of the immediate Royal Family, together for the first time off British soil.

The relaxed and successful Olympic homecoming gave The Queen further opportunity to speak of the French fact, which led her to comment on the everyday lives of Montrealers, who "maintain here the deep roots of French in harmony with varying cultures and differences, sans pour autant compromettre les droits ou les aspirations des deux éléments fondateurs." HM went on to describe "the great generosity of spirit" which such a vision requires" – and therein lay "la grandeur du Canada." The speech led Claude Ryan to write in *Le Devoir* that "Quebeckers... could not but admire the intellectual generosity to which the words of the Sovereign bore witness."

Joyal goes on to identify that The Queen's signature on the Proclamation of the final Patriation of the Constitution in 1982 brought fresh opportunity for nationalists to associate the Crown with yet another federal coup against Québec – which had not assented to the changes. This even though HM had herself alluded to the situation in direct and most sympathetic terms: "Malgré l'absence regrettée du premier ministre du Québec, il n'est que juste d'associer les Québécois et les Québécoises à cette célébration de renouveau. Without them, Canada would not be what it is today. Québec has been at the same time the inspiration and motive force for the profound transformation which gave birth to this decision."

The Senator's essay links this fraught moment to the another "profound transformation" – this being the changes



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wrought to Canada by Prime Minister Trudeau's 16 years in office. Despite nine homecomings by the Sovereign during his ministries, there were numerous instances of suppression of Royal terminology and the symbolic visibility of the Canadian Crown. More significant was the beginning of a process of presenting the Governor General as Head of State, one corrected only in 2009 by Prime Minister Harper, and the failed Constitution Trudeau proposed in 1978, which would have reduced The Queen's role to one purely symbolic and ceremonial. Thus also the authorization for Roland Michener to undertake the first "state visit" by a Governor General outside North America.

Joyal is nothing loath to recall a personal element in Trudeau's attitude towards the Crown, witness the infamous pirouette behind The Queen's back at Buckingham Palace in 1977, which the author delicately dubs as suggesting "a certain element of irreverence" standing in contrast to the deference which had always been shown to the Sovereign. Whatever his manners, the pragmatic Trudeau had no intention of abolishing the Monarchy, says Joyal. He respected its legal structure if not its spirit, and, out of office, told co-author Tom Axworthy in a 1985 book that he had always said to those advocating republicanism that "the system works pretty well. To open the debate just now would divide Canadians amongst themselves, et créerait d'énormes acrimonies sans résoudre le problème." 13 years later, Trudeau would compare the myth of an oppressive conquest of French Canada to the myth of loyalism held by those of British descent. He saw these mythic identities juxtaposed in a "defensive nationalism."

Nonetheless, Trudeau left Canada with an entrenched Monarchy in the revised Constitution, a subject that would demand unanimous federal and provincial legislative authorization if "la charge de Reine" were ever to be changed. And while stating he would never lose a moment's sleep over the matter, at the same time "he concurred with the opinion of a large majority of his fellow citizens, who, without openly calling themselves monarchists, realized that the Canadian system of governance fonctionne démocratiquement, et qu'il a permis le développement d'une société parmi les plus libres au monde."

By 1987, with the fires of Separatism apparently banked, a more confident Premier Bourassa was happy to welcome The Queen, "representing the great majority of Quebeckers... Dans la mesure que les Québécois acceptent la constitution, la reine est la reine du Canada. C'est normal qu'elle visite l'ensemble du territoire, dont

le Québec." The visit proceeded without incident. At a State Banquet, Bourassa proposed a toast to Her Majesty, "on behalf of a people more confident than ever of their future, qui vous accueillent avec tout le respect dû à vos éminentes fonctions." Joyal reflects that at that moment it was possible to consider that most Quebeckers were prepared to respect The Queen as Queen of Canada, of which the province was proud to be a part.

While Prime Minister Chrétien himself often expressed support for the Crown, enjoyed a warm personal relationship with the Sovereign and often expressed his disinclination for further Constitutional debates, some of those surrounding him were openly republican, and without consequences for their own careers floated a "millennial project" by which Canada would abolish the Monarchy. It came to nothing.

Whatever the relative warmth to the Crown in Ottawa, circumstances in Quebec following the 1986 high-water mark for the Monarchy has meant that HM has not since returned to the province, save for ceremonial occasions in Gatineau as part of the National Capital Region. Separatism was not dead, after all, and it relished the mischief it could make for the Crown, not least by means of a calculated bitterness surrounding the brief service of Jean-Louis Roux, a distinguished actor and outspoken federalist named Lieutenant Governor by Prime Minister Chrétien in 1996. His time in office began with difficulty as Parti Québécois Lucien Bouchard complained that he had not been consulted about the appointment. Shortly after, Roux resigned in the wake of news reports that as a medical student in 1942 he had penciled a swastika on his lab coat and had taken part in anti-conscription demonstrations with anti-Semitic overtones, which he acknowledged was "the thoughtlessness of youth" but which he said nonetheless did not justify his actions.

