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Unprecedented Ignatieff Intervention

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Hansen, Milliken out – Crombie, de Chastelain, Fraser, Segal in?



Could David Crombie, the former “tiny perfect Mayor of Toronto” be our next GG?



or John Fraser – energy and bonhomie?



or Hugh Segal, avuncular and intellectual Senator?



or General John de Chastelain, military man admired by Queen?

Report and Analysis by Senex

IGNATIEFF BUNGLE

In a May 2nd public intervention called “unprecedented” by political scientists and “unhelpful” and “bizarre” by Ottawa-watchers and monarchists alike, Federal Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff suggested that the Governor General’s time in office should be extended. He went on to call for public involvement in the process of selection of her eventual successor, saying “we should have a public conversation in this country about what kind of Governor General we want next.”

“A cynical, destructive ploy” journalist Andrew Coyne thundered on his blog. “This is just outrageous. I cannot remember any opposition party, ever, politicizing the appointment of a governor general.” University of Toronto political

“What were you thinking, Iggy?”
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Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff – strange intervention

scientist Peter Russell commented the intervention was “inappropriate, unhelpful and unwise... It makes it appear as if the Governor General is favored by his party and not the government and that’s the very wrong impression to create.” And an editorial in *The Globe and Mail*, the matinal caffeine of the chattering class, observed on May 4th that the consequence of Mr Ignatieff’s action, including singling her out by race and gender, had been “to effectively and permanently compromise” Mme Jean, making out the individual who might at any time be called on to arbitrate a Constitutional crisis

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ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY ONCE AGAIN?

Will Queen Announce Centennial Gift to Maritime Command at Fleet Review?

Harper trial balloon in PM’s congratulatory message

Report and Analysis by Senex

The advent of Spring brought multiple reports that the Prime Minister had decided to restore the name “Royal Canadian Navy” to what is now dubbed Canadian Forces Maritime Command, the official name for the Navy, although the former usage has gained ground in both official and unofficial usage over the last decade. The move would come amidst celebrations of the Navy’s 100th birthday during 2010.

Nowhere was the unification of the Canadian Armed Forces in 1966 more fiercely resisted than in the traditionally-minded ranks of the Royal Canadian Navy. Fuelled by a contentious debate in Parliament, opposition within the RCN led to the resignation of a clutch of senior officers, including its ranking operational



Queen said ready to approve RCN restoration as long as not political football

commander, Admiral William Landymore. It took a generation to overcome the added bitterness caused by the con-

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WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, IGGY?

Editorial Comment

It is unprecedented and not a little strange for the Leader of the Opposition to have gone public with his recommendation that Mr Harper ask Mme Jean to stay on as Governor General beyond this Fall. First, the PM had already put in place a mechanism for discreet sounding out of the name of the next GG, a process in which – properly – Mr Ignatieff was consulted by the Canadian Secretary to The Queen at Mr Harper's request. But such consultations are understood to be confidential. Mr Ignatieff had every opportunity then – or indeed, at any time directly to Mr Harper, to whom as Opposition Leader he has access – to put his case in favour of an extension. Going public simply looks strange and an attempt to gain some political advantage – though most observers felt that the intervention was the more bizarre since the question of an extension is not particularly engaging the public, nor are there really any votes at play on either side of such debate as the issue might provoke. Second, Mr Harper has long made it clear that he favours a fairly strict adherence to the traditional five-year mandate for vice-regal incumbents. He has shown flexibility in granting extensions under certain circumstances, such as, for instance, the one given M. Chaisson in New Brunswick so that he could remain as HM's representative during the worldwide Acadian conference which the province was hosting. In general, however, the PM knows how burnout can occur after five years in a demanding post with much responsibility and visibility though usually not much "power" in the traditional sense. Third, The Queen has only one Canadian advisor in the Constitutional sense, the Prime Minister of the day. Like any PM, Mr Harper is rightly jealous of this role – and is less, not more, likely to take an Opposition leader's advice when it is given in public rather than through channels showing a concern for the office. Every Opposition Leader is a potential Prime Minister. How would Mr Ignatieff feel were the roles reversed, his courteous confidential involvement of his principal political opponent apparently set at naught by partisan grandstanding, and his exclusive prerogative to advise the Sovereign apparently questioned?

Fourth, the giving of extensions for reasons other than those cited above inevitably leads the media and public to draw the conclusion that an extension is somehow a reward for "good performance" while one denied is some form of criticism or censure of the vice-regal's efforts in office. This results in gross unfairness to the incumbent denied an extension, who may well feel ready to step out of the public spotlight, or whose successor is ready and able to step into the position immediately. It adds to fanciful journalistic speculation about "differences" between Prime Minister/Premier and Governor, so injecting into the political arena decisions that are rightly held closely, not only for reasons of state, but because they affect the personal lives of the incoming and outgoing appointees.

Fifth, does Mr Ignatieff seriously think he should be throwing the weight of his party – or any political grouping – either for or against a given Governor General? Could anything be more destructive of the neutrality essential to the office than its occupant become a political football, to be kicked into the end zone on a Sunday afternoon? Who should quarterback a way out to the neutral field? What does this say about Mr Ignatieff's understanding of the place of the Crown, which can accomplish very little in the charged atmosphere of 2010 unless it is and is seen to be absolutely agnostic in partisan warfare?

Sixth, did Mr Ignatieff not pause to consider that, however sincere his regard for Mme Jean, his efforts, taken in context with a recent Montreal demonstration in support of her continuing as Governor General, would tend to seem part of an organized "campaign" for her to receive an extension? And that media speculation would inevitably result that such activity was being orchestrated by Rideau Hall?

It is no insult to Mme Jean – who has most recently cemented the affection Canadians have for her through her impassioned advocacy for the well-being of Haiti – to say that this is a strange, unhelpful and rather awkward intervention is likely to produce the opposite effect to that intended by Mr Ignatieff, and to raise questions as to his judgment and probity, to his ability to keep confidences and to his understanding of the workings of the Canadian Constitution.

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PM'S CAREFUL CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Ignatieff comments did not derail a very careful process of consultation as to the best choice for Governor General, one set in motion with the personal involvement of the Prime Minister, who convened a group of "wise men" (including women) to gather suggestions from a variety of sources around the country and ultimately provide him a reasoned short list, which would be his own starting point for the ultimate nomination to The Queen, although he made it clear that he would not feel obliged to select any of the names.

The PM has met at least twice with his consultation committee, apparently chaired by the Private Secretary to The Governor General, Sheila-Marie Cook, and said to comprise, amongst others, University of Calgary political scientist and long-time Harper confidant and political advisor Tom Flanagan; Christopher McCreery, author, adviser on monarchical matters to the government and currently Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; Canadian Secretary to The Queen, Senate Usher of the Black Rod and experienced Royal Tour organizer Kevin MacLeod, CVO; distinguished historian, author and scholar (and former Rideau Hall advisor) Jacques Monet, SJ. [As of press time, CMN had been unsuccessful in securing confirmation of the committee's membership from the Prime Minister's Office.]

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

Testifying to the seriousness with which the committee is taking its task, no names of potential candidates have leaked from its deliberations. And those outsiders – the rest of us – tempted to speculate remember the salutary reminder of the last appointment, whereby Mme Jean's name surfaced only the evening before the announcement, having figured in none of the preliminary media analysis including that of this periodical!

However, the buzz amongst Ottawa insiders, suggests, first, that the media darling of the Spring, the widely-admired philanthropist and athlete Rich Hansen, is a non-starter due to his lack of ability in French. Commons Speaker Peter Milliken, popular, of traditional views and genial personality, also seemed to fade in the mid-race handicapping, his ruling against the government on the Afghan detainee papers having either thrust him into a controversial spotlight or prejudiced his standing with the Prime Minister, depending on the cynicism of the commentator's point of view.

Another factor not lost on observers, and suggesting the need for further refinements to the process next time around, is the paucity of suitable bilingual candidates from Western Canada and especially from British Columbia. The Prime Minister is believed to feel that competence in the French language at least to the sort of standard he has hard won is a *sine qua non* for the position. Yet far from daily exposure or business need to use French, many Westerners are rather more likely to have some ability in Spanish or a Chinese dialect. Perhaps it is time to set in motion a process whereby preliminary selection of a candidate is

done much earlier than at present, the proffered appointment being conditional on the ability of the individual to take and succeed in intensive language training such as is offered to out-posted diplomats at Middlebury College, Vermont and similar institutions. The current process would seem to rule out not only Rick Hansen, but other eminently qualified potential GG's such as former Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock and former Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen.

Amongst those whose suitability is apparently being seriously reviewed are

- former Toronto Mayor and federal Cabinet Minister **David Crombie**, 74. A Tory, Crombie is regarded as an astute "player" who has continued to perform useful public service in a variety of tasks. He recently retired as head of the Canadian Urban Institute, is an Officer of the Order of Canada and the sort of person whose popularity has always transcended any party label. "Tiny perfect Mayor," he was affectionately dubbed in Toronto – might it play well at Rideau Hall?

- **General John de Chastelain** might be the presumptive favorite if, at 73, he feels able to undertake the challenges of Rideau Hall after lengthy public service as Chief of the Defence Staff, Ambassador to the United States and, most recently, chief interlocutor in the highly-charged Northern Ireland peace process. Appointed CH by The Queen, with whom he is personally friendly, he also is CMM and OC. A gentleman and an essentially private man, the General's appointment would be seen as a further tribute to the revived strength, prominence and popularity of the Canadian Forces.

- **John Fraser**, an avowed monarchist, recently turned 66, has had a distinguished career spanning journalism – first resident Canadian correspondent as China began to become more open to the West, and later Editor of *Saturday Night* – in letters and in academia. Most recently his lengthy service as Master of Massey College has brought it to a prominent position within the intellectual and social life of the University of Toronto and beyond. Steeped in Canadian History, and an eloquent speaker, Fraser's network of connections, non-stop energy and infectious bonhomie would bring a fresh breath to Ottawa.

- At 59, **Senator Hugh Segal** is the youngest of this quartet. A long-time Conservative appointed to the Senate by Paul Martin in 2005, Member of the Order of Canada, he has always been identified as a "red Tory" with a special interest in the public policy process – he teaches at Queen's University's School of Policy Studies – rather than hard-line ideology. An avuncular personality complements his intellectual astuteness. While comparatively young, he is now seen as neither partisan nor ambitious.

Canadians' Suggestions for GG

Selections from the Monarchist League's Facebook Site – see page 19

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comitant abolition of distinctive uniforms and rank insignia, which were largely restored under Defence Minister Robert Coates in 1985. However, the loss of the prestigious "Royal" designation was not simultaneously reversed, a failure which has continued to rankle within both the Navy and, to a lesser extent, the

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE: MAY 4

(Emphases added by CMN - Ed.)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced today that the Government of Canada is designating May 4th, 2010, as Canadian Navy Centennial Day to mark the **Royal Canadian Navy's** 100th anniversary of service. The announcement was made during a ceremony in the Senate Chamber on Parliament Hill during which a ship's bell was presented to the people of Canada by the Navy to show their continued commitment to serve. "The founding of Canada's navy represents a proud milestone in our history," said Prime Minister Harper. "In the past 100 years our sailors have developed a reputation for bravery, skill and professionalism from combat in both world wars and Korea to current actions such as delivering aid to Haiti and combating piracy and terrorism in the Arabian Sea. Our Government will continue with its efforts to re-equip Canada's navy, providing them with the new ships and upgrades needed to get the job done. "This is a momentous occasion. The navy is honoured by today's proclamation, and we hope that Canadians will join us in recognizing this milestone in Canadian history," said Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, Chief of the Maritime Staff. "The Centennial Bell rededicates the Navy's commitment to the people of Canada for the next 100 years of service. It stands as a symbol that honours the past, celebrates the **Royal Canadian Navy's** achievements and recognizes the navy's safeguarding of Canadian values of freedom, democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law," said Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence. **The Royal Canadian Navy** is planning several events on May 4th and throughout 2010 to mark this significant moment in Canada's naval history within the context of the centennial theme of "Bring the Navy to Canadians." Events are aimed at honouring the past, showcasing the current navy and reinforcing the requirement for the future navy.



Navy Commander Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden - said opposed to RCN

Air Force.

CMN has learned that Mr Harper's tentative plan involves asking The Queen to announce the change during a Fleet Review at Bedford Basin and Halifax Harbour scheduled for the Nova Scotia portion of the Royal Homecoming on June 29th. Apparently he has already discussed the matter - which necessitates the Sovereign's approval, but not any changes to the command structure requiring legislation - with The Queen, who is understood to have given her sanction as long as it can be accomplished in a manner intended to be permanent, and not subject to advice to reverse from a future Canadian government. At press time, the final decision was by no means a "done deal," with opposition said to be led by the Commander of the Navy, Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, CMM, who was also embroiled in controversy as to whether government finances would force mothballing a significant number of Naval vessels..

A possible straw in the wind indicating the Prime Minister's intentions came with the release of the remarks of Mr Harper and Defence Minister Peter MacKay - a strong advocate of the proposal - in a Senate Ceremony during which he designated May 4th as Canadian Navy Centennial Day. In his address and subsequent statement from the Prime Minister's office, the term "Royal Canadian Navy" was used no less than three times, the repetition indicating it was not accidental, and suggesting that the PM was testing the waters to see reaction to a possible restoration of the traditional nomenclature. Sympathy for historic Naval traditions was also suggested in the Minister's May 2nd announcement of the restoration of the "executive curl" - a distinctive loop on the topmost stripe of the braid of a Naval Officer's rank insignia. This Commonwealth Naval practice had also fallen by the way at unification.

CANADIAN HOMECOMING

"Royal tours present a wonderful opportunity for Canadians to learn more about our constitutional monarchy, one of the pillars upon which our country is founded. They are an important part of our history, traditions and institutions." *Prime Minister Stephen Harper, May 19, 2010*

During her first Canadian Homecoming since 2005, The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit three provinces over nine days. Highlights of the trip include a Naval Review in Halifax, Canada Day ceremonies on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and a flying journey to Winnipeg featuring a major Human Rights event.

The Royal Progress ends with several days in Ontario which will highlight the Sovereign's keen interest in cutting-edge Canadian technology through visits to Research in Motion (home of the BlackBerry and other mobile communication devices) in Waterloo and to Toronto's Pinewood Studios (a leading film production centre with high-tech multi-



The Queen's last came to Canada for the Saskatchewan and Alberta centenaries in 2005

array camera ensembles).

While the pace of the tour, and the number of engagements, reflects the fact that Elizabeth is in her 85th year - and Philip in his 90th - the schedule is nonetheless variegated, allowing the public significant opportunities to greet Canada's Queen at major public events in the capital cities on the itinerary, as well as for HM to address the nation formally.

ROYAL HOMECOMING ITINERARY: JUNE 28-JULY 6, 2010

MONDAY JUNE 28 - LONDON-HALIFAX

Afternoon administrative arrival,
Public Welcome at Garrison Grounds
First Nations ceremony at the Commons
Rededication of Government House
Free evening

TUESDAY JUNE 29 - HALIFAX

Federal Luncheon at CFB Halifax
Review of Fleet: Bedford Basin/Hfx Harbour
Walkabout at HMCS Sackville
Evening: Provincial Reception at Cunard Centre

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30 - HALIFAX-OTTAWA

Tree planting at Government House
Noon-hour departure for Ottawa
Administrative Arrival Ottawa Airport
Rededication of Canadian Museum of Nature
Visit to National Arts Centre
Arrival at Government House: Tree planting
Audience: the Prime Minister
Viewing: Diamond Jubilee Window plans
Garden Party
Private Dinner at Government House

CANADA DAY THURSDAY JULY 1 - OTTAWA

Taking of new Official Portrait
Arrival by Landau at Parliament Hill
Canada Day Ceremonies and Speech to Nation
Private Luncheon Proceed to Rest Facility through July 2

SATURDAY JULY 3 - OTTAWA-WINNIPEG-TORONTO

Morning departure from Ottawa to arrive Winnipeg at noon hour
Queen's Court Welcome, proceed to Government House
Provincial Luncheon hosted by Lt-Governor
Statue unveiling and walkabout in Government House Gardens
Early evening: Human Rights Ceremony and Concert at the Forks
Departure for Toronto Airport for late evening Administrative Arrival

SUNDAY JULY 4 - TORONTO

11:00 Attend Matins at Cathedral Church of Saint James
Afternoon: Attend Queen's Plate at Woodbine Racetrack

MONDAY JULY 5 - TORONTO-WATERLOO

Morning in Waterloo: visit Research in Motion
Provincial Luncheon: Pinewood Studios, Toronto, followed by Studio Tour
Federal Dinner hosted by The Prime Minister

TUESDAY JULY 6 - TORONTO-NEW YORK

Mid-morning arrival at Queen's Park
Meet the Lieutenant Governor and visit Vice-Regal Suite
Provincial event with Premier McGuinty
Official Farewell Ceremonies on Lawn of Queen's Park
Proceed to Airport: Unveiling of Canadian Border Services Badge

Early afternoon departure to New York City, where The Queen will address the United Nations as Sovereign of all her Realms

For details of a ROYAL HOMECOMING COMPETITION for photographers and those attending Royal events, see THE BACK PAGE



Kevin MacLeod, CVO, Senate Black Rod and Canadian Secretary to The Queen, will organize the Queen's Homecoming this Summer as he did that of the Prince of Wales in 2009. MacLeod is considered a superb and experienced organizer, who knows The Queen's mind and has HM's confidence and respect.



CFB Halifax, where The Queen will visit in June - will Maritime Command once more become the Royal Canadian Navy?

MIXED RECEPTION FOR CHARLES & CAMILLA DURING NOVEMBER TOUR

Moderate public crowds give warm greetings – Snide media led by CBC mockumentary – Quebec demonstrations



The Prince of Wales chats with The Governor General at Rideau Hall



Wet day for Charles and Camilla during visit to HMCS Haida, Hamilton Harbour

**Report & Analysis by Robert Finch
Dominion Chairman,
The Monarchist League of Canada**

The Heir to Canada's Throne, accompanied here for the first time by the Duchess of Cornwall, visited four provinces November 2-12. It was the first return to Canada by the Prince since 2001.

Smoothly organized once again by veteran tour compère Kevin MacLeod, Canadian Secretary to The Queen and Senate Usher of the Black Rod, the purpose of the visit, as explained in the official Government of Canada website, was to hold an "11-day coast-to-coast celebration of the places, people and events that make us Canadian and contribute to our sense of belonging. The Prince and The Duchess will share their interest on issues that are of concern to Canadians: the environment, architectural preservation, cultural identity, green construction, social responsibility, sustainable agriculture and military tradition and history, to name only a few." The Department of Canadian Heritage mounted a comprehensive and interactive website to facilitate access to the Royal itinerary, imagery of the tour as it progressed and a great deal of useful background material.

Crowds throughout were at most moderate, although overwhelmingly enthusiastic – the exception being the hundred or so separatist demonstrators in Montreal – and Camilla's introduction to Canada did not prove controversial, Her Royal Highness being warmly greeted everywhere. However, media coverage verged from cynical to hostile, with commentary focusing on the Royal Couple

The brief visit "was profound in its importance," said Rear-Admiral Tyrone Pile, commander of Maritime Forces Pacific: "His Royal Highness has honoured all of us by wearing the uniform of the Canadian navy ... for the first time."

(National Post, November 9, 2009, on Charles & Camilla's visit to CFB Esquimaux)

"visiting" from Britain as opposed to being members of the Canadian Royal Family, as well as on small crowd numbers, with those turning out to welcome Charles and Camilla inevitably being dubbed "royal watchers" as if they were gathered as onlookers at a rather spectacular edition of "Antiques Roadshow" rather than to greet Canada's future King and his Consort. As usual, the CBC outdid itself in deprecating the Royals by airing on the week of their arrival a trashy and overly hostile *Doc Zone* "documentary" (better styled a "mockumentary") entitled *After Elizabeth II: Monarchy in Peril?*

The Prince and Duchess arrived November 2 at St John's. Greeted officially at the Mile One Centre by The Governor General, Prime Minister, Lieutenant

Governor, Premier and a throng of citizens – including members of the Monarchist League of Canada – the Royals received military honours which were followed by a cultural performance. The Newfoundland and Labrador portion of the tour continued the next day when Charles and Camilla visited the first English settlement in Canada at Cupid, and the outport heritage community of Brigus. Before attending a Provincial reception in the evening, Charles came to Memorial University, where he met with fishermen involved with one of his causes, sustainable fishing, and a team from Students in Free Enterprise, associated with HRH's charity Youth Business International. Tea with the LG and Premier, tree-planting, wreath-laying and a visit with the Association of New Canadians rounded out this part of the tour.

Flying to Ontario, Charles met in Toronto with a group of CEO's promoting business' role in the charitable sector and later presented the annual heritage prize bearing his name to representatives of the City of Edmonton, while Camilla carried out a solo engagement at the newly-refurbished Royal Conservatory of Music. The theme of heritage continued at the Provincial reception, hosted by Premier McGuinty at the Carlu Centre, a restored urban space which had lain disused for decades.

The next morning brought Charles and Camilla to an historic site in Hamilton, Dundurn Castle, home of her direct ancestor Sir Allan MacNab. This was followed by a visit to HMCS Haida and its naval museum, after which Charles' concern for sustainable agriculture was highlighted by a stop at Niagara College's Teaching Winery School. One of the largest crowds greeted the Royals

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Camilla greeted outside Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto – her first solo Canadian engagement!

Credit: Brock Weir



Charles, Colonel-on-Chief and Camilla at Colours Ceremony for Black Watch Regiment, Montreal



In Montreal, the Royals visited with one of Quebec's most successful cultural exports, the Cirque de Soleil.

"On behalf of all Canadians, I welcome Their Royal Highnesses to Canada for what I hope will be a memorable tour of our great country. Royal Visits are always a great honour for Canadians. Given our deep devotion to members of the Royal Family, and their devotion to Canada, these visits are regarded as 'homecomings' by Canadians."

*Prime Minister Harper,
November 2, 2010*



Charles and Camilla on Remembrance Day at National War Memorial service



Camilla returns to ancestral land flanked by iconic Mounties.

Credit: Brock Weir



Prince is delighted by agricultural exhibits at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto

Credit: Brock Weir

CHARLES & CAMILLA TOUR...

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back in Toronto as their day ended with an early evening Colours Presentation Ceremony to two of the Prince's Regiments, the Royal Regiment of Canada and the Toronto Scottish, at Varsity Stadium. Many of these reservists had served in Afghanistan. Due to the thoughtfulness of The Lieutenant Governor, 50 lucky members of the Monarchist League of Canada were able to attend this memorable event as His Honour's guests. TRH final morning in Ontario brought them to the Royal Winter Fair, a large annual agricultural and equestrian show,

"We want a monarch we can look up to because he doesn't talk down to us. We want a thinking prince who can raise alarms against the oversimplification and shortcuts of modernity and not cater to the slack-jawed greed, complacency and dreariness of today's consumer society. We want an heir who looks as elegant in exquisitely tailored suiting as he does in gumboots."

Iain Hunter, writing in Victoria Times-Colonist, November 7, 2009

after which Charles visited Evergreen Brick Works, an urban regeneration project of a sort very much in line with his interests.

Flying across Canada, the Royal couple were welcomed to British Columbia at the Parliament Buildings in Victoria. A federal government reception, attended by the Vancouver Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, Keith Roy, took place at the restored Salt Building following an Aboriginal Welcome Ceremony and tour of the Olympic Village with emphasis on its environmental features in the reclaimed industrial site which would be home to the athletes a few months later. There too Charles met

with members of the Canadian Youth Business Foundation, while the Duchess visited the VanDusen Botanical Garden, exchanging seeds from the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. After another pair of individual visits – the Prince to an holistic medical clinic and then to a seminar on sustainable urban development at Simon Fraser University while Camilla visited a hip mobility mobile research lab – both returned to Victoria for a provincial Reception at Government House. Sunday saw Their Royal Highnesses attend morning service at Christ Church Cathedral, where Victoria Monarchist League Chairman Colleen Mills and many other members joined in the worship, while Monday brought them to CFB Esquimault to launch the centenary celebrations of the Canadian Navy with both military honours and an all-ranks Reception tendered by the Admiral.

Reversing direction, the Prince and Duchess next flew to Ottawa, where they were welcomed to Government House by Mme Jean and M. Lafond. The next morning, Charles received the Prime Minister, and accepted, on behalf of Princes William and Harry, their appointment as Honorary Canadian Rangers. After a meeting with Opposition Leader Ignatieff, the Royals flew to Montreal where they were received by the Premier and Mme Dionne and toured the Headquarters of the Cirque de Soleil, after which Charles visited the Biodome for a presentation on environmental issues before proceeding to the Armoury of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada) where he presented a new Colour to his Regiment and met with veterans recently returned from Afghanistan. The downtown location of the Armoury proved irresistible for separatist demonstrators who delayed Charles' arrival by about an hour, the Quebec security officials using a light touch with the protesters.

A vivid contrast to the protests of the previous day occurred as the Prince of Wales, who had returned to Ottawa the

Cabinet Minister's Loyal Welcome:

May I say to you, Your Royal Highness, just how delighted we are to welcome you home, as well as to greet you, for the very first time, in your new rank of Vice-Admiral in the Canadian Navy... the uniform looks very smart on you, and you make us proud by wearing it today on this very special occasion... As Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, I take great pride in sharing uniquely Canadian symbols with new Canadian citizens. One such symbol is the Canadian Crown embodied in our Head of State, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II... May there be peace and prosperity in our beloved Dominion of Canada and God's blessings on our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II. God Save The Queen.



Charles wearing uniform of Vice-Admiral in the CF for the first time, with federal Minister and passionate monarchist Hon Jason Kenney

Hon. Jason Kenney welcoming Charles & Camilla to CFB Esquimault, November 9, 2009

Some sense from the media!

"So grow up Canada. It would be irresponsible to inflict a constitutional maelstrom on the country in order to fix something that isn't broken. We should not be afraid of continuing our connection with the British Crown. It is a splendid part of our cultural heritage. And to those who get a bad case of colonial cringe when Prince Charles sets foot in Canada, my advice is to ignore media hogwash, listen to what the man has to say and learn about the causes he has espoused. I think you will find he measures up well against any parliamentary head of state, especially in those republican parliamentary countries you may wish to admire."

Peter H. Russell, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Toronto, writing in the Toronto Star, Nov 5, 2009

previous evening, joined the Governor General at the National Service of Remembrance on November 11 at the War Memorial. After the ceremony, TRH journeyed to CFB Petawawa to meet with military personnel and their families. The day concluded with a glittering Reception and Dinner at Rideau Hall, at which I was privileged to be a guest. This was the final event on the Royal schedule, the next day bringing the traditional oak tree planting on the grounds of Government House and the flight back to London.

Constructing a Royal tour programme is a thankless business, balancing the preferences and existing obligations of the Royals involved with the often-competing claims of different levels of government and the military with security concerns, and the desire of the public – where crowds will number a few thousands at most – to welcome and gain proximity to the Royals with the need to provide settings which will play well on

television – the imagery that will be seen by many millions and inevitably form the lasting impressions of the homecoming for the vast majority of Canadians. All the planning in the world can neither suppress demonstrators in Quebec nor the harshness of some elements of the media.

That said, there were certainly elements of this visit that, in retrospect, were not helpful. One such factor, definitely out of planners' control, was the nine-year absence of Charles from Canada, coupled with the conspicuous and inexcusable failure of his and his sons' advisors to have brought William and Harry here during their Gap Years so that they could begin to build a network of Canadian friends and causes, and, more importantly, be seen by Canadians as part of the fabric of national life as they have successfully done in Australia and New Zealand, and in respect of the Commonwealth, in many parts of Africa. However, absent regular homecomings



Charles officially opens Toronto's Royal Winter Fair

Credit: Karen Hill



Prince of Wales and Camilla wore both Canadian and British versions of Remembrance Day poppies throughout their Canadian tour

Credit: Karen Hill



Camilla greets exhibitors at Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. Hon Hilary Weston, former Lt Gov and friend of the Royal Couple, appears far r.

Credit: Karen Hill



Press of media followed Royals throughout Canada

Credit: Karen Hill



Monarchist League Education Coordinator Nathan Tidridge (extreme r. of picture on steps) accompanied students from Waterdown District HS to greet Charles & Camilla – the students had been volunteering at the Castle for the previous two months as part of an Active History Program and, from a VIP section with guests such as Hamilton's favorite son, former Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander, were able to view the Tree-planting at Dundurn Castle.

Credit: Nathan Tidridge



CHARLES & CAMILLA TOUR...

"I have nothing but the greatest pride in what my regiments and the rest of the Canadian Forces achieve all around the world...I know how busy you all are and I cannot possibly congratulate you enough for the service you provide."

HRH Prince of Wales at CFB Esquimalt, November 9, 2009

by the Prince and a purposeful, long-overdue introduction of the young Princes to Canadians, Charles' visits will be billed as those of an occasional British "visitor."

The responsibility for the past decade's irretrievable lost opportunities lies both with Clarence House's difficulty with the Charles' engagement diary and apparent indifference in terms of compelling William and Harry to focus on Canada when they were much younger, on the one hand, and the past hostility and priorities of Canadian politicians, on the other. It is certainly to be regretted that no immediate follow-up occurred to the concerted effort of a group of Canadians who traveled several years ago to visit Charles' charities in Britain and to meet with the Prince to discuss how these could be extended to a Canadian context.

In this context, then, elements of the Royals' programme seemed almost to invite imagery that would accentuate the "us and them" element which fosters republican's trump card: that "they"

are not part of "us" but "visitors" from Britain. For example, Charles and Camilla's first stop after their arrival in St John's was to visit the site of the first British settlement in Canada. A good part of the programme involved Charles' military role as Colonel-in-Chief of Canadian Regiments. These of course provide constant links with our country, and are doubly significant given the fact that Canadian soldiers are now fighting

and giving their lives in Afghanistan. Yet some of the imagery seemed exotic to many Canadians unaware of their symbolism: Charles wearing a busby in his dress uniform, for example.

In addition, some felt there were few opportunities for the public to meet the Royals. And while the Prince took part in many forums to discuss his particular interests, he was not given enough opportunity to communicate his message to the public, who missed out on hearing at first-hand this extraordinary man's genuine humanism and grasp of very complex issues which have won him worldwide recognition. The itinerary was announced relatively late – possibly driven by security concerns – but it gave little notice for the public to plan to see the Royals. Mile One Stadium in St John's was less than half-full for the arrival ceremonies: what could have been done to avoid this embarrassing scenario? Why were school children and seniors not bused in by the thousands to pack the arena to its rafters? And why, when the Prince visited his Ontario Regiments at Varsity Stadium in the middle of the University of Toronto, was he not afterwards given the chance to engage with students at Canada's largest university? Missed opportunity.

Of course not even Kevin MacLeod's superb orchestration of the programme could preclude politicians making fools of themselves or going off message. Notable in this respect was Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams' welcome remarks treating the couple as "British visitors" in an inappropriately facetious speech where he said "Wherever you go here, you will find fish and chips that rival any in London, as well as plenty of Newfoundlanders who can't live without their daily dose of Coronation Street." Perhaps Mr Williams' intentions were good, but the execution clumsy – for the Premier did go on to observe that the Royals "would discover how much you and your family are respected and admired by our people."