That such views were endemic in Quebec during the 1930's and 40's was lost in the flames of nationalist self-righteous indignation, a reaction not muted despite the fact Jewish groups did not call for Roux's resignation; that no less than Pierre Trudeau had on at least one occasion in the same epoch donned a German helmet to ride his motorcycle through the province's countryside; and that two former Separatist Cabinet Ministers had signed petitions in the 50's for a French war criminal to be allowed to remain in Quebec. But the provincial Liberals were prepared to join Bouchard's National Assembly motion calling on Roux to resign. Soon after Bouchard proposed to the Assembly the abolition of the Vice-Regal

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*Together off British soil for the first time, the Royal Family enjoyed supporting the equestrienne Princess Anne during the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and Bromont, QC*



*Jean-Louis Roux: "calculated bitterness" of separatists over outspoken federalist's appointment as Quebec Lieutenant Governor.*



# LEAGUE NOTES – BABILLARD DE LA LIGUE

## ELIZABETH HORLOCK 1914-2015



Past Halifax Chairman Elizabeth Horlock (right) with Pictou Co Chairman Olive Pastor and Halifax Chairman Scott Burke after receiving their Golden Jubilee Medals from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia at Government House, 2002.

Elizabeth Horlock was a long-serving Halifax Branch Chairman of the League, which honoured her with its Silver Badge of Service, and whose loyalty to the Throne was deeply embedded in the same determined and faithful mien as her faith. Born into a clerical family in Somerset, her work at Dalhousie University in teaching English as a second language brought her to befriend (and often to house) countless students from varied lands. This was as much part of her vocation as her Anglican faith, her engagement in Trinity and St Paul's parishes in Halifax and her generosity to missions throughout the world. On first meeting Elizabeth's demeanour might seem somewhat austere, but this belied an innately kind heart, which allowed her always to think of others first, and seek out the best in all whom she met. She enjoyed participating in Monarchist activities from the Branch's establishment in 1971 under the Rowlands and Richard Hand, and in helping to furnish abundant hospitality after branch meetings with her friend Augusta "Gusti" Roulston, as much as she did visiting Lieutenant Governors, and being invited to Government House for state dinners to welcome Princess Margaret



Elizabeth Horlock at her retirement reception, with Scott Burke, one of her successors.

## RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN IN SPRING

It is not unnatural that over the recent decade for some monarchists, large and small "m," might feel complacent when so many positive developments added strength to the Canadian Crown – whether symbolic as in the return of the "Royal" designation to Canada's Air Force and Navy; substantive, such as the educational booklet for new Canadians explaining the role of the Monarchy; or popular, in the celebration of Royal Jubilees and the success of Canadian visits by members of the Royal Family. Chairman Finch felt that now was a good time to rebuild membership and seek new support in an organized way. Pending the ideas to be generated by the new Recruitment Committee, an obvious approach harkens back to the first decade of the League, and to the presumed support of existing supporters. So in late Spring or early Summer we will be mailing all members two copies of recruiting materials, and asking that each enrol at least two new supporters. **We count on our loyal friends to bring new energy and talents to the League in this way.** Thank you in advance for your efforts!

and the Duke of York. Elizabeth's life of self-giving service leaves a memory and example for us all. Indeed, the hymnist might have imagined her when she wrote of the saints: *They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, / And His love made them strong; / And they followed the right for Jesus' sake / The whole of their good lives long.* For Elizabeth, these were not words, but truth, the bedrock of her long and useful life. RIP. JLA

## JOHN BALLINGAL WILKES 1922-2015



John Wilkes (right) receiving a Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Heraldic Society.

John Wilkes was one of Canada's premier heraldists, and instrumental in encouraging the patriation and growth of Canadian Heraldry through his work on behalf of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, which he served on both its Toronto and National executives. Born in Galt, an old boy of The Grove in Lakefield, and an engineer by profession, John landed in Normandy shortly after D-Day and fought until wounded on the West Bank of the Rhine in March, 1945. There followed a 36-year career with the Ontario Department of Transportation, during which he conceived the idea of a 12-lane Highway 401 passing through what was then the North border of Toronto. He followed the work of the League with great interest and generosity, and attended its events regularly until increasing mobility challenges made it impossible. However, with his characteristic wry good humour, direct questioning and unfailing hospitality, John was always delighted to pour an ample glass and entertain the Founder on the screened porch of his comfortable home in Don Mills. He looked forward, not backwards, and his desk was heaped with project paperwork. It was a blessing that he found happiness after the death of his wife Eleanor, when he moved to a Seniors' facility in Aurora and enjoyed the support and affection of his partner in life Elizabeth. He was a very fine human being, erect in carriage, unstinting in deeply-felt loyalty to Crown and nation, full of good works, never lacking in humour. RIP. JLA

## CHAIRMAN FINCH VISITS CALGARY & EDMONTON

Dominion Chairman Robert Finch made a flying visit to Alberta in September. He began by meeting Calgary members and welcoming the Branch's new Chairman, Josh Traptow. Proceeding to Edmonton, Chairman Bob addressed a League Luncheon in the presence of Their Honours Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor, and Hon Col Douglas Mitchell, organized by Branch Chairman Mary Hunt; spoke at a Military Dinner in the evening and joined with the Royal Commonwealth Society in planting a tree to honour The Queen's historic reign in an eponymous park.

## BC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PRESENTS LEAGUE BADGES OF SERVICE

Her Honour Mrs Guichon presented six League volunteers with their Badges of Service at a ceremony at Government House on August 27th. Victoria Branch co-Chairman Bruce Hallsor received an extremely rare distinction: the Gold Badge – of which there can be no more than ten living holders at any time. Silver Badges were conferred upon Acting Vancouver Chairman Greg Blue, QC, and four Victoria members: Lady Chatfield; long-serving Branch Secretary Valerie Holden; Kenneth Lane; and the retiring Branch co-Chairman Colleen Mills.

## MP'S IN NEW PARLIAMENT TO BE OFFERED EDUCATIONAL BOOKLETS

Springtime will find new editions of the League's educational booklets printed in French and English, thanks to the generosity of several donors. As is our custom, they will then be offered to all Members of Parliament. In the past anywhere from 50 to 100 MP's request 25 to many hundreds of copies which they distribute to students during their constituency visits or class trips to their Parliamentary offices. Should funds permit, we hope to extend this offer to Members of the provincial legislative assemblies

## LEAGUE COMMITTEES FORMED ON OUTREACH, SOCIAL MEDIA, RECRUITMENT

Seeking added insight from members to maximize the League's effectiveness, a number of members' committees have been formed in recent months to give counsel and present new ideas in a variety of areas. These groups include outreach to the new government; a social media group spearheaded by David Donovan, Andreas Kyriakos and Neil MacAlastair; and a recruitment group chaired by Winnipeg member Dan Guenther. The social media group has already sought the expert advice of a League member who offered his professional services. Additionally, Neil has begun to experiment with targeted advertising on Facebook, with over 20,000 views reported for the first such insertion.

## NOUVELLE ÉQUIPE DE LA LIGUE EN LA BELLE PROVINCE

Notre ami Étienne Boisvert reste toujours notre porte-parole principal au Québec: nous le félicitons de son récent mariage, et la prochaine naissance du premier enfant du couple heureux! Dans le même temps nous annonçons la nomina-



Francois Marquette, nouveau chef de la Ligue en Québec

tion de notre organisateur dans la belle province, **Francois Marquette**, étudiant à l'Université de Montréal, un agent à temps partiel d'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada et un jeune militant bien connu dans la ville. Il a passé l'été 2014 comme un guide à Rideau Hall!

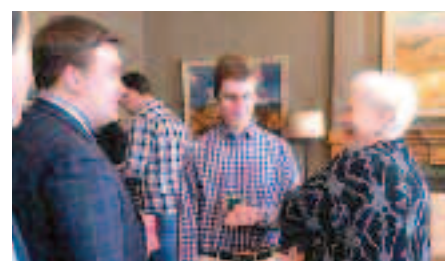
## BRADSHAW TO PREPARE VALUE OF CANADIAN CROWN: 5th EDITION

Preparations are beginning for the issuance of the League's 5th triennial report on a much-misunderstood subject – the actual cost of the Canadian Crown. Many in this country imagine millions of dollars being "sent to Britain" to maintain Royal Palaces, and other such nonsense. The new report, once again researched by Torontonian **Jonathan Bradshaw**, will again supply complete information on the topic, with a focus on the value Canadians receive for a very small cost.

## SECOND SILENT AUCTION HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The early winter timing did not prevent hot bidding on a variety of items ranging from the media manuals for a 1978 Royal Homecoming to a Silver Jubilee sugar pot, with a great deal of interest also shown for the original printer's die for the League's logo at the time of its founding in 1970. Over \$1400 was raised in support of various programs!