The Prince of Wales addresses the State Dinner, Rideau Hall, Ottawa

12th November 2009

Your Excellencies, Prime Minister and Mrs. Harper, mesdames et messieurs, distinguished guests...

After ten days of travelling across nine time zones in four provinces, twelve cities and the Capital region, I have to say that I do rather look to my wife for some reassurance that this is indeed Ottawa and today is indeed Thursday – or is it Wednesday?! I'm afraid it's enough to



The Prince of Wales speaks to a member of the Guard of Honour at the National War Memorial on Remembrance Day



Camilla meets troops at CFB Petawawa on Remembrance Day

make me lose my marbles! But there is no doubt whatsoever that any visitor to Canada cannot help but be struck by the immensity and diversity of the world's second largest country which of course acts as an incredibly important guardian of much of the Arctic – the world's refrigeration service if you think about it.

Mon épouse et moi tenons à vous remercier sincèrement pour les commentaires très aimables et généreux entendus ce soir. C'est un véritable plaisir d'être parmi vous dans ce décor historique – Rideau Hall.

When, Governor-General, you so kindly wrote to us many months ago to invite us to visit, I am afraid I made two requests. First, that my wife and I should be able to meet as many Canadians as possible. And, second, that the Canadian Forces should assume a particular significance in the programme. I was so pleased when this chimed exactly with the Government of Canada's own priorities. We have, I fear, now rather lost count of the thousands of people we have met over the past ten days. But what we do retain – and with great clarity – is the warmth of the welcome we have received from coast to coast.

Remembering with fondness the time I spent back in 1975 on exercise with Her Majesty's Canadian Forces when I was serving in the Royal Navy and found myself in a tent for three weeks in a somewhat inaptly named place, called Blissville – near Gagetown military base in New Brunswick – you can perhaps imagine that the time my wife and I have been able to spend with some of the Regiments of which I am so proud to be Colonel in Chief – a number of them for over thirty years now – has been particularly treasured. These regimental "families" with their traditions of service and courage – for that is their real strength – play such an important part in the life of the nation. Indeed, today at the 11th

Journalism or Snideness?

CUPIDS, Newfoundland – This is the birthplace of English Canada. And maybe, judging by the teensy crowds for Charles and Camilla, where the institution of offshore monarchy has come to die. Fifty-seven people – the exact head-count – showed up in the damp and the fog Tuesday morning for a gander at the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. Admittedly, that's just about one-twelfth of the local population, but still. It's not like there's a whole lot else to do on a November day in this quiet, albeit gorgeous, niche of the country.

Rosie DiManno, Toronto Star, November 3, 2009

hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, my wife and I were greatly privileged to join you, Governor-General, with the Prime Minister and others, to pay tribute to all Canada's fallen. It was an even more poignant occasion at this time when I think of those Canadian servicemen who have paid the ultimate price for their loyalty and dedication in Afghanistan. We do owe them an enormous debt of everlasting gratitude as well as opening our hearts to their loved ones who grieve for them.

Mesdames et messieurs, je peux affirmer sans conteste, par mes nombreux voyages internationaux, que le Canada est perçu comme étant imprégné d'un sens des responsabilités et d'un sens du devoir, surtout quand vient le temps d'aider les autres dans le besoin. Au cours des dix derniers jours, j'ai eu l'honneur et le plaisir de rencontrer énormément de Canadiens qui ont à cœur cette obligation de servir avec conviction, diligence et altruisme.

What has been so marvellous, if I may say so, is the opportunity we have had to explore the nexus between military and civilian operations. A few years ago, with President Karzai of Afghanistan, I founded something called the Turquoise Mountain Foundation in Kabul, to try to protect and restore not only something of what remains of the old, historic part of the city's former beauty and to keep its famous craft skills alive, but also to restore dignity to the place and to the people... The results could not be more obvious. Remarkably, for instance, some 15,000 cubic metres of rubbish has been cleared from the streets! 750 square metres of lanes and public spaces have been paved and emergency repairs con-

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Royal Homecoming on Twitter

Charles and Camilla's visit was the first-ever to be followed on Twitter, the social networking chatter facility. At the initiation of Monarchist League Chairman Robert Finch, followers tweeted the visit. Intrigued by the innovation, Canwest media partnered with the League to have their reporters tweet from the different venues of the visit, thereby adding a journalistic perspective to the man-on-the-street reaction. And who says monarchists are fuddy-duddies?



Premier & Mrs Campbell flank the Royal couple on steps of BC Legislature during singing of the National Anthem at the Provincial welcome.

Credit: Emily Hansen



Dogs a sure-fire way to attract Royal attention! Monarchist Trudy Carrier (in dark hat holding leads) and her Canadian guide dogs for the Blind stock Walker and Kyle about to greet Charles.

Credit: Trudie Carrier

CHARLES & CAMILLA TOUR...

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 ducted on more than eighty buildings, including the magnificent historic centre of Kabul, Murad Khane where, as a result, there is now full employment in that part of the city for every man who wants a job. As you can imagine, I am enormously proud of what has been achieved over the past four years by the Director, Rory Stewart, and his team. None of this, I have to say, would have been possible without the generous support of the Government of Canada...

Plusieurs autres rencontres ont également marqué les esprits. Par exemple, les jeunes entrepreneurs qui développent des compétences et des programmes d'application nationale et internationale



Charles takes Salute at Colours Ceremony for Royals and Scottish, Varsity Stadium, Toronto
 Credit: Brock Weir

que nous avons eu la chance de rencontrer à St Johns et, quelques jours plus tard, à Vancouver. Et les bénévoles qui aident les réfugiés et les nouveaux immigrants à s'adapter aux réalités de la société canadienne. Ce ne sont que quelques exemples parmi tant d'autres de ce souci d'autrui qui nous faire dire, que le Canada n'est pas seulement vivant et en bonne forme, mais qu'il prospère!

In less than one hundred days time, the entire world's eyes will again turn towards Canada as you host the Winter Olympics. My wife and I saw for ourselves in Vancouver how what you have rightly called "The Green Games" will not only celebrate the excellence of Canada's athletes – some of whom we had the pleasure of meeting – but also the work of Canadians in raising awareness of climate change and of the kind of changes we will all need to make to our lives – and urgently – if we are to save this – our only – Planet for our children and grandchildren.

There may be less than 100 days to the Winter Olympics, but despite what the climate change sceptics might say, I am afraid we now have less than 100 months – ninety-two to be precise – to take the necessary action to limit catastrophic climate change. First Nation peoples under-



Close-up during a walkabout in downpour at Vancouver's Van Dusen Gardens, Camilla commended the photographer for standing in the poor, cold weather.
 Credit: Susan Ebeling



Charles enters Carlu, Toronto, for Provincial Reception
 Credit: Brock Weir

stand this better than most. So, the destiny of future generations lies in the hands of those attending the Copenhagen summit next month, and it is for this reason that I am particularly heartened that iconic Canadian companies such as Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, Bombardier, Cascades, and Four Seasons Hotels have signed a joint communiqué, organized by my Business and the Environment Programme, urging world leaders to agree on cuts in carbon emissions which are guided by the science. The Canadian firms I have mentioned have been joined by companies including Nike, GE, Kodak, eBay, Coca-Cola, Nestle and Yahoo! There are now over 1,000 signatories from similar companies all around the world. These firms are motivated by hard-headed commercial realities – and the very clear wishes of their shareholders, let alone, of course, many of their younger employees who nowadays look to their companies to take a responsible lead.

Governor-General, Prime Minister, when we leave Canada tomorrow we will take with us countless fond memories of our time with you and will continue to keep Canada and Canadians in our minds – and, most importantly, in our hearts – however far away we may be. I take the greatest possible pride in the

Canadian regiments and organizations with which I am associated and will continue to follow their achievements with the closest attention. That is why, Ladies and Gentlemen, this evening, my wife and I are not saying "au revoir" as much as "à bientôt." Thank you.

Media Characterizes Crowds

As mentioned in Mr Finch's article above, many media choose to characterize crowds greeting Royals not as "enthusiastic Canadians" or "Quebeckers braving separatist protestors" but as members of a fan club. To cite but one example – the *Montreal Gazette*, November 10, 2009, reported that "About 200 royal watchers greeted the couple in English and French as they arrived at Quebec Premier Jean Charest's office... At Montreal's nature museum, the Biodome, chosen as a site in keeping with the conservancy theme of the trip and Prince Charles's ecological campaign, about 60 royalty fans, most of them French, mingled with police, a quartet of protesters who sang and a young woman in a seal suit." [emphases added – Ed.]

Enthusiastic Monarchists Tell of Royal Encounters

MY ROYAL ENCOUNTER: I think I have been to just about every public royal visit to Canada since 1983. I could not miss the chance to see the royal couple on their first visit to Toronto. My sister and I arrived at the Royal Agricultural Fair before 8 am to ensure we got great seats on both sides of the stadium. When the couple arrived by landau a tear came to my eye with pride to be able to see our future King and Queen in person. The ceremony was short and when I went to meet my sister afterward, I discovered the royal couple were touring the fair and shaking hands with people along the way. I was thrilled to be standing on the edge of the laneway as Camilla walked by and smiled. I thought my day was made! When I finally found my sister, she told me the Duchess was off to see the SuperDog show, so off we went. It was amazing to watch her watch the dogs. She seemed to genuinely enjoy the show. Afterward, I lined the laneway where she was leaving. To my utter amazement, I got to shake her hand and say hello. I was flabbergasted! What an honour!

Karen Hill, Mississauga, ON

MY ROYAL ENCOUNTER: I decided it would be "eye-catching" to the royal couple if we took our two elderly male Black Labs with us. Both dogs are Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind stock. The older one, Walker, is a retired guide dog, having successfully guided in Kelowna, BC and the other, Kyle, was not accepted into the training programme in Ottawa as his leg was injured when he was a pup. We "puppy-walked" both dogs in their first year of life. Anyway, my plan worked and Prince Charles came straight over to meet them. I briefly told him their history and he seemed very interested and quite delighted with them. I was interviewed by the local TV station(CHEK) and I understand it was shown not only locally but nationally as well.

Trudie Carrier, Victoria, BC

MY ROYAL ENCOUNTER: I saw Prince Charles and Camilla when they came to the BC Legislature on Friday, 6 November. It had been raining all day, but it stopped just before they arrived. I got such a thrill when I had my first glimpse of them pulling up outside the Legislature- to actually see Charles and Camilla in person, for the first time, was absolutely incredible. Charles and Camilla stood under a pavilion, where Charles gave a speech, and the Monarchist League members had an excellent view. I was very impressed with the number of people lining the walkway who had come out to see the royal couple, and so proud that Victoria could give them such an enthusiastic welcome... Then Charles and Camilla came down to do a walkabout. They each took one side of the walkway, and Camilla came to our side. She shook hands with every person in the front row, where I was standing, and even anyone behind who put their hands out. She said "Hello" as she shook my hand. I was thrilled...

Emily Hansen, Victoria, BC.



Quebec Premier Jean Charest greets the Prince of Wales



The Crown guaranteed the freedom for a few separatists to gain world wide attention by protesting the future Monarch's visit outside the Black Watch Armoury

State Dinner Menu

Charles, Camilla – and Chairman Finch – enjoyed a remarkable meal from the kitchens of Rideau Hall. Washed down with Niagara wines, the menu consisted of Lake Winnipeg Goldeye, Northern pike and western wild mushroom rilette served with Cortland apple prairie grain croquette, Saskatchewan mustard seed and colza oil emulsion. This was followed by Appalachian red deer loin roasted with Rideau Hall herb garden chai, Outaouais cranberry and Shishigatani squash pot pie, maple-braised Salsifi bundle, autumn root vegetables with late-harvest Laurentian pimbina and Niagara Cabernet Sauvignon reduction. Then, baby and micro greens from Cookstown, Ont., with Okanagan apricot and golden plum vinaigrette. For afters? A tartlet of Newfoundland and Labrador Screech rum-soaked pear confit, Nova Scotia baked apple frosted soufflé enhanced with Quebec ice cider and Ontario wild ginger, Nunavut Ukiurtatuq tea and wild eastern berry quenelle.

The Queen Mother by *William Shawcross* An interview essay with the author

By John Fraser

[Journalist and author John Fraser is the Master of Massey College in the University of Toronto – Ed.]

Amongst his many friends (and detractors) in the British media, there was a sense of shock that William Shawcross would have (a) actually agreed to write a book on any member of the Royal Family, and (b) spent so much time to write such an exhaustive account of the centenary Queen Mother. This was perhaps because Shawcross is most famous for his brilliantly researched and scorching accounts of the mess the United States got itself into in Indo-China during the Vietnam War (*Sideshow: Nixon, Kissinger and the Destruction of Cambodia*, 1979) and the continuing mess countries make of their foreign policy (*Deliver Us From Evil: Warlords, Peacekeepers and a World of Endless Conflict*, 2000).

In addition, or perhaps especially, he supported the invasion of Iraq which put him squarely up against the majority opinion in the liberal British media. A man of the media, unafraid of powerful governments, fearless in taking on issues: *but the monarchy?* It is a sign of how much many in the media have demonized or trivialized the Royal Family that such surprise could be seriously registered.

In truth, this rather shy and gentle journalistic warrior is simply a seeker after truth. He never claimed all-knowing knowledge, and as the son of Lord Shawcross, the chief British prosecutor at the postwar trials of high Nazi officials in Nuremberg, he has been surrounded on all sides by the complications – and some of the brutal certainties – of legality, loyalty, betrayal, heroism and compromise. Such a life has left him a devout, if unflamboyant, Christian who also has reverence for tradition and the role of the Crown in national life.

A few months ago, his monumental study of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother's long sojourn on earth was published simultaneously in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. To launch it in Toronto, the former lieutenant governor of Ontario, the Hon. Hilary Weston, hosted a book reception at Massey College and that was where I had a chance to talk with William Shawcross, as well as later on a trip to London where we had breakfast together at the Landmark Hotel in Marylebone. I asked him why he took on the task of trying to turn such a storied and long life into a huge biography when he knew he would be attacked and even mocked by many in the media who feel it is open season on all members of

the Royal Family.

"You're right. I knew it would be attacked, but I didn't care. I was commissioned to do it from a pretty high quarter and after that I never once thought of not doing it. I admired the Queen Mother and our Queen for their incredible sense of duty. I knew that much of the Queen Mother's life was a succession of rather staid receptions and dinners, but that wasn't the point. It was a life set against an extraordinary century and she had the gaiety and common sense to understand not only the importance of royalty in the modern age, but also she knew how to make it work for the widest possible range of people."

At the launch at Massey College earlier this year, Shawcross read several sections of his book and told some of the anecdotes associated with the Queen Mother's visit to Canada, both as consort to King George VI and as his vibrant widow with extensive ties to many Canadian institutions. He delighted in telling one tale which saw the Queen Mother's official airplane developed serious engine problems and was forced to make an emergency landing at a Canadian forces base in northern Alberta. Upon descending from the plane to be greeted by a dumb-founded and hastily called base commander and a small honour party, she turned on her famous smile. "It's so nice to be back home in northern Alberta, Commander. Thank you so much!"

"That was so like her, wasn't it," said Shawcross recalling the anecdote. "It didn't matter where she was, she always understood what people expected of her, she always put people at ease, she always had a bit of a twinkle in her eye."

I asked Shawcross how he felt about the future of the monarchy in both the United Kingdom and Canada. He said it was "not for me to address the Canadian situation" but that he felt the Royal Family had weathered rather well unprecedented assaults from certain factions of the media and other anti-monarchy enthusiasts.