## YOUNG MONARCHISTS NEWS ON AND OFF CAMPUS



Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell meets University of Toronto student leaders at a lunch-hour reception organized by the League club on campus.

An impressive turnout on a holiday weekend Saturday found YM's in a day-long conference in Toronto on August 1st organized by Ntl YM Chairman **Neil Macalasdair** and UofT Chairman **Haris Yaqin**, the transportation and meal costs made possible by League members' generous gifts. Students from five campuses got to know one another as they discussed recruiting strategies, programming and handling monarchical issues – and shared their own experiences as promoters of the cause... The excellent organizing of Carleton University students **Jonathan Banks** and **Ben Savage** has brought new life and



University of Toronto monarchists meet with former Ontario LG David Onley





A generous League member, impressed by the Young Monarchists at University of Toronto, made it possible for them to dine together at a private dining room shortly before Christmas.

imaginative programming to the League's campus club in Ottawa... Meanwhile, **Haris Yaqin** and **Felix Burns** organized a visit by U Toronto members to former Ontario Lieutenant Governor **David Onley**, who reflected on his time serving The Queen and his continuing work dealing with mobility issues. The Club brought current LG **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** to campus in the Spring to meet a variety of student leaders over a sandwich lunch... **Daniel Kashepava** is beginning efforts to assemble a joint campus club at Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier Universities...

### NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

After many frustrating months, the redesigned League website, with substantially revised content came online last February at [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca) – huge thanks to Sebastian, Neil and Borden. There were of course be glitches and errors to be dealt with and further changes as recommended by the very helpful observations of the YM's who tested the beta version. We are assembling a team of volunteer translators to bring the new content and greater linguistic accuracy to the French site. Is it perfect? of course not! But with an enormous amount of often-frustrating work and long hours, the League has achieved a good result for a fraction of the amount which professional firms would have charged – \$25,000 and more. We hope it will meet your approval as we remember it is our most significant outreach and source of new members.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO



Brendon Bedford designed the League's new bilingual flyer, already in its 2nd printing!

**Brendon Bedford**, of Kitchener, ON, who designed the League's popular new bilingual flyer... **Anton Abaev**, of Waterloo, ON, who has been undertaking many graphic design projects for the League. One of his most striking was the map pin-pointing most celebrations for The Queen's historic Reign last September 9. It formed the front of the program for the Dominion League's celebration in Toronto. Anton's dedication is emphasized as he has continued his League work even while taking a year off



Cian Horrobin speaks to audiences throughout central Ontario – depicted here addressing the AGM of the Simcoe County Association.

university to tend to unwell family members in Eastern Russia... **Jane Harris-Zovan**, of Lethbridge, AB, who day in day out finds interesting materials for posting on Twitter and Facebook, two of the League's social media outlets... Inveterate Royal collectors **Kevin Dark** and **Norman McMullen** who use their incredible assortment of ephemera to excite interest in the Canadian Crown, celebrating The Queen's 90th this year by displaying and speaking to groups in Richmond Hill and Markham... **Byron Thomas**, of Georgetown, ON. When none of our usual spokesmen were available, this long-time member and benefactor very kindly appeared on behalf of the League on CTV's News Channel. Our focus is not normally on Royal Baby names – but Byron handled the subject with dignity and insight, for which we are most grateful. You can watch him at [www.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.2307048](http://www.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.2307048)... bravo!... **Cian Horrobin** generously gives of his limited free time to address audiences throughout SW/Central Ontario which have asked for a League speaker. His informed remarks inevitably make friends for the League and converts to the cause. Huge thanks, Cian.

### FROM THE BRANCHES

Long-time member **Josh Traptow** took over the **Calgary** Branch in the Fall... The three League Branches in **Alberta** were each graciously invited by the Lieutenant Governor to send representatives to a special Magna Carra evening hosted by the Legislative Assembly... January 27 found the **Greater Toronto** Branch enjoying a reflection on Citizenship and the Oath to The Queen by Lt Cmdr **Albert Wong**, who is both Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and a Citizenship Judge. In fact, Albert had to deal with the controversial case of a would-be Canadian who denounced the Oath to the Sovereign before he took it!... **Dalton Sanderson** was recently named co-Chairman to work with **Jonathan Brickwood**... All thanks to them and **Wilson Lau** who manned the League booth at *Word on the Street*... **Toronto City** Branch held a Victoria Day Luncheon with former Lieutenant Governor **David Onley** and guest speaker **Col Gilbert W Taylor** of the Toronto Scottish Regiment. Members joined the League family in rejoicing at the marriage of their Chairman **Judith Watkins** to long-time League activist **Arthur McRae**... **Hamilton-Niagara** members will be bidding farewell to Chairman **Jeff Thiessen**. The League is contemplating separating the two districts to provide easier opportunities for outreach and events under new leadership... **Alex Walsh** is beginning work on reorganizing the



Celebrating a significant birthday and a long and happy marriage, Windsor, ON, member and League benefactor **Dick Robarts** treated his wife **Donalda** to a London Trip where, due to the kindness of the Canadian High Commissioner, they had the privilege of attending *Trooping the Colour!*



Some of the attendees at Halifax Branch Dinner in June.

League's Branch in **Peterborough/Victoria County**... To the Northwest of Toronto, League members will soon be greeting long-serving vice-regal aide **Peter Aylan-Parker**. Peter recently moved to take up new employment in Owen Sound, and kindly volunteered to initiate a **Grey-Bruce** County branch of the League... In what she described as "a labour of love," tireless **Kingston** Branch Chairman **Marlene McCracken** distributed no less than 27 pictures of The Queen from the estate of the late **John Chard**, who had made a lifelong vocation of presenting these lithos to bodies where they would be hang in public. The Branch held an Indoor Picnic in April to celebrate the Queen's 89th birthday and as a fundraiser (much-appreciated) for the Dominion League... The **Barrie-Huron** Branch welcomed Princess



Ottawa Branch Chairman **Mary de Toro** with guest speaker, **The Queen's Canadian Secretary Kevin MacLeod, CVO**, at a party organized to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of **Sir John A Macdonald**. "As a man, Macdonald was not even close to perfect, but as a prime minister his accomplishments are unparalleled," said MacLeod. "Sir John was certainly not born with a silver spoon in his mouth and he was not offered opportunities on silver platters," he said of the Glasgow-born politician. "Sir John fought battles all his life with conviction and dedication."



Some Monarchist League members from Ottawa, joined by their Branch Chairman **Mary de Toro** (in red) attended a Remembrance Day reception at the RCAF Officers' Mess, where they were greeted by the new Minister of Defence, the Hon **Harjit Sajjan**.



Members of the Winnipeg Branch held a baby shower for charity in May to celebrate Princess Charlotte's birth.



**Barry MacKenzie** steps down as NB Branch Chairman while retaining Atlantic provinces role.

Charlotte's birth, and was happy to receive a card of thanks from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge... **Barry MacKenzie** has passed the torch of **New Brunswick** Branch leadership to **Capt Nik Kaempffer**, but will remain the League's senior spokesman in the Atlantic provinces... Indefatigable **Victoria** Branch Secretary **Valerie Holden** reports success in the branch's efforts to recruit new members; she organized the sale of the historic reign postage stamps held by the League's Dominion Office to members who were disappointed when local postal outlets ran dry... Canada Day celebrations Newly appointed Branch co-Chairman **Monique Goffinet-Milker** emceed the City's Historic Reign celebrations on September 9th which also found Oak Bay commemorating the event in an evening ceremony. The Branch provided an elaborate printed program for the civic Thanksgiving service at Christ Church Cathedral... In May *Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor* attended the Branch's Queen's Birthday Tea in Oak Bay... **Aron Spidle** and **John Yogis** chaired a very successful **Halifax/SW Nova** Branch dinner in June, complete with pipers and **William Naftel's** talk about Prince Edward's influence on emergent Canada... The **Central/NE Nova** Branch organized a turkey dinner by Chairman **Olive Pastor** to celebrate Princess Charlotte's birth, a fundraiser for the Aberdeen Hospital Women

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**Victoria** Branch co-Chairmen **Bruce Hallors** (left) and **Colleen Mills** presented Lt Col **Jack F Rowe** with a Lifetime Membership plaque on Feb 22 to honour his decades of service and dedication to the League, which goes back to the establishment of the Branch under **Molly Ingram** some 45 years ago!



LOYALTY TRANSMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM! Monarchist League member **John Theviot** encourages his grade 5 and 6 students at **Trudeau Elementary School** in Blainville, Quebec to engage with the **Canadian Royal Family**. A recent holiday assignment asked the young scholars to watch **HM's Christmas** broadcast and report on how its contents could help them become a better person and better Canadian. Their résumés were collected and sent to **The Queen** for her perusal.



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 post. Although such an act lay outside its powers, the debate “opened the gates to every possible argument and prejudice, et révéla surtout une méconnaissance profonde de l’institution et de son histoire.”