"It has been brutal some of the time, hasn't it, just brutal, but I think our Queen is very strong and she has a pretty good track record as far as service is concerned. I think Prince Charles has had the hardest go of all, but he seems to be winning out these days. He is happily married, his sons are popular, and the causes he support – whether its concern for the environment or the welfare of people on the margins – and which he has supported ever since he was allowed to speak for himself are all causes which have become everyone's now. And I think the Queen Mother added a large dose of



William Shawcross presents his official Biography of The Queen Mother to The Queen and Prince of Wales at Birkhall, the late Queen's residence on the Balmoral Estate, now occupied by Charles and Camilla.

resilience to the Royal Family and for that we should all be grateful."

Shawcross is pleased with the sales of the book on several continents and he said he will always remember the relish he felt at the chance to research the book at various royal residences, as well as do interviews with so many of the still-living witnesses to the Queen Mother's "magic."

The book is as much a "homage" as it is a record of the past century, viewed from the top. That's not a "top" that is in any way arrogant, or exclusive, but rather a top much like the author: curious, warm-hearted, courageous, with equal measures of fun and respect for tradition and the dignified side of public life.

BOOK REVIEW

**QUEEN ELIZABETH
THE QUEEN MOTHER:
THE OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY**
Review by Senex

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The very first thing that will strike you about this tome is its weight: at well over 1,000 pages, it is a hefty read not particularly congenial for bed or bath. In a word, the author has been diligent and thorough in his mission, and polite, even, reverential in respect of his subject. Perhaps it is the fate of any official biography to concentrate on bald facts, which Shawcross does in spades, but at the same time to be reticent, or rendered so, about probing beneath those facts to render fresh judgement on and insight into, in this case, one of the best known and greatly-admired Royals ever to have lived.

That familiarity with The Queen

Mother which persists amongst the public likely to read such a biography constitutes a further problem for such an official biographer. All of us know the outline of Elizabeth's long and useful life – her girlhood at Glamis, her persistent wooing by Bertie, her taming of the alarming naval-tempered George V, her distaste for Wallis Simpson, her enabling the unexpected King in speech and confidence, her exemplary mothering of the little Princesses, her personal bravery and public appearances so vital to national spirit throughout the War and then her long, golden, resolute autumn climaxing in a centenary celebration *par excellence*, followed by a relatively short period of infirmity and enormous crowds who paid at her death their homage of deep and affectionate respect.

The details of the above outline of her life is Shawcross' strength. It will serve better, perhaps, the next generation for whom The Queen Mother will be someone of whom the elders spoke rather than as a living figure who formed part of the fabric of the shared life of the Common-



wealth in which we participated.

But what was she *really* like? Alas, perhaps inevitably, the paucity in Shawcross' work of – not so much “revelation,” for who amongst us imagined there were any shocking secrets to be ferreted out of her life – but of insight into Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the human being – leads to one of two conclusions.

Either the conditions placed on Shawcross by The Queen together with the sealing of some Archival material, at least for now, rendered it impossible to penetrate behind the gauzy dresses and happy racing parties and the entire image of a fairy queen who loved her people, gave them enormous pleasure and in return was greatly loved. In which case we owe Shawcross thanks for harnessing his talents to writing a compendium of what was available to him. We can then hope to live long enough to find a biographer who, unencumbered by any duty to our Sovereign, will get behind the great happy costume party and give us Elizabeth, warts and all.

Or, there really was nothing there to be got at. No warts. The happy, doughty Elizabeth whom we experienced during whatever part of the last century we lived was that rarest of all God's creatures: entirely as she seemed, truly happy, utterly uncomplicated. To observe that there was nothing to get at does not mean there was nothing there: it is not a criticism or a suggestion of shallowness. Rather, it suggests that a sunny soul created blue sky and fair winds not only for all about her but for herself. And if that is true, how envious we might be! But such a life does not then lend itself to much intellectual analysis.

To be fair to the author, it is important to know that in his Preface, Shawcross contrasts the former strictures of official royal biography with what, he asserts, he found to be true when he started his work in 2003. Indeed the second sentence of the book begins, “I was given unrestricted access ...to Queen Elizabeth's papers.” He goes on to say “I was given no such instructions... I was encouraged to write what I wished.” Of course neither he let alone any reader can know what material never made its way to the Royal Archives at Windsor, whether through the ravages of time, the protectiveness of Princess Margaret or the unilateral decision of one of the coterie of butlers and footmen who grew extraordinarily close to a Dowager Queen.

Without further speculation, what remains? Certainly the book is fascinating in its minutiae. Imagine the young Duchess penning an amusing note to a supposedly confirmed bachelor friend asking whether he should marry an American girl named Isabel. “Is a bell necessary riding on a bicycle” replied Elizabeth, “That's one point against her, poor girl.” And she went on to list four more “againsts” and but one “for” – a sense of humour. Conclusion? “Yes I think you ought to marry her. The sense of humour

balances everything.” How marvellous!

And much more, too, we are let in on. Imagine the sight of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain gooseberry picking with Queen Mary. Of Elizabeth at 58 taking great pleasure that a lengthy tour would take her right around the world “before her very modern son-in-law Prince Philip had done so.” Poor Philip! Or of her passing through her study to the King in 1941, telling him “I've just heard the most extraordinary thing on the wireless. The Japanese have bombed the Americans. It can't be true.” All vignettes that ring utterly true, and that Shawcross has either unearthed afresh or found in a source so obscure the reader is unlikely to have encountered it.

Canada, of course, plays its part in the biography. Reality hits home in the ever-tetchy US-Canadian relationship. Having opined that it was important for British opinion to sense the 1939 trip was made primarily for the benefit of Canadians, Shawcross observes, “Despite the hope of Canadian officials, the American visit came to outweigh the Canadian journey because of the personal relationship the King was able to form with President Roosevelt.” But he does not downplay the significance of the trans-Canadian odyssey – especially “in guaranteeing the support of Mackenzie King and Canada in the event of war, for the Canadian Prime Minister had been a convinced appeaser...”

Shawcross shares many fine moments fresh to the otherwise-familiar narrative of the '39 tour. On the first evening at the Old Capital of Quebec, the Lieutenant Governor was struck by how at dinner The Queen, looking over the throngs of strangers arrayed before her at the Chateau Frontenac, was able to identify three as “having the air of educators” (they were in fact university presidents) and two as judges. She insisted on meeting all five after the meal. The distance of deferential 1939 from today hits sharply home as we read that a crowd of 20,000 stood silently at Sudbury train station during a 20-minute stop at 1:00 am. The local press had published a request that the Royals be allowed to sleep. Quite incredible on many levels! And as the *Empress of Britain* set sail homewards at the end of the tour, Lady Tweedsmuir watched, reflecting on Shakespeare's lines, “The bright day is gone, and we are for the dark.”

Other Canadian tours – really, homecomings, – were less portentous and probably even more fun. The Governor General and Prime Minister personally intervened to reverse Sir Martin Gilliat's initial refusal of a Maritime tour in Centennial year. The Queen Mother's insistence on making an unscheduled visit to the CN Tower in 1985 – despite The Queen's having let it be known to Ottawa that “no extras” were to be added to the schedule. Apparently her Private Secretary told the federal Coordinator, Harris Boyd, that Elizabeth had not yet made



It is unlikely that these Royal readers will find anything upsetting in Shawcross' biography of The Queen Mother

her daily phone call to The Queen, for fear of the ascent being forbidden! Two years later, testing the waters in Montreal for future Royal visitors, she came upon a high school prom dance blaring loud disco music in an adjacent function room as she left a Regimental Dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. In she went – the kids immediately recognized her and cried “Vive La Reine” – and, we are told, she came out dancing!

1989 brought Elizabeth to Canada for the last time – Shawcross tells us that The Queen vetoed a proposed trip a few years later. Appropriately, her final Canadian engagement was the 130th running of The Queen's Plate, which prestigious horse race her daughter will attend 21 years later this summer.

One very enjoyable result of Shawcross' researches is his frequently providing us with passages from diary entries as well as from hitherto-unpublished letters Queen Elizabeth wrote over the years. These bubble with the personality we always sensed from her charm and gaiety, but they also deal with more serious subjects.

In her diary, the young Duchess of York recounts how the Prince of Wales and some of his paramours had taken Bertie and her dancing until 2:30 in the morning: “Woke up very tired,” she wrote, “We are not used to dancing!” That would change. At the end of a truly grueling Australian tour they made in 1927 (imagine wearing royal finery in pre-air-conditioning days!) Elizabeth wrote the King – “dearest Papa” – in most affectionate terms: “I hope you will not think me looking old and ugly, but a week in the Red Sea in June does not help the complexion... it has been very hot, and my cabin (sleeping) has been 105, which is most uncomfortable...” An understatement.

On the serious side, Shawcross cites a letter Elizabeth wrote the Headmaster of Eton years after the Abdication, reflecting on “David” with great acuity: “I wonder. I don't think he ever wanted to be King. I don't think he thought of it as

something he ought to do. Very odd. People do change in a strange way... Everybody adored him. I think he may have thought he was so popular that people would want him back, whatever... He must have been bemused with love, I suppose. You couldn't reason with him...”

In a brief Epilogue, Shawcross sums up his subject with great fondness but without any sentimentality. Commenting that “She loved to preserve,” Shawcross realizes also that the very conservatism of her love of the old ways, of tradition, and of her influence on her daughter, “may have slowed down the pace of royal reform which is always necessary to maintain consent.” But he balances this measured criticism with the realization that in the dark days for the monarchy during the 1990's, The Queen Mother's popularity remained constant, and helped to deflect a few of the deadlier arrows from the criticism some royals seemed to go out of their way to attract. He also lauds her courage amidst war and infirmity, and the constancy of her presence; and he acknowledges the effect these qualities had for good.

The reviewer remembers vividly attending a principal celebration of her 100th birthday, the Pageant of Elizabeth's Life on Horse Guards Parade. In the midst of it all stood up a very old lady, who uttered just a few words, speaking for perhaps two or three minutes, and yet holding all in complete thrall and reverent silence, as she referred to “those who have gone before.” Now she has joined that company of souls who have influenced our lives for good.

Aptly, then, Shawcross closes his intriguing but frustrating book by quoting from the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter to Elizabeth at the beginning of the Second World War: “I feel inclined to say to Your Majesty what was said in the Bible story to Queen Esther – Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?...” Shawcross suggests that it was true in 1939 “and remained so to the end of her life.”



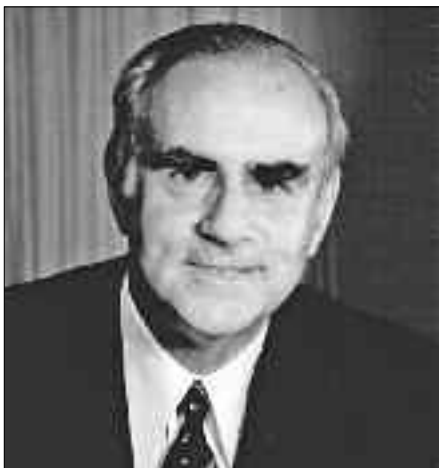
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The timing is right for a conference on the Canadian Crown. The constitutional issues surrounding the federal election of October 2008, prorogations of December 2008 and 2009 and minority government have drawn public attention to the reserve powers of the Crown. There has been debate about the role of the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governors. Although there is not a significant republican movement in Canada, the role and relevance of the Crown are current topics of discussion in the media and the future of the monarchy in Canada needs to be addressed.

This conference attracted people interested in the Crown, whether academics, policy-makers, staff of vice-regal offices, or public commentators. It is intended as an academic and policy search conference on the purpose, functioning, advantages and drawbacks of the present system of constitutional monarchy in Canada and what its future might hold. The purpose is not to debate whether or not Canada should be a monarchy but rather to encourage an exchange of ideas and inform Canadians on the institution of the Crown, the least-known part of our governance structures.

PROGRAM:

The conference convened in the West Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa the evening of Wednesday, June 9, and all day Thursday, June 10, 2010. The presentations will appear on the website of the Institution of Intergovernmental Relations at Queen's University and may be published subsequently in book form by the Institute through the McGill-Queen's University Press.

A full report on proceedings at the Conference will appear in the Fall edition of CMN.



Prof Noel Cox, University of Auckland – chaired panel on The Crown and First Nations

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Conference Program

Room 200, West Block, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa

Wednesday evening, June 9

from 5:30 p.m. Registration

6 p.m. Reception, Buffet Supper

7 p.m. **Assessing the Canadian Crown: Perceptions, Realities, Challenges**

Chair: **Senator Hugh Segal**

Opening Remarks: **Hon. Jason Kenney**, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration & Multiculturalism

Presentation: **Senator Serge Joyal** *The Crown and Prime Ministerial*

Government – La Couronne et un gouvernement par le Premier ministre

Panel Discussion: **Jonathan Malloy**, Canadian Study of Parliament Group

David E. Smith, Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina

Jennifer Smith, Dalhousie University

Michael Valpy, *The Globe and Mail*

Thursday, June 10

8 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Speaker: **Christopher McCreery**, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

The Crown and Honours: Getting It Right

9 – 10:30 a.m. **David E. Smith**, Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina

Session 1 **The Crown and the Constitution: Sustaining Democracy?**

Discussants: **Barry Cooper**, University of Calgary

Hon. Henry Jackman, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Lori Turnbull, Dalhousie University

10:45 – 12 **Lynda Haverstock**, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, and

Session 2 **Michael Jackson**, University of Regina

The Crown in the Provinces: Canada's Compound Monarchy

Discussants: **Peter Boyce**, University of Tasmania, Australia

Barry Cooper, University of Calgary

12:15 p.m. Luncheon Speaker: **Patrick Monahan**, York University

The Constitutional Role of the Governor General

2 – 3:30 p.m. **Peter Boyce**, University of Tasmania, Australia, and **Noel Cox**, Auckland University

Session 3 of Technology, New Zealand

The Crown Down Under: Issues and Trends in Australia and New Zealand

Discussant: **David E. Smith**, Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina

3:45 – 5 p.m. **David Arnot**, Chief Commissioner, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission

Session 4 **The Crown and the First Nations: Historical Reality, Future Promise**

Discussant: **Noel Cox**, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

5:15 p.m. **Conclusion** Chair: **Senator Lowell Murray**

Rapporteur: **Rudyard Griffiths**

Closing Remarks: **Senator Serge Joyal** and **Senator Hugh Segal**

6 – 7 p.m. **Closing Reception**

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A Uniquely Canadian Crown?

A proposal for re-thinking the Canadian Succession to the Throne

by Kevin Gillespie

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In 1982, Canada patriated its constitution, cutting its last formal ties with the United Kingdom. Canada's constitutional monarchy, however, was not changed, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II remained as Queen of Canada. The line of succession to the Canadian Throne is identical to that of the 15 other Commonwealth Realms (A Commonwealth Realm is an independent state within the Commonwealth of Nations that recognizes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as its monarch. There are currently 16 Commonwealth Realms: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.), and although the Throne is occupied by the same person, the position of Queen of Canada is a legally distinct and independent position from that of any other country. The succession of this shared monarchy is determined by male-preference primogeniture – meaning that male heirs will always take precedence over females – and excludes Roman Catholics, along with those who are married to a Roman Catholic. Obviously these outdated laws are discriminatory to women and Roman Catholics, and recently the issue of reforming the line of succession has arisen in the United Kingdom. The issue, however, is currently not pressing, as these laws do not have any direct consequences on the immediate line of succession (*vis.* the Prince of Wales and Prince William). Eventually, however, these discriminatory laws will undoubtedly affect a member of the immediate line of succession – the most likely scenario being the birth of an elder daughter, followed by a younger son, in which case the daughter will be supplanted by the male child in the line of succession for the sole reason that she is female. It is likely that in the coming years there will be growing pressure on all the governments of the Commonwealth Realms, including in Canada, to reform the line of succession.