Worse was to come. True, great good was accomplished for the Crown during the highly-successful, active and visible role of the Lieutenant Governor during the ten-year incumbency of Roux’s successor, Lise Thibault – not to mention the relatively warm welcome given the Prince of Wales and significant crowds hailing the newly-married Duke & Duchess of Cambridge, including in both cases friendly public greetings by Premier Jean Charest. But the benefit was ultimately overwhelmed in a protracted and ugly scandal over Mme Thibault’s allegedly fraudulent accounts and grandiose, self-serving expenditures which ultimately led to criminal charges, a protracted legal process and a prison sentence. “Le prestige et la crédibilité rattachés à la fonction en souffrirent inévitablement,” writes Joyal in a masterpiece of understatement. Thus Thibault’s gentle, kind and loyal successor Pierre Duchesne understandably felt he could occupy the post with great dignity but a limited public presence.

In 2012, Separatist Premier Pauline Marois, far more vindictive in her public attacks on the Monarchy than Bouchard, took advantage of the legal proceedings against Mme Thibault to propose the position of Lieutenant Governor be abolished or at least chosen by the National Assembly. This latter notion was withdrawn as she realized that it would in fact legitimize the office. The Premier had made the Monarchy an issue in the 2012 election, which she won narrowly, spitting that she “would trade him [PM Harper] the royalty for Quebec sovereignty.” A more hypocritical Separatist mischief presented itself when the Quebec government, at first via a barely-concealed proxy (no less than the spouse of one of its Cabinet Ministers) and then in its own behalf took court action to attack Ottawa’s passage of a Bill to amend the Succession to the Throne in order to abolish both the unique prejudice against the heir’s marrying a Catholic, and the preference given to male heirs rather than heirs in birth order.

In an eloquent, stern and not hopeful consideration of the present and future status of the Monarchy in Quebec, Joyal underscores that it is not only in Quebec where all Canada’s traditional institutions have come into question: “Des Canadiens de partout au pays se retrouvent de nos jours dans ce mouvement d’arrachement au passé et à la tradition qui caractérise la modernité. And the Monarchy is part of these symbols from which folk distance themselves, an institution which nevertheless had been viewed for centuries by a majority of Canadians of both languages as being part of the ineradicable essentials of their identity.” Joyal comments that Canadians of British descent have hardly shown the same passion to retain symbols of their identity. The Bank of Canada, for example, does not deign to depict on its \$20 banknote The Queen by title or identity, nor wearing Royal insignia.

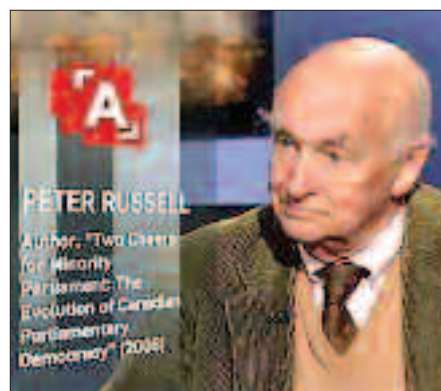
In Quebec, deracination since the time of the Quiet (!) Revolution has been particularly acute. Joyal dubs it as one of constant and continuous rupture – “une société des individus sans ancrage,” and of creating myths which portray the French Canadians as victims, in a process of per-

petual reaction seen in every aspect of the public domain, from re-naming St Jean Baptiste Day as the “Fête nationale” to removing the Crucifix from above the Speaker’s chair in the National Assembly. Having achieved control of all institutions of the Province over the last decades, its leadership has failed to quit propagating the myth of oppression it created in the 1960’s, of which opposition to the Monarchy serves as a convenient “catalyseur... de se rallier contre elle pour se convaincre that their battle, their resistance, remain essential to affirm their identity... [and to] seek revenge on the English, not omitting to pardon themselves for having shared just as long an allegiance to the Crown.”

Always prominent in the unforgiving eye of the media, the Crown will continue vulnerable in Quebec, Joyal concludes, from the perspective of a society finding great difficulty “in reconciling its history with a humanist perspective of the contemporary world,” which attitude serves as “a straightjacket” which may provide a feeling of security for the moment, but “which precludes its finding another foundation to their sense of self-worth.” Such acute insights, analysis both historical and contemporary and elegance of expression from a thoughtful, troubled Monarchist make Joyal’s essay essential reading for anyone willing to confront the central weakness in the Canadian Monarchy today.

In a brief transcription of a discussion of media treatment of the Monarchy, Phillip Crawley and John Fraser point out the lack of deference to Royal subject matter, a sea change from yesteryear, and the disjunct between the CBC’s role as national broadcaster and its problematic attitude towards the Crown. The CBC, opines Fraser, sees the Crown as an institution in decline, whereas CTV follows the public mood. Thus William and Kate’s triumphant visit to Canada in 2011 was treated by the CBC as “a visit from a foreign head of state” while CTV accurately caught the mood.

Toronto academic Peter Russell writes about “Educating Canadians on the Crown,” and cites a number of disturbing examples of how little is really understood about the Monarchy’s constitutional functions. However, he trespasses on his own shaky ground by advocating writing down constitutional conventions in a “Cabinet Manual” (which of course has no legal authority). He dwells on a recent tendency by Parliament and some legislatures to prescribe fixed election dates, criticizing the ability of a first minister to override the legislation by obtaining an earlier dissolution from the Governor General or Lieutenant Governor. A 2009 ruling of Justice Shore, of the Federal Court, upheld this right in respect of Mr Harper’s obtaining a dissolution in 2008. It had always been clear that legislation relating to



Prof Peter Russell: misunderstands dangers of putting constitutional conventions in writing.

fixed election dates did not in any way bind the Crown or supersede its prerogative powers; yet Russell argues the “decision should not go unchallenged” as “it completely subverts Parliament’s intention to prevent snap elections.” That Parliament could not do so, and that the legislation was entirely alien to monarchical government as understood in Canada is not understood by Russell, as is the clear and dangerous derogation of that

system when too much is written, rather than leaving the operation of state to the players of the moment within the happy freedom afforded by long-established custom which allows a flexible system, congenial to the exigencies of the moment and not susceptible of a vain attempt to provide for every conceivable situation as those lovers of nanny’s rule-making apparently wish.

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## BY THEIR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

*The Monarchist League of Canada gratefully remembers those departed members whose bequests over the years have assisted to provide for the maintenance of the League’s work across the Dominion of Canada whose Sovereign they faithfully served in life and whose welfare they forgot not in death. R.I.P.*

Ronald Roy Anger, Toronto, Ontario  
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## A Letter to the Members of the Monarchist League of Canada about your will

*from Dr Roy Eappen, Life Member and Benefactor*

As a fellow member of the Monarchist League of Canada for over 30 years, I am writing to ask that you consider making a bequest to the League in your will. Though always a deeply-personal decision, how we dispose of our belongings can enable us to continue support for loved ones and causes important to us.

For many, our normal expenses do not permit supporting the League beyond modest dues and the occasional small donation. But the value of our home, stock portfolio or other assets may permit us to make a more substantial gift via our wills.

Over the years, bequests have ranged from a few thousand dollars to one estate which included an emerald seal ring whose provenance was traced to an early Shah of Persia, and which we sold at auction in London for £27,000! Common stock, insurance policies and remainder trusts as well as cash and residues of estates: all forms of bequest are welcome!

*The impact of such bequests* has, for instance, enabled the League to be the first loyal society to establish a website, and then to make that most important outreach bilingual and flexible; to print and distribute over 36,000 copies of our educational booklet; to initiate and support activities across Canada and to engage frequently with decision-makers in Ottawa. *Nor are these funds wasted* on fancy offices or expensive consultancies: our “consultants” are in-house, our computers and blackberries serve as receptionists; success via loyalty and volunteer spirit are our payment.

The League has a *clear future vision*: to maintain its position as the respected voice of rational monarchism to public, elected officials and media; to widen its educational outreach; to communicate the loyalty of past generations in a thoroughly contemporary



*Pictured here with the Canadian Gift to The Queen presented at the Government’s Dinner marking the conclusion of HM’s 2010 Homecoming, Dr Roy Eappen encourages Monarchist League members to join him in remembering its needs in their Wills.*

way. Its history shows a clear record of continuous achievement in doing exactly these things as the *only* organization whose *sole* purpose is advocacy for our Monarchy.

I know that the current popularity of the Canadian Crown and many of the recent successes of League campaigns have come about in no small measure because of the vision of 1970, when a small band of monarchists came together in common cause. And I feel absolute confidence that the vigour of those early days coupled with 42 years of achievement will continue to characterize the spirit of the League. That good work, and the continuance of the Maple Crown, mean a great deal to me.

Accordingly, I have made provision for the League in my own will, and respectfully invite you in this Diamond Jubilee year of our beloved Sovereign to join me in making a bequest as your circumstances permit.

Thank you for considering this challenging subject. Chairman Finch would be happy to advise you in complete confidence as to any questions you might have.

## Make Sure The Work Goes On!

Members who would like to ensure the continuation of the work of the Monarchist League of Canada in the years ahead, so that generations of the future may know the benefits of the Monarchy, are urged to consider the League’s needs in making their wills. A suggested form of bequest, devised by the League’s Honorary Solicitor, is provided below.