While it would make sense that the laws concerning the line of succession should eventually be changed in Canada in order to eliminate the discrimination mentioned above, I propose that Canada – with the goal of attaining its own exclusive monarchy in mind – should wait to do so until a number of criteria are met. Currently there seems to be a growing appetite among the Commonwealth Realms for succession reform, exempli-

fied by the recent remarks made by the then- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Gordon Brown, in which he was quoted as saying, “I think in the 21st century people do expect discrimination to be removed and they do expect us to be looking at these issues.” As it seems likely that succession reform will be on the table in the near future, the first criterion that should be met before Canada proceeds should be for all the other Commonwealth Realms to change their laws regarding the line of succession. This would create an environment that would inevitably lead to the second criterion – an eventual split in the line of succession between the Thrones of Canada and the other 15 Commonwealth Realms. Lastly, Canada should wait until this split leads to the end of the shared monarchy, with an exclusively Canadian monarch ascending the Canadian Throne.

I believe that the goal of a uniquely Canadian Crown should be pursued for two reasons. Firstly, a split in the shared monarchy would ensure that Canada would no longer be compelled to share a non-resident monarch with 15 other independent countries. This would leave the Canadian Monarch and Royal Family free to reside in Canada, and to concentrate exclusively on representing Canada at home and on the world stage. Secondly, as any change in the line of succession would require the consent of the House of Commons and the Senate, as well as every single provincial legislature, doing nothing for the foreseeable future would be the easiest and least expensive option available when considering changing the laws of succession.

In order for the goal of a uniquely Canadian monarchy to be realised, the first thing that Canada should do is to refrain from making any changes to the laws regarding the line of succession until every other Commonwealth Realm does so first. We are currently living in a world that is becoming increasingly more politically correct and less tolerant of any sort of discrimination. The ancient laws of succession to the Throne – an intricate mix of common law and legislation – are inarguably discriminatory to women and Roman Catholics. Vernon Bogdanor, author of *The Monarchy and the Constitution*, explains that “The Crown descends on the same basis as the [ancient common law practice of the] inheritance of land. This means that male heirs take precedence over female, with children representing their deceased ancestors; and, under the rule of primogeniture, the older son precedes the younger.” On the legislative side, Anne Twomey explains that:

“The *Bill of Rights* and the *Act of Settlement* also state that any person who is in communion with the Church of Rome or who shall profess a Popish religion or marry a Papist shall be excluded from inheriting the Crown or exercising any regal power, authority or jurisdiction and shall be treated as dead for the purposes of succession to the throne.”

This blatant discrimination is already on the verge of becoming a significant political issue in various Commonwealth Realms. It was recently reported in NEWS.scotsman.com that Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United



Kevin Gillespie – Calgary student advocating changes in Succession on guard for The Queen!

Kingdom had “indicated he would be raising the issue [of succession reform] with other Commonwealth leaders when they gather in November” for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. It will remain to be seen whether this will kick-start a move towards succession reform, but nevertheless, it seems apparent that there is significant popular support for the idea. Anne Twomey reports that a recent BBC poll found that 89% of people polled in the United Kingdom supported equal rights for royal women, while 81% supported lifting the ban on marrying a Catholic. It is likely that in the coming years there will be an increase in public pressure to reform the line of succession.

There is, however, a debate regarding whether or not a Commonwealth Realm – particularly the United Kingdom – can alter its laws of succession without every other Realm doing the same. An extract from the “House of Commons Library Research Paper 09/24 – 17 March, 2009” states that the “*Statute of Westminster 1931* appears to require the United Kingdom to obtain the assent of all the Parliaments in the Commonwealth before altering the law of succession... although the precise nature of this requirement is subject to some disagreement.” There is, however, significant evidence to support the position that there does not need to be universal consent among Commonwealth Realms in order for any one Realm (or group of Realms) to alter its laws of succession. Peter Harry of the Commonwealth Institute writes:

It is highly debatable whether the members of the Commonwealth would need to ratify any alterations or reforms of the British monarchy. When there was a referendum on the monarchy in Australia in November 1999 the Queen stated that it was a matter entirely for the Australians and kept out of the debate completely. Likewise, Britons would be entitled to expect the Commonwealth nations to refrain from interfering with British reforms of the monarchy.

“There is also one significant precedent where unanimous consent among the Commonwealth Realms was *not* achieved regarding changes to the line of succession. H. V. Hodson, author of *The*

Crown in the Commonwealth, explains that:

The critical occasion was, of course, the [Abdication crisis of 1936]. In every Dominion, and in *Eire* which was then a quasi-Dominion, as well as in the United Kingdom, [the Instrument of Abdication] was passed – but on different dates. It thus became a historical fact that for a few days different Kings were legally reigning in different parts of the Commonwealth.

Succession reform is an inevitable issue that every Commonwealth Realm must deal with eventually; Canada should simply wait until all the others have dealt with it first before attempting to make any alterations of its own. Once such a situation is achieved (and given enough time I believe that it would be) it would eventually lead to the second step on the road to an exclusively Canadian monarchy – a split in the line of succession. The two areas of succession law that are most likely to be changed in any sort of reform would undoubtedly be male-preference primogeniture and the ban on Roman Catholic monarchs (including marrying a Catholic). If the other Realms were to reform the monarchy without Canada, a split in the line of succession would eventually occur. There are several ways that such a scenario could transpire: a split could occur by the conversion of someone in the direct line of succession to Catholicism, or by the marriage of someone in the direct line of succession to a Roman Catholic. The most likely scenario, however, would be the birth of an elder daughter in the immediate line of succession, followed by a younger son. In Canada, if reform has not taken place, the younger son would be placed ahead of his older sister in the line of succession. If the other Commonwealth Realms have reformed their succession laws, however, the older daughter would remain ahead of her younger brother, and hence, a split would occur between the lines of succession of Canada and the rest of the Commonwealth Realms.

Finally, the last step on the road to an exclusively Canadian monarchy would be to simply wait until the Demise of the shared Crown. (The Demise of the Crown is the legal term for the end of a reign by a king or queen, by death or by abdication.) After a split in the line of succession has been engendered, it would only be a matter of time before different monarchs acceded to the Thrones of Canada and the rest of the Commonwealth Realms. In the example suggested above, the elder daughter would inherit the Thrones of the other 15 Commonwealth Realms, while the younger son would ascend the Canadian Throne. Such an eventuality is not without precedent, as the case of the Kingdom of Hanover suggests:

Hanover had become connected with [the United Kingdom], because it was ruled by the Prince who, after the death of Queen Anne, came to be Sovereign of this country. But the law of Hanover limited the sovereignty to men, and therefore, when Queen Victoria succeeded to the throne of [the United Kingdom], she did not become Queen of Hanover, but Hanover passed over to her uncle, the

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Kevin Shea and John Jason Wilson
Lord Stanley: The Man Behind the Cup
(Bolton ON: Fenn Publishing Company
Ltd., 2006, 457 pp., hard-cover, \$35)

This biography of Frederick Arthur Stanley, Lord Stanley of Preston (and later 16th Earl of Derby), Canada's sixth governor general, gets off to an unpromising start. On page 2, the authors tell us that "the principal role of the governor general in Canada was to carry out the duties and wishes of the King or Queen of England; ergo, the governor general was Canada's head of state, appointed by the British monarch." On page 6, we read that the Derby family's "descendants came over with Richard the Conqueror". On page 55, the new governor general is sworn in "in the Scarlet Chamber of the

Senate". Then on page 64 we are advised that "Canada's High Commissioner resides at Earncliffe" in Ottawa. During the Northwest Rebellion, the Battle of Cut Knife Hill apparently occurred in Manitoba (p. 144), not, as was actually the case, in present-day Saskatchewan. Constitutional and historical accuracy is not the strong point of these authors! Also, the book is liberally sprinkled with malapropisms and gaucheries – for example, on page 14, "At the risk of sounding cliché, Edward Geoffrey Stanley was very much in touch with the common man"; or, after a quotation on p. 67, "punctuated Lord Hamilton".

In fairness, *Lord Stanley* does improve the further we delve into it. And it is, as the authors tell us, "dedicated to every hockey player whose dreams were fuelled by the hope of one day hoisting the Cup that was so graciously provided by Lord Frederick Arthur Stanley." Former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, who

contributed her own cup for (women's) hockey, points out in a foreword that the Stanley Cup was one of the first awards for excellence in the name of a governor general. If the authors had concentrated on telling the story of the Stanley Cup and the vice-regal connection with Canadian hockey in a shorter volume, it would have been a more manageable undertaking and had a greater impact. As it is, they risk venturing into the 19th century social and political history of the United Kingdom in chapters one and two and that of Canada in much of the rest of the book. The results are predictably mixed.

In the first two chapters, Shea and Wilson tell us something of Stanley's family history and the political context in which the Derbys played prominent roles – Stanley's father, the 14th Earl, was three times Prime Minister of the UK. These chapters would have benefited from editing to clarify the main issues and disen-



Lord Stanley of Preston,
garbed as Lord Mayor of Liverpool

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Duke of Cumberland, eldest surviving brother of William IV.

When Queen Victoria was born a split in the lines of succession between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Hanover was created, and upon the death of King William IV, the shared monarchy between the two countries ended. Just like the case of Hanover, if the other Commonwealth Realms were to reform the laws of succession without Canada, a split would eventually occur, and the shared monarchy (in relation to Canada) would come to an end. In the end, Canada would gain its own exclusively Canadian monarchy. Only after such a split has occurred should Canada consider reforming its laws of succession.

It would be beneficial for Canada to work towards the goal of a uniquely Canadian monarchy for a number of reasons. As was noted above, Canada currently shares a monarch with 15 other completely independent nations. This creates a situation where our Sovereign cannot focus solely on fulfilling her Canadian duties; she must also take into account the wishes of her other Commonwealth governments, splitting her commitments accordingly. On top of that, the Monarchy is traditionally based in England; it is, therefore, much more visible in the United Kingdom than it is in Canada. If Canada were to acquire its own monarchy the Sovereign and the rest of the Canadian Royal Family would be free to focus exclusively on representing Canada at home and abroad. Canada would no longer be compelled to share its Monarch with 15 other countries. In addition, the Canadian Royal Family could be based permanently in Canada, where it would be much more visible to the Canadian population.

While I believe that Canada could greatly benefit from its own exclusively Canadian monarchy, there are also practical reasons why Canada should refrain from reforming its laws of succession until – at least – after a split in the shared monarchy has been accomplished. According *The Constitution Act, 1982*:

"41. An amendment to the Constitution of Canada in relation to the following matters may be made by proclama-

tion issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada only where authorised by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and of the legislative assemblies of each province.

(a) the office of the Queen, the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of a province."

In other words, reforming the laws of succession in Canada would require a Constitutional Amendment with the unanimous support of the House of Commons and the Senate, as well as the 10 provincial legislatures. Such universal agreement between the provinces and the Federal Government has proven to be elusive in the past (The two major attempts at Constitutional reform since patriation – the Meech Lake Accord (1987) and the Charlottetown Accord (1992) – both failed.); any attempt to achieve this in regards to succession reform will undoubtedly prove to be a Herculean task. When considering reforms to the line of succession, the cheapest and easiest option for Canada to pursue would probably be to do nothing – at least for the foreseeable future. In the event that succession reform becomes a serious political issue, it would be in the best interest of Canada to just sit back and wait until all the other Commonwealth Realms deal with the problem first. Canadians could potentially save the millions of dollars that it might cost to try and amend the Constitution, along with valuable time and resources that could better be spent in other more pressing areas of concern – and by doing so Canada might just end up with its own exclusive monarchy!

The practical reasons for not attempting to change the laws of succession to the Canadian Throne, when combined with the benefits that an exclusively Canadian Sovereign would accrue for Canada, generate a convincing argument for the acquisition of a uniquely Canadian monarchy. In regards to succession reform, doing nothing for the foreseeable future would be the cheapest and most practical option available for Canada. In addition, having a Royal Family that is based in Canada and no longer tied to the other 15 Commonwealth Realms

would greatly increase its visibility in Canada, and would leave the Royal Family free to focus solely on representing Canada at home and on the world stage. The best way for Canada to achieve the goal of a uniquely Canadian Crown is by letting the other Commonwealth Realms proceed with succession reform without joining in itself. Eventually a split in the direct lines of succession between Canada and the other Commonwealth Realms would occur, and an exclusively Canadian Monarchy would be established in Canada.

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gauge them from historical details not familiar to the average Canadian reader. They do, however, give us an idea of the background from which Canada's sixth governor general emerged. Frederick Stanley shared his family's passion for horse-racing and developed an interest in sports at a time when athletic endeavours were increasingly seen as key to developing character in those called to lead the Empire – and promoting "muscular Christianity".

Thus, when Frederick Stanley was named governor general in 1888 at the relatively young age of 47, his attitude towards sports was already well formed and was to result in his prime legacy to Canada. However, he was also involved in a number of key political and diplomatic issues during his time in the Canadian vice-regal office. He got on extremely well with Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald and became his confidant (one wishes that this practice could be revived with modern-day governors general and first ministers, but that is probably a pipe-dream). His first brush with domestic political controversy, in 1889, was over pressure to disallow the Quebec *Jesuit Estates Act* of the previous year. Stanley firmly and wisely supported the prime minister in his refusal to do so. Say the authors (p. 87), "it was the sort of decision that one might expect from Stanley: fair and politically sound. It ignored the raging and radical Orange voice and solidified the non-political role that had been envisioned for the office of the governor general from the first."

Lord Stanley also took a keen interest in defence matters. He had served in the Grenadier Guards for seven years and his son Edward was an officer in the regiment. Stanley was not impressed with Canada's militia and the state of its defences and constantly pressured Macdonald to do something about it. War with the United States was still considered a possibility and the last British garrison had been withdrawn in 1871. Given the dominant British influence at the time, it is not surprising that sports and "muscular Christianity" were viewed as a way to remedy a "Crisis in Masculinity" (the title of chapter six) in Canada too.

Indeed, threats from south of the border were not idle ones in Stanley's time. In 1888 and 1889, the Americans did much sabre-rattling over sealing rights in the Bering Sea and fishing rights everywhere, to the point of repeatedly seizing Canadian sealing vessels. Since Britain was still responsible for Canada's foreign relations, the British minister in Wash-

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ington was key to negotiations and Stanley had a role to play in pressuring the British government to be firm. Like many of the governors general from the UK, he rapidly became "Canadianized" ("Canadianization of the Crown" is not just a recent phenomenon) and took up the Canadian cause wholeheartedly. He was frustrated by British willingness to sacrifice Canada's best interests in favour of improved UK-US relations.

A large part of this book is taken up by descriptions of Lord and Lady Stanley's travels across Canada. Their first visit to Toronto in 1888 is chronicled in detail, especially their tour of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, where they were fascinated by the burgeoning technology of the day – electric lighting, streetcars and the Edison phonograph (the authors note the inconclusive debate over whether Stanley actually recorded his voice on this occasion). In the fall of 1889, the Stanleys embarked on a two-month trip by train across western Canada, as far as the Pacific. It is on this trip that Constance, Lady Stanley, comes to the forefront as she records her impressions in her diary. The Stanleys' daughter-in-law, Alice, married to their son Edward, contributed to the chronicling of Canadian history by her enthusiasm for photography with the newly-invented Kodak box camera.

A number of anecdotes enliven the narration, including occasional acerbic comments on local society by Constance. However, the chapter is burdened by a lengthy and probably redundant recapitulation of the history of western Canada and by excessive detail of the various receptions attended by the vice-regal party. In fact, the prolonged descriptions of these social events are one of the drawbacks of the book. Still, we get some interesting vignettes on prairie life in the 1880s: early agriculture in southern



Stanley visited the Toronto Industrial Exhibition of 1888, a precursor to the CNE, and was fascinated by new technology - streetcars and electric light!

Assiniboia (now Saskatchewan), hunting at Long Lake near Regina, a pow-wow at an Indian reserve near Lethbridge and other First Nations events, including one with the famous Blackfoot Chief Crowfoot, a visit to a huge ranch in present-day Alberta, meetings with the North-West Mounted Police, receiving a Mormon delegation. Going through the mountains, Lady Constance rides part of the way on the cowcatcher of the locomotive, this being well before the days of safety concerns and liability insurance.

The Stanleys' visit to British Columbia is one of the more engaging parts of the book. We see the governor general dedicating what will be one of Vancouver's finest assets: Stanley Park. The sojourn in Victoria is replete with excruciating detail about the various balls and calls and receptions for the vice-regal couple and their party. Then, in the chapter, "Narrow Escape from a Watery Grave", we have the dramatic story of how on the party's return to Vancouver their ship, *HMS Amphion*, ran onto a reef and was in danger of sinking. The warship limped back to Esquimalt, where "the shaken Governor General and his party" were housed at a hotel until they could find another ship to resume their itinerary on the mainland.

Vice-regal visits to other parts of Canada – Quebec, Montreal, Ontario, the Maritimes – are also chronicled, sometimes again in too much detail. But the core of this book is, rightly, the story of hockey and the Stanley Cup. In 1888, hockey had yet to achieve its legendary status in the Canadian mentality; Frederick Stanley and his family and staff played a very significant part in making it so. Since the 1870s Rideau Hall had boasted tobogganing, a skating rink and curling. Then, "after attending a hockey game during the Montreal Winter Carnival in February 1889, the Stanley family enthusiastically embraced the new sport" (p. 359) and quickly organized teams at Rideau Hall for both men and women (the first recorded women's hockey game took place there). The "Rideau Rebels" team included Stanley's three sons and his aides-de-camp and soon became a major force in the emerging hockey world of Ontario and Quebec, travelling for games in Toronto and Montreal as well as smaller towns. Frustrated by the lack of organization in hockey, Stanley's son Arthur, a natural athlete and leader, instigated leagues and championships, leading to the establishment of the Ontario Hockey Association in 1891, complementing the existing Amateur Hockey Association of Canada.

In the chapter, "Birth of the Stanley Cup", the authors recount how Lord Stanley encouraged the development of hockey by attending games, hosting parties for players and spectators, and serving as patron of the Ontario Hockey Association. At a "raucous and ribald" banquet held by the Ottawa Hockey Club in March 1892, a letter from the governor general was read in which he offered to donate "a challenge cup which should be held from year to year by the champion hockey team in the Dominion." Thus was born the world-famous Stanley Cup. Later that year, a former secretary to Lord Stanley, Captain Charles Colville, who had returned to England, was commissioned to purchase the cup, which he did at the shop of George Richmond Collis & Company in London's Regent



The Rideau Hall Rebels: Stanley's sons Arthur (second from l.) and Edward (seated beneath him) caught the hockey bug while in Canada.

Street, Shea and Wilson tell us,

Captain Colville selected a silver bowl lined with a gold-gilt interior. At ten guineas, the price tag was roughly equivalent to fifty Canadian dollars; in today's dollars, however, the price would be between \$5,500 and \$8,900 [...] Standing eighteen and a half centimetres (or about seven and a quarter inches) tall and twenty-nine centimetres (about eleven and a half inches) in diameter, under the engraved legend "From Stanley of Preston" is the Stanley family crest, consisting of "the eagle and child". (p. 372)

Lord Stanley invited two Ottawa businessmen to administer the trophy, Dr. John Sweetland and Philip Ross, a founder of the Ontario Hockey Association. Ross was to remain a trustee of the Stanley Cup until 1946 when, at the age of 88, he finally appointed a successor. The cup was presented for the first time in March 1893 by Dr. Sweet to the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, whose team defeated the Ottawa Hockey Club to become the Canadian champions.

Frederick Stanley's older brother, Edward, 15th Earl of Derby, died in April 1893 without heirs, meaning that Frederick succeeded to the earldom. His five years as governor general were nearly up in any case, and the Stanleys returned to England and their estate of Knowsley in July. The last two chapters of the book recount, reasonably succinctly, the remainder of Lord Stanley's life, during which he promoted Canada and hockey – even arranging informal games with members of the Royal Family on the frozen pond in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. He died in 1908 at the age of 67; Constance died in 1922 at the age of 82. Frederick was succeeded as 17th Earl by his eldest son Edward, he who had been a star player with the "Rideau Rebels" hockey team. An Epilogue tells the story of the Stanley Cup since the departure from Canada of its donor; this will be appreciated by hockey fans.

Lord Stanley: The Man Behind the Cup is an uneven book. It has patches of awkward writing, errors of fact, overly ambitious efforts to deal with British and Canadian history and politics, and burdensome passages detailing vice-regal travels and engagements. On the other hand, it does give some interesting insights into the role of the governor general in Canada's political life and its relations with the United States between 1888 and 1893. Frederick, Lord Stanley, has tended to be minimized as governor



Blackfoot, famed chief of the Crowfoot Nation, whom Stanley visited when Governor General

general by historians. He emerges from this book with his reputation enhanced, notably his diplomatic skills. His greatest legacy, of course, remains his contribution to Canada's national winter sport. As the authors say (p. 50), "when the vice-regal party gave its endorsement to hockey, Canadians took notice. With the blessing of the Queen's representative, hockey rose from a child's game to an essential pastime that transcends every community of the entire nation. This, in and of itself, is of great historical and cultural significance."

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CROWNS & MACES

Queen self-identifies as Canadian... Harper gets triple crown!... Crosbie doing great in NL... Charest mistreats Quebec LG... Kenney knows what citizenship means... Halifax Tattoo anything but "royal"... Rideau Hall media officer shines... Vancouver Sun errs... Seniors Games in BC sing Royal Anthem – but almost didn't... Russell Brand a monarchist...

👑 CROWN to our Queen – God Bless Her! – for once again identifying herself as a Canadian who shares in the lives of her fellow Canadians. In the opening words of HM's Vimy Day message reflecting on the passing of the final veteran of the Great War, our Monarch wrote "As proud and grateful Canadians, we pause today..."

👑 CROWN to Prime Minister Stephen Harper for resuming the recently-often-broken Canadian tradition of men-



Loyal Prime Minister received by Canada's Sovereign



Throne Speech contained two references to Canada's Queen

tioning The Queen in the Speech from the Throne. In the Speech opening the Third Session of Canada's 40th Parliament on March 3, The Governor General looked forward to 2012, stating, "That year Canadians will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, and our Government has established a Diamond Jubilee Committee to prepare for this historic occasion." Referring to 2010, the Speech stated it was "a year in which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will celebrate Canada Day with Canadians."

👑 A further CROWN to our loyal Prime Minister. In his welcome to The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall at the start of their November tour, Mr Harper stated that "Given our deep devotion to members of the Royal Family, and their devotion to Canada, these visits are regarded as 'homecomings' by Canadians." It is a happy thing to find the PM adopting monarchist nomenclature to emphasize the bond of affection between Canadians and the Royal Family.

👑 And yet a third CROWN (we fear a less modest man might assume we are resurrecting for him the old triple crown of the Papacy!) to the PM for his imaginative gift of making Princes William and Harry Honorary Canadian Rangers. May this be a precursor of their soon being encouraged by his government to get to know Canada in the same way as they have become familiar with

the African and Antipodean parts of the Commonwealth.

👑 CROWN to Newfoundland & Labrador Lieutenant Governor John Crosbie. Criticism of His Honour's appointment as too evidently "political" has fast disappeared by the dignity and enthusiasm with which he and Mme Furneaux Crosbie have tackled their responsibilities in the Province, proving, as did nearly all of M. Chrétien's vice-regal appointees, that this special and

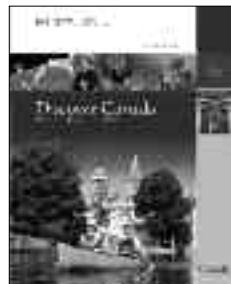


NL Lt-Gov John Crosbie being dubbed a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem

direct service to Sovereign and community quickly overcomes even the most partisan warrior, in whose ranks Mr Crosbie certainly had been numbered! We were particularly struck by the happy sight of strong and demonstrative public singing of two verses of "the Ode to Newfoundland" at the Special Convocation at MUN after the Princess Royal had spoken so eloquently of the particular foundation of this reputed institution – when we observed His Honour joining in without need for a word sheet. We doubt there is any other province – other than Quebec, where the lyrics would not necessarily be of a nature to allow a vice-regal to participate – where a song of a special provincial character is known and sung in public with such evident feeling.

👑 MACE to Quebec Premier Jean Charest. The normally-moderate Premier publicly criticized the Lieutenant Governor's use of "Royal Privilege" to refuse to appear before a National Assembly committee investigating vice-regal expenses. During a trade mission to India, he told reporters that "he should bow to the committee's request." While M. Charest's advice may have been prudent in the political sense – some Quebecers still make a meal of the alleged over-spending by M. Duchesne's predecessor – it should have been tendered to the Governor in person and on a confidential basis. M. Duchesne, himself a former legislative official, is well aware of the mischief made by separatist MNA's whenever vice-regal expenses are examined, no matter how minutely explained; and quite likely His Honour calculated the dignity of his Office suggested his Private Secretary should appear in his stead.

👑 CROWN to Hon Jason Kenney, Canada's Citizenship & Immigration Minister, for shepherding through the treacherous republican waters of Ottawa bureau-



crats a thorough and pro-monarchical guide to Canadian Citizenship for our prospective new fellow subjects, entitled *Discover Canada*.

👑 MACE to the organizers of the so-called Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Clearly, whatever its name, the Tattoo organizers do not include Her Majesty The Queen amongst their priorities, informing the Palace in a letter obtained by *The Globe and Mail* on March 31 that "Her Majesty proceeding through the finale would be highly unusual and disruptive to the production and not in keeping with the objectives of the Tattoo." Incredible! Allegedly their worry centered on HM's ability to climb stairs to the raised platform – which led *The Daily Telegraph* to remind a British public, incredulous at the rudeness shown the Sovereign, that The Queen finds no difficulty at all in handling the 47 steps of the Grand Staircase at Buckingham Palace, as indeed her Mother the late Queen Mother had found no problems with opening the Tattoo in 1979. If not out of loyalty and respect, one might think the sheer commercial advantage of a Monarch's visit would have appealed to the dullard correspondents before they wrote in such terms. Maybe they should consider folding up their tents and dropping the "Royal" appellation graciously granted them by The Queen in 2006. Apparently they suffer from short memories and little gratitude. A more appropriate name might be "a royal mess!"

👑 CROWN to Julie Rocheleau, the affable media officer at Rideau Hall. On being notified by the Monarchist League Secretariat that an April 29 press release had omitted the lifetime honorific when referring to the distinguished former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, the Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson, she promptly rectified the error. Well done – if Rideau Hall gets it right, others will follow!

👑 MACE to the Vancouver Sun. In an April 24th article by Thandi Fletcher commenting on the role and upcoming appointment of the Governor General, we are told that the GG "is the represen-

tative of The Queen of England." Later readers are informed about Rideau Hall where "two uniformed men, resembling the Queen of England's guards at Buckingham Palace, guard its front entrance"

👑 CROWN to a loyal Monarchist League member and his colleague, both unnamed, who were stewards at The Seniors' Games for British Columbia, held in Richmond in early September. The steering committee gathered the stewards for a briefing, when they were told that "by popular vote" the Royal Anthem would not be sung. One steward protested at this slighting of the Queen. The member of the Monarchist League concurred. The Chairman said "We'll put it to the vote." The vote was returned *nem con* (without opposition) and so GSTQ was sung at the beginning of the Seniors' Games. By such small yet determined actions the fabric of loyalty is woven tight in this land!



Russell Brand – who says monarchists aren't a diverse lot?

👑 CROWN to Russell Brand for saluting Canada's retaining the Monarchy during the Grammy Awards Red Carpet Special which aired on January 31. The dialogue between the English comedian and film actor and *ET Canada* host Cheryl Hickey went as follows:

Hickey: We are here with Russell Brand. Congratulations, by the way!

Brand: Congratulations to you for staying in the Commonwealth!

[ET Canada Host] Rick Campanelli: Yeah!

Hickey: Well, thank you!

Brand: Her Majesty the Queen! (Salutes)

Campanelli: What else do you like about Canada, Russell?

Brand: I like Trey Parker and Matt Stone, creators of South Park. I like Dan Aykroyd. I like Jim Carrey. I like ice hockey. I like maple leaves. I like the French bit of it, and the English bit of it... Canada is one of my favourite countries.

NEWS from the ANTIPODES

Give Kiwi Republicans A Hug

Monarchy New Zealand (formerly the Monarchist League of New Zealand) announced a light-hearted gesture of national unity when its Chairman, Noel Cox, designated May 4 as "Hug a Republican Day." Calling it "a rough year for republicans," Professor Cox traced a string of monarchical successes ranging from the restoration of traditional Honours and the designation QC to the successful visits of Prince William and the Earl of Wessex and the defeat of a Private Member's republican bill. The media release concluded, "It's not surprising that republicans appear downcast, frequently negative, and out of touch with modern New Zealand and the Kiwi mood in general. In a lighthearted gesture, Monarchy New Zealand calls on Kiwis to try to find a republican or two and give them a hug."

New Zealanders Support the Crown – poll

Nothing daunted by a biased question referring to the current New Zealand Sovereign as "Queen of England" [*does this antic by pollsters sound familiar to Canadians? Ed.*] a February Research New Zealand poll indicated that citizens opposed the Islands Realm becoming a republic by 53-32%.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE CONSCIENCE OF THE NATION



We are not always enamoured of Rideau Hall. But we feel no hesitation at all in affirming with respect the moving and entirely appropriate role played by the Governor General in rousing Canadians to concern about the pitiable situation of the people of Haiti following the devastating earthquake in January. Mr Harper and Mme Jean have had their moments; but it was right and kind for the Prime Minister to invite the GG to the operational briefing on the crisis; and it was constitutional, too – an unusual way for acknowledging the Crown's right to be informed, to be sure – but one that showed the ceremonial and political sides of the executive in complete harmony; and also one that must have given comfort to Mme Jean, personally torn by the lack of knowledge of the fate of family members and friends.

Her press briefing later the same day brought her to tears – “gracious tears” as the Bard would have called them – and an intensity of feeling which, we feel certain, stirred many Canadians watching the evening news to consider digging a little deeper into their pockets towards the relief of innocent sufferers, admiring as we did Mme Jean's deflection of questions as to the fate of people she knew – “It's not about me” – in favour of focusing on the general situation.

We know that there has been some ill feeling between Government House and Rideau Hall over Mme Jean's practice of summoning individual Ministers to brief her on their departments; so it is the more praiseworthy and sensitive of Defence Minister MacKay to have stayed in touch with Her Excellency until the wee hours of the night to make sure she received the latest information out of Haiti. Canadians like to see that such kindness and consideration for the feelings of others can still worm its way into the charged halls of Ottawa.

There will be ample time to judge the overall tenure of Michaëlle Jean. But in the last months of her time at Rideau Hall she rose to face a difficult situation, so affirming the potency of the Crown's duty to hold in trust what she so well personified, the conscience of the nation.



Governor General attends operational briefing on Haiti with the Prime Minister, Ministers and government and military officials

“HUG A REPUBLICAN DAY” – CANADIAN STYLE?