*I give and bequeath* (or, in the case of real property: *I give, devise and bequeath*) to the Monarchist League of Canada Incorporated, P.O. Box 1057, Lakeshore West PO, Oakville, Ontario L6K 0B2, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_.



# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND MACLEAN'S ROYAL CORRESPONDENT ADDRESS 2016 ACCESSION LUNCH IN TORONTO

No less than 30 university students from throughout Ontario formed a notable phalanx of enthusiasm at the February 2016 Accession Lunch of the League in Toronto. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor brought greetings from The Queen and presided at the Proclamation and unveiling of the Armorial Bearings of League member Professor Glen Cartwright of Waterloo. Patricia Treble, famed Royal correspondent of Maclean's, made trenchant remarks about her experience of Royal reportage in Canada, to the delight of the crowd. Aidan Slind reported on his summer as the League's 20th Intern in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Carleton University Branch co-Chairman Ben Savage proposed the Loyal Toast; and long-time Hamilton monarchist Loretta Rae offered the Toast to the League.

All present joined in a rendition of Happy Birthday/Bonne Fête, which was videotaped as part of the League's salute to The Queen's 90th birthday.



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& Children's Unit... A card specially designed for the **Greater Vancouver** branch, Chairman *Greg Blue* reported, delighted members when the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge acknowledged the card congratulating them on the birth of Princess Charlotte, and signed by all those who attended the Branch gathering at the Vancouver Public Library on 20 June 2015. TRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have sent their own special card in response, containing a message thanking the Branch members specifically, and a photograph with Princess Charlotte on the reverse side...

## THE LOVE THAT PAYS THE PRICE

The moving spirit of many of the activities of the recently-revived Halifax-SW Nova Branch of the League is former Dalhousie Law Dean John Yogis, QC. John declined an invitation from the Governor

General to come to the Rideau Hall celebration of The Queen's historic reign as he felt his presence was required to assist with the various ceremonies the Branch had fostered back home. However, good things come to those who do their duty: it seems entirely appropriate that John subsequently had the honour of being invited to an October 27th Commonwealth reception at St James's Palace, where he met The Queen!

## PEI LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HOSTS LUNCHEON TO HONOUR LEAGUE BENEFACTOR

Mary Mills Dunea is a special woman: a devoted monarchist, and a principal benefactor of the League. So it should come as no surprise that her extraordinary qualities should be recognized in a no less singular way. When the League asked the Lieutenant Governor of PEI whether he might be willing to present



Mary with her Badge of Service, His Honour Frank Lewis not only consented to do so, but, with Her Honour Mrs Dorothy Lewis, graciously tendered a Lunch party for Mary and her guests on August 24th at Fanningbank, the historic vice-regal residence where the Fathers of Confederation met in 1864, and site of many Royal sleepovers including our present Queen and Prince Philip in 1959.

The Citation read prior to Mary's being "badged" by Their Honours runs as follows:

Bi-national in her residence but no less

fervent in her devotion to the Crown, this retired broadcaster and protocol expert is a philanthropist who created a Legacy Fund within the Prince Edward Island Community Foundation to honour Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with scholarships to provide post-secondary education to Island high school students. Her benefactions to the Monarchist League of Canada have been constant, and no less generous, enabling the printing of educational material, outreach by means of a developing social media presence and, this year, the holding of municipal ceremonies across Canada on September 9th to mark the extraordinary longevity of The Queen's reign. An adventurous traveler, generous by instinct, loyal by choice, committed to good works and bearing a merry heart along life's road, the Monarchist League of Canada requests that Your Honour present the Silver Badge of Service to our kind and generous friend, MARY MILLS



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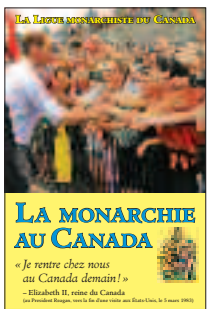
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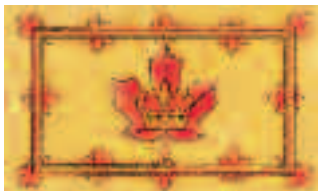
Nous vous invitons de nous aider à le diffuser largement aux écoles, collèges, groupes communautaires, corps de cadets, chefs de groupes de jeunes, entraîneurs, votre bureau, église, temple, synagogue – où la langue de Molière est enseignée ou parlé!

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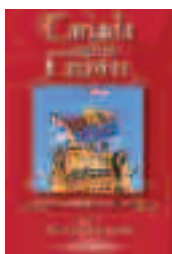


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