No doubt out of genuine concern, tongues firmly planted in their considerable cheek, our Kiwi Monarchist League friends have declared “Hug a Republican Day” to celebrate the string of positive news about the New Zealand Monarchy, and to console republicans who may be feeling a trifle discouraged. Question is: would a similar day gain much traction in Canada? A pro-monarchist government in Ottawa, a beloved Sovereign soon to be with her people, rumours of “Royal” being restored to the Canadian Navy, Canada Post churning out definitives of The Queen without annual pause, and – have you noticed? – lots of talk about *who* should be the next Governor General but virtually none about *whether* there should be one! Oh yes, and the republicans being forced to pay costs for their failed application to institute a class action in respect of the oath-taking provisions of the Citizenship Act. It may indeed have been a mild winter, but Canadian republicans surely are feeling blue. Hence the question, would a hug bring them, or any of them, under the big, inclusive, dare-we-say “embracing” tent of the Canadian Crown? Or as a former GG put it rather more eloquently, would such a gesture help the surely desirable process of “the Aboriginal Circle widening to include us all”?

Alas, we have our doubts. To begin, republicans are rather thin on the ground. A demonstration mounted each Victoria Day at Queen's Park, site of Ontario's Legislature, usually produces a bevy of media and less than a dozen adherents willing to give up the pleasures of May 2-4 for their convictions. They are often led by Charlie Roach, plaintiff in the class action mentioned above, and doughty campaigner for his cause. Charlie is a genuinely warm person, eminently huggable. Not a Canadian citizen – he won't take the oath – he could be hugged for following his convictions, for he is the sort of guy you wouldn't mind sharing a brew with and, possibly persuading him of the error of his ways in a century or three. But after that, our desire to embrace rather shrinks. Tom Freda is quite chill – doesn't strike us as a hugging sort. John Manley always managed to look rather stiff, maybe because deep down he felt awkward about proposing a Canadian republic while he was in London for Diana's funeral, and again just before The Queen arrived here for a homecoming. Think he would run from our clutches. Jeff Simpson? No, the fourth estate far too grand for homely hugs. Pat Martin, the Winnipeg MP who hound-dogged Mme Clarkson? Well, perhaps he has Parliamentary Immunity



The Canadian way to show love to a republican?
“Support our Queen; have some caffeine”

from our grand gesture. Who does that leave? Hardly anyone.

No, as much as we might love to imitate the brilliant innovation of our Antipodean cousins, they came up with the idea first, and their hugs may in fact reflect a tactile echo of their Australian neighbours' “mateyness” wafted by the zephyrs across the Tasman Sea to New Zealand. So, alas, our outreach to republicans will rest with the tried and true – media, website, Twitter, Facebook, message board, blog, pamphlets and the like. But if we see a few of them, cold and lonely amidst the inevitable downpour at our local Victoria Day celebration, maybe we could Canadianize the Monarchy New Zealand approach, go to our nearest Tim Horton's and buy them a small but meaningful cup of coffee: the warming all-Canadian hug equivalent, restraining ourselves from saying “Support our Queen, have some caffeine.” Poor poetry anyway...

WHERE'S WILLIAM?

It is gratifying to view television and newspaper reports showing the aplomb with which Prince William handled his first official visit on behalf of The Queen, to New Zealand, followed by an unofficial trip to Australia; of the crowds greeting him wherever he went and of the significant support polls reveal he brings to the institution of Monarchy in those free-spirited island Realms which might otherwise become republics at the end of the present reign. But it is disquieting to realize, as we read that William remarked how he hopes to return in 2011 for the Rugby World Cup, that the current tour already marked his third trip to New Zealand and second to Australia. By contrast, Canadians have seen him on our soil, but once, for a single day of engagements with his father and brother before a private skiing holiday in Whistler – and that over 12 years ago!

If Clarence House is serious in staking William's claim to the Throne, it should have had Canada in its sights from the beginning of the Prince's Gap years. That special opportunity for William to live here for some months with little media bother has now passed. But surely, the combination of a pro-monarchical government in Ottawa, and some serious thought in Palace circles for the Maple Realm which his mother and grandmother loved so conspicuously well, will suggest that the stars are now well aligned for William to “visit” Canada, and to then return for frequent homecomings; for him to make Canadian friends, get to know the country well and adopt some of our concerns as his and *vice versa*. Given the apparent pre-disposition of Royal super-stars to enjoy the Antipodes, and indeed many other desti-



12 years have passed since Prince William set foot in Canada

nations around the world for holidays and for their good works, it is amazing that Canada has not flirted more seriously with republicanism in this self-centered age where so often out of media “sight” means out of mind, save for the mindlessness of tabloid “reporting”. Might our loyalty no longer be taken for granted, and even rewarded? The Queen knows the score here, and should have a word where it might do some good.

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT RULES AGAINST REPUBLICANS

Awards Costs against Roach et al. seeking class action re: Oath of Citizenship

In a ruling that followed an appeal hearing by only two weeks, December 4th found a panel of three Ontario judges confirming once again that prominent republican activist Charlie Roach's suit against the Attorney-General of Canada and application for a Class Action to be instituted on the basis of the unconstitutionality of the *Canadian Citizenship Act* lacked any merit. Roach had sought, *inter alia*, a declaration that the Act's requirement for an Oath of Allegiance to The Queen violated Charter rights, or in the alternative, that class members could be exempt from taking the Oath; an injunction preventing the federal government from withholding a Citizenship certificate from those who refused to take the Oath; and an award of \$10,000 exemplary and symbolic damages for each class member.

In their Opinion, J. Wilson, Lederman and Swinton, JJ, held that the relief sought by the plaintiffs could better be obtained through an application for an individual declaration rather than by means of a class action, “with the costs and delays associated,” and moreover that the opting-out procedure inherent in such actions would be “singularly inappropriate” in this instance. The learned Judges went on to point out that the decision of the Motions Court Judge – who had heard Roach's original application – “was entitled to substantial deference given the special expertise developed by judges hearing such motions.” Nor did they find any palpable error in the Motions Judge's denial of the application.

In a fairly pointed rebuke to Roach which formed the final paragraph of their decision, the Court wrote, “The appeal is dismissed. As this appeal is the second occasion in which the issues have been visited, the respondent, having been successful, is entitled to costs. In the circumstances, we fix the respondent's costs at \$5,000 all inclusive, payable by the appellant.”

Legal observers noted with some irony that the effect of this ruling was that the coffers of Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada would be enriched by \$5,000 – courtesy of one of Canada's most ardent republicans!

Round-Up from the Realms

News you may have missed from the Commonwealth and other Monarchies around the world

New Royal portraits... Anne in Newfoundland... More resignations from Order of Canada... Queen's Vimy Day Message... Soldier appointed Alberta LG... William's efforts please Australian Aborigines... Leblanc stamp issued... Harry raises funds for Haiti & Lesotho in Barbados... William on first official visit... Queen wins another referendum!



Rupert Alexander's new portrait of The Queen

Edinburgh and Prince of Wales by the Royal Warrant Holders Association. Alexander was originally scheduled to have three sittings over a four-month period, but Royal diary pressures resulted in his having to wait 18 months before he could finish his work! During one of the sittings at Buckingham Palace The Queen spoke of Alexander's Great-Uncle, who had been a press attaché to Lord Mountbatten when he served as Viceroy of India.



The Princess Royal at St John's, NL wreath-laying ceremony, accompanied by the Lieutenant Governor, Hon John Crosbie (l) and Newfoundland & Labrador Premier Danny Williams (r)

ST JOHN'S, April 23-24 – Anne, the Princess Royal, touched down in Newfoundland for a brief Royal Homecoming originally designed to include engagements in Nova Scotia, as well. However, the Icelandic volcano ash had disrupted flights from London, and so with great reluctance the Princess had to cancel that portion of her trip, designed to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Forces Medical Service, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. A packed schedule in Newfoundland saw Her Royal Highness receive an honorary degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland and address Convocation, present Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, attend ANZAC Day ceremonies at Camp Pleasantville on the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings (the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was the only N. American military unit to do battle there) – and then undertake further engagements on behalf of the Regiment, presenting new Colours as it celebrated its 215th Anniversary, calling its current troops “worthy heirs to all who served before them.” Before returning to London on Sunday afternoon, HRH attended Matins at the Anglican Cathedral, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony and visit with veterans of recent Canadian overseas deployments.



Frank Chauvin – returned Order of Canada in Morgentaler row

OTTAWA: April 17 – The Canada Gazette published the resignation from the Order of Canada of Frank Chauvin. A Windsor, ON, police detective who founded the Foyer des Filles de Dieu orphanage in Haiti, Chauvin is the sixth person to return his Insignia because of the decision of the Advisory Council and Governor General to appoint abortion-provider Dr Henry Morgentaler to the Order. At the time, Chauvin told the

Windsor Star that he did not want to be tarred with the same brush as Morgentaler, and that he wanted Canadians to “have a chance to take a close look at what can happen when an advisory council abandons a consensus model and uses the award to advance a highly divisive view, in this case the tragedy of abortion in Canada.” Previously, on January 9th, two other resignations were announced: those of Université de Montréal Professor Renato Bosisio and of Fr Lucien Larré, who had been honoured in 1983 for his work with the Bosco Centres for emotionally disturbed and addicted adolescents.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, April 9 – The Queen sent a message to Canadians on Vimy Day:

Message from Her Majesty The Queen

As proud and grateful Canadians, we pause today to mark not only the ninety-third anniversary of this Nation's victory at Vimy Ridge but also to pay tribute to the passing of a truly remarkable generation who helped to end the most terrible conflict the world had ever known. These gallant men and women went off to Europe to fight in what was often considered to be “the war to end all wars”; to defend the principles of peace, freedom and justice for their Country and, indeed, for all mankind. Theirs was a story of unspeakable horror, unmitigated heroism and – ultimately – of inspiring victory. This tremendous sacrifice can rightly be regarded as a defining moment in the history of Canada and is one which we will never forget. And now, they are gone –and all Canadians mourn our collective loss. Yet they will remain forever etched in the hearts of a grateful people and on the pages of our history as symbols of service, honour and dedication. In our minds and in our hearts always, we will remember them.

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Col Donald Ethell to represent The Queen in Alberta

EDMONTON, April 8 – Colonel Donald Ethell was appointed Alberta's Lieutenant Governor in succession to Hon Norman Kwong. A member of the Alberta Order of Excellence, Colonel Ethell had a long record of service in global peacekeeping operations, after which he served as Deputy Commander of Multinational Forces in the first Gulf War, followed by a tour of duty in the war-torn former Yugoslavia. In announcing the appointment, the Prime Minister stated that “Colonel Ethell has had a distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces and as a humanitarian. He is one of Canada's most decorated soldiers as well as a champion for veterans and the welfare of those in the world's most vulnerable nations.”

SYDNEY, April 1 – Australian media revealed that Prince William would use his good offices to assist Aboriginal Elders to retrieve the skull of the warrior Pemulwuy. Shot for waging war against settlers, his head had subsequently been decapitated and sent to England. Elders had originally apprised William during his recent Australian tour of their desire to bury the remains on their ancestral homelands, but told the Sydney Morning Herald that they were nonetheless surprised when they received a letter from the Prince's Private Secretary pledging assis-



Oz Aboriginal spokesman Mick Mundine lauds William – “heart & spirit of his mother”

tance “to do all he could” to undertake “this supremely important search.” Though the skull may have been destroyed in wartime, during the bombing of the Royal College of Surgeons where it is thought to have reposed, Elder Mick Mundine said that Williams' reaction “showed what sort of a man this Prince William could be... He is such a respectful young man... he has got the heart and spirit of his mother and he has showed it.”

RIDEAU HALL, March 30 – The Governor General was the first to sign a Book of Reflection at Government House, allowing Canadians to pay tribute to the country's World War I veterans, the last of whom – John Babcock – had died on February 18th. Her Excellency subsequently participated in a National Ceremony of Remembrance, held at the National War Memorial on April 9th.



Charles dons protective gear and camo to visit NATO troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, March 23-25 – The Prince of Wales spent two days visiting NATO troops in Afghanistan at a variety of military bases. Wearing an armoured jacket and helmet over his camouflage uniform, Charles spoke of his “incredible pride” in the soldiers, and paid tribute to “wonderful support” of their families at home: “As a parent, you worry the whole time,” he observed, “...if you're out here, you're getting on with everything...but for everyone left behind it's ghastly.” The Prince's second son, Prince Harry, had been on active service in Afghanistan until media blew his cover – but reports suggest he may soon be returning for another tour of duty.



March 1 – The Princess Royal visits with deployed Canadian Forces members at Kandahar during her two-day visit to Afghanistan. HRH met with members of the Communications and Electronics branch, Canadian Forces Medical Services and the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during her visit. She is the Colonel-in-Chief of all three units.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE, February 19 – The Queen visited Australia House in London to mark the 100th Anniversary of Australian diplomatic representation in London. John Dauth, High Commissioner, reminded HM that she had reigned for 58% of that time, while Foreign Minister Stephen Smith – avoiding use of the contested term “head of state” – paid tribute to The Queen “As the Sovereign of both peoples and both nations... your presence is a testament to the warmth, the affection, the respect and the regard that we have for each other...”



Archduchess Regina of Austria, dead at 93

PÖCKING, BAVARIA – February 9 – The funeral of Archduchess Regina of Austria, devoted wife of Archduke Otto, was held six days after Her Highness' death at age 93. Her late husband was heir to the Austrian Throne, but renounced his claim in order to follow a political career, sitting in the European Parliament for 20 years.



Postage stamp honours late Governor General Roméo Leblanc

RIDEAU HALL, February 5 – The Governor General unveiled a Canada Post stamp honouring former viceroy Roméo Leblanc, who died in 2009.

AJAX, February 2 – The Toronto Star revealed that sitting on an abandoned spur line in this community immediately West of Toronto – a line causing bus drivers great irritation as they must stop when it crosses a highway, despite its no longer carrying rail traffic – is the famous railway car *Pacific*, which carried The King and Queen across Canada during their historic 1939 tour, and which was used by John Diefenbaker in his 1957 election campaign. Apparently the car is now owned by a wealthy family connected with Mother Parker's, the tea and coffee providers – CN sold it in 1972.



His Mother's son: Prince Harry holds Jean-Luc, age 7 weeks, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Bridgetown, during charity visit to Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, February 1 – Prince Harry concluded a three-day visit to Barbados, the focus of which was a charity polo match to raise funds for Sentebale, the charity he and Prince Seeiso of Lesotho founded to help impoverished children in the African kingdom. Harry visited Barbadian children who presented a cultural performance for him – and he danced calypso-style on stage after the audience at a Haiti Benefit Concert met his challenge to donate B\$5000 for the relief efforts.



Prince William receives Hakka welcome enroute to open the new Supreme Court building in Wellington, NZ

AUCKLAND, January 17-20/SYDNEY January 20-23 – Prince William spent three days in New Zealand, his first official visit representing The Queen (and third to the South Pacific Realm), the centrepiece of which was the opening of the new Supreme Court building in Wellington. Met by the Governor General and Prime Minister, the Prince's itinerary also included laying a Wreath at the National War Memorial, harbour and rugby stadium tours and a traditional Maori dinner which William helped to cook! Asked by media about



William meets a real Kiwi during NZ tour



William reads to children during Australian portion of his S. Pacific tour

his standing in for The Queen, William said, "It means an awful lot because obviously she's extremely busy, and I want to be able to do something good and keep the standards up that she has led the way with."

The Prince then flew to Australia for an unofficial visit with engagements in Sydney and Melbourne. According to the *Daily Telegraph*, the 27-year old Heir to the Throne is determined to tackle republican sentiment there by declaring himself "a friend of Australia and its people." Polls on the eve of William's arrival revealed that monarchical support trumps republicanism 51-35% when the Prince's name is suggested as future monarch. His support is particularly strong amongst women. The same survey revealed by more than 2-1 Australians do not want The Queen to abdicate. During the tour William tried out automatic weapons at an Army firing range, met with victims of the devastating bush fires last summer, lunched with the Governor General and visited a Sydney Community Centre used by Aboriginal people.



In front of iconic Sydney seascape, William with the Governor General of Australia and her husband Michael Bryce

RIDEAU HALL, January 13 – At the unusual invitation of the Prime Minister, the Governor General attended an operational briefing about the situation following the Haitian earthquake and how Canadian relief efforts were being mounted. In addition to Mme Jean and Mr Harper, those present included the head of the RCMP, the Chief of the Defence Staff, several Cabinet Ministers and various officials of the departments most nearly concerned. Reports indicated that Her Excellency placed her hand on the Prime Minister's arm when she thanked him for speeding \$5 million of emergency aid to the troubled country. Mme Jean later held a press conference where, visibly moved and at times in tears, she addressed Haitians in Creole, and then used Canada's two Official Languages to reflect on the emergency and to thank the government for its assistance, especially Defence Minister Peter MacKay who she said had been in touch with her regularly until the small hours of the morning to give her updates on the situation.



The new double portrait of Princes William and Harry, painted by Nicky Philipps

she set out to capture "a behind-the-scenes glance at the human element of Royal responsibility, and to emphasize their brotherly relationship."

WELLINGTON, December 30 – Peter Jackson, the film director best known for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, was appointed Knight Companion of the Order of New Zealand in the New Year's Honours List.

LONDON, January 6 – The first double portrait of Prince William and Prince Harry went on display today at the National Portrait Gallery. Artist Nicky Philipps portrayed the brothers wearing the dress uniform of the Blues and Royals while chatting at Clarence House. Philipps said

View highlights of the Special Convocation of Memorial University of Newfoundland, which was movingly addressed by HRH The Princess Royal after conferral of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

<http://www.distance.mun.ca/media/files/archives/archives.php?SAID=88>



Former MB Premier Gary Filmon (left) appointed OC in New Year's Honours; New Member of the Order of Canada, actress and singer Tantoo Cardinal (right)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, December 30 – Amongst 25 new Officers and 32 new Members whose appointments to the Order of Canada were announced today are included, as Officers, two former Premiers, Gary Filmon of Manitoba and John Hamm of Nova Scotia; hockey great Mario Lemieux; singer Neil Young; and former NDP leader Alexi McDonough. The list of new Members of the Order included former Toronto MP Jean Augustine, famed Aboriginal actor Tantoo Cardinal and distinguished geologist Bruce Sanford.

PORT OF SPAIN, November 27 – The Queen received her Canadian Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Stephen Harper, in Private Audience today. HM is in Tobago for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

ST VINCENT, November 25 – Voters in a referendum about the Monarchy held by the Eastern Caribbean Realm of St Vincent & the Grenadines decisively rejected any change to the system of government by a 56% vote in favour of the Crown's continuance, with 43% opposed. Abolition would have required a 2/3rds vote in support.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND: ITS UNIQUE FOUNDATION

From remarks by HRH The Princess Royal, Special Convocation, MUN, November 23, 2010:

What a privilege it is to be here today to accept this honorary degree, I do accept it very much on behalf of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, as it is the honour of being their Colonel-in-Chief which is really being recognized here. But it also makes me part of this Memorial University of Newfoundland community; and I appreciate that, too... it does provide me with even a stronger link with my connection with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment... It is important, that connection, for when this body was created in 1925 when the Regiment was already 130 years old... it was an extraordinary occasion as a choice of memorial... The idea for the Memorial University College, as it was known in 1925, was indeed conceived in those very dark postwar days; and it did serve two very closely-related interests: one, a heartfelt desire as a positive memory, and the other, a great social need. And in the then Dominion of Newfoundland that desire was to honour and remember those who had lost their lives in service to King and Empire in the War, and particularly those from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. It was felt in some circles that a fitting memorial would be something living and growing... an institution of higher learning, and that in constructing that unique memorial that second important interest would also be served, of fulfilling the pressing social need to bring higher education to the Dominion... In the words of one of Memorial's founders, Dr Vincent Burke, the institution would "keep the memory of the dead greener by rendering continuous service to the living." So Memorial University College was raised from the ashes of the sacrifices of the Regiment, thus forming an unbreakable bond between the University and the Regiment that continues to this day. One is of the other, and both are strengthened by that unique relationship.

VICE-REGAL ROUND-UP

GOVERNOR GENERAL ~ FLURRY OF ACTIVITY IN FINAL MONTHS

Mme Jean acknowledged at the start of an African tour in April that her time at Rideau Hall would probably end in the Fall. She told the *Toronto Star* that “the end of my tenure... will come at the end of September.” Nonetheless, Her Excellency’s busy pace has not slackened, with a tiny fraction of the highlights of Rideau Hall activities in recent months listed below.

On May 13, Her Excellency presented the Vanier Medal to Dr Gordon Smith of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. The day previous, during the visit of Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, the GG unveiled the Michaëlle Jean tulip, a gift from the Dutch people. This is a distinctive tulip with deep maroon petals, a new cultivar of the Triumph class. The preceding week had found Mme Jean in Sudbury, where she presented Armorial Bearings to Laurentian University.

A 10-day tour of Africa in April took the Governor General to Senegal, Congo, Rwanda and Cape Verde, the first two of which are celebrating their 50th Anniversaries of Independence in 2010. The visits included travel to Goma in the violence-torn northeast of Congo. Saying she wanted to visit with victims of that violence, especially women, Mme Jean told media that “Goma’s risky for everyone, but first and foremost for the people who are living there.” Her Excellency declined to be drawn into a debate as to whether Canada should send troops to help stabilize the region, but said “I wish one thing – non-indifference.”

Engagements during her visit to Senegal included a speech on the role of media in a new Africa, delivered at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar; a visit to the Island of Gorée, a landmark of the slave trade and a UNESCO world heritage site; and an *Art Matters* forum held on the role of the arts as a tool for intervention and social change, attended by Canadian delegates, experts and artists of the country. In Congo, the Governor General addressed the National Assembly and the Senate, and visited a health centre supported by (CIDA) While in Goma, Mme Jean also visited



The Governor General arrives in Senegal during her African tour



The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia hosted a Queen’s Venturer Ceremony at Government House on April 17

Canadians working at NGOs in the region, and members of the Canadian Forces serving in the UN peacekeeping force. The Rwanda portion of the tour brought, Her Excellency to monuments commemorating the genocide of 1994, as well as to rural communities served by CIDA. In Cape Verde, now recognized as a middle income country, the GG visited Sal Island and visited an NGO whose works included, thanks to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, the establishment of a community radio station.

Her Excellency declared the Whistler Olympics open on February 12th, and spent a week attending various events at the Games.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

A mid-May weekend found Newfoundland & Labrador Lieutenant Governor **John Crosbie**, joined by Her Honour, attending the Trails, Tails and Tunes Festival in Norris Point situated in the heart of Gros Morne National Park. The 10-day event features morning walks, afternoon workshops with artists and photographers, and evening cultural music and story-telling, all performed in a variety of pubs, churches, halls and theatres... Earlier in the Spring the Governor had welcomed The Princess Royal and attended a number of events connected with her homecoming, presided in Corner Brook at the Closing of the N&L Drama Festival and led celebrations of Red Cross Month.

A busy season found **Hon. Barbara Hagerman** enjoying chili from Wendy’s in support of The Great Chili Campaign which helps Kidney research; presenting the LG’s Award for Tourism; participating in the raising of the Acadian flag at Fanningbrook, home of Prince Edward Island’s vice-regals; and reading The Queen’s Message at a Commonwealth Day celebration.

New Brunswick’s LG, **Hon Graydon Nicholas**, was recently appointed the Honorary Patron of Heritage Fairs for the province. In this role His Honour will preside at 15 such events, offering young people the opportunity to present projects of personal interest relating to provincial and national history. Earlier in the year the LG – himself a former scout – welcomed scouts visiting from England to enjoy some camping in the vigorous winter of the province.



His Honour and Mrs Lee arrived by landau to open the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair on March 29

Early Spring engagements for Her Honour **Mayann Francis**, Nova Scotia’s vice-regal incumbent, included hosting a lunch for the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and a dinner in support of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association. Her Honour was anticipating very special visitor this summer, when Her Majesty The Queen will be in residence at a newly-refurbished Government House, the oldest such home in the Commonwealth. February 27 brought the LG to Toronto, where the University of the West Indies honoured her at a benefit gala.

In Quebec, **Hon. Pierre Duchesne** ran into trouble with separatists for re-instituting medals bearing his image and Arms which His Honour presents to worthy community groups and volunteers in his travels around the Province. For the last 40 years, Governors have presented certificates rather than medals. Critics called M. Duchesne guilty of using “a powerful symbol” to enhance the controversial vice-regal office, which the PG Deputy House Leader, Agnes Maltais, called “too strong.” She also criticized the LG’s refusal to appear before a National Assembly committee, citing “Royal Privilege” and sending instead his Private Secretary, Michel Demers, who presented a detailed report outlining the Office’s \$922,000 annual expenses.

Les 1^{er} et 2 mai derniers, certains des élèves de la Commission Scolaire de Montréal ont eu le grand honneur de recevoir les Médailles du Lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec. Cette reconnaissance constitue un témoignage éloquent de l’engagement remarquable de ces personnes. Le Programme des distinctions honorifiques du Lieutenant-gouverneur a pour objet la reconnaissance de l’engagement, de la détermination et du dépassement de soi de Québécois qui ont eu une influence positive au sein de leur communauté ou de la nation québécoise.

Ontario Lieutenant Governor **Hon David Onley** made a special return visit to CFB Petawawa where he helped to say farewell and Godspeed to the soldiers of Joint Task Force 1-10 as they deployed to the dangerous Kandahar region of Afghanistan where they relieved 1st Battalion PPCLI. In a stirring address to the troops, His Honour reminded all



Prince Edward Island LG Barbara A Hagerman celebrates Commonwealth Day student poster designer, with RCS Chairman and international students



Ontario’s LG is an icon of the “can-do” spirit for all people of different abilities across Canada, and played a prominent role of support and encouragement at the Paralympic Games in Whistler, His Honour passes the Torch to Jeff Adams during the Paralympic Torch Relay.

present that the Taliban forces in Kandahar constitute a group that had denied to Afghans the liberties Canadians enjoy. “You will follow the task of helping defeat an enemy that stripped its people of every freedom that we so easily take for granted,” he said. “By protection of arms to the Afghan people you will help them build their own future free of fear.”

In Manitoba, Lieutenant Governor **Philip Lee** revealed the breadth and reach of vice-regal activities in late April and early May. In a one-week span, His Honour hosted or attended seven major events, ranging from the presentation of Exemplary Service Medals and Bars to Winnipeg Police officers and laying the Battle of the Atlantic commemoration wreath, to hosting Receptions at Government House for the Manitoba Foundation for the Arts Awards and a visiting official delegation from Poland.

Amongst the recent events attended by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan were the annual Saskatchewan Prayer Breakfast, convened by **His Honour Dr Gordon L. Barnhart** and the Chief Justice, and the presentation of Medals to the Boy Scouts in Saskatoon. Government House has recently welcomed the installation of an interactive educational mural, designed by students from Campbell Collegiate.

May 11th saw Albertans welcome the Installation of their new Lieutenant Governor, **Col the Hon Donald S. Ethell** with a ceremony in the Legislative Chamber followed by military and police honours outdoors. In his first address, His Honour pledged “I am honoured and excited by this opportunity to serve our great province. I will strive everyday to earn your confidence and to serve as Her Majesty the Queen’s representative in Alberta with honor, loyalty, integrity and trust.”

British Columbia’s Lieutenant Governor, **Hon Steven L. Point** (who like his colleague in Halifax wears the Canadianized Windsor Uniform with élan) very helpfully writes a monthly message to



Two representatives of HM attend Blue Jays’ home opener, May 11 – Hon David Onley joins one of his most beloved predecessors, Hon Linc Alexander

WHO DO CANADIANS FEEL SHOULD SERVE AS GOVERNOR GENERAL?

The Monarchist League of Canada has set up a special Facebook page – Canada's Next Governor General – to allow Canadians to voice their opinions as to who should succeed Mme Jean. Amongst some of the more interesting comments posted or received at Dominion HQ:

From J.F. Ferrary, Lefavre, ON: I believe that **Kevin MacLeod**, presently the Senate Usher of the Black Rod, would be the best choice for Governor General. Some of the reasons include his understanding of the Monarchy and the working of government; his long acquaintance with Her Majesty; his literary accomplishment as a novelist. As well, I understand that he was instrumental in bringing the volume "a Crown of Maple" to publication which in itself should recommend him for the position.

From Jennifer Cook Baniczky, Ottawa: I believe our next governor general should definitely be a First Nations person, a choice which is long, long overdue... **Clarence Louie** is a real mover and shaker from the Osoyoos Indian Band in the Okanagan Valley, BC. He was first elected Chief in 1985 and through economic development has built the band's multi-faceted corporation, the Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation. In a recent speech he said, "We are focused on the future, and we realize that we create this future by our actions. The single most important key to First Nation self-reliance is economic development." He is an amazing example for all young people in our varied society, showing that with hardwork and determination anything is possible. I think he would be a wonderful representative of our Queen.

From Paul Hawkins (Vancouver, BC): We need to find someone who can stand political heat rather than an artist or an actor who doesn't fit the profile of the job. Media folks seem to do well. I nominate **Lloyd Robertson**.

From Jeff Rybak (Toronto, ON): Show your support for **Leonard Cohen!** Let's believe in Canada as a nation not afraid to be led by a poet.

From James Bromilow (Ottawa, ON): I'd like to see **Prince William** as the next Governor General. Speculation is that he is about to get married. The new royal couple could move into Rideau Hall and if they have children in a timely manner we could have not only a future King who has worked and lived in Canada, but also the first Heir Apparent (future King or Queen) to be born in Canada!

From David Barrett (Waterdown, ON): Highly unlikely because he took pride in

ensuring he remain apolitical throughout his broadcast career, but I'd love to see **Don Newman** take on the role. [It is little known that Newman's Great-Uncle was at one time Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba – Ed.]

From Mark W Law (Teeswater, ON): I think we need someone of bearing who can relate to the average person in a uniquely Canadian way. I think, though he might be off the radar, that a great choice would be **Stuart MacLean** – imagine a Vinyl Cafe tucked in the corner of Rideau Hall!

From Benjamin Rodkin (Philadelphia, PA): **Gen. Lewis Mackenzie** – life long soldier and public servant and a United Empire Loyalist.

From Jamie Hume (Lethbridge, AB): I don't care what lineage, language or gender... I want someone with integrity, backbone and grace. I want someone who will protect our parliamentary democracy. I want someone who respects the system and the peoples of Canada. This role is not all about pleasing everyone, it is not all about being a figurehead, it is not all ambassadorial and ceremonial... it is the seat of the watchdog of our rights and freedoms. other Commonwealth countries use it that way and if we don't we will find ourselves with nothing left ... this form of government allows for the state of freedom of each citizen. We are in danger of losing that.

From Gareth Herrington, Guelph, ON: While I wouldn't care either way if the Governor General ended up being aboriginal, picking the GG because he/she is aboriginal would only serve to reinforce this ridiculous trend of picking GG's based on their cultural background rather than basing the choice on the qualities that make a good GG.

From Rob Gladaman, Toronto, ON: I don't understand why so many Canadians can't see the value of a little royal sparkle in Ottawa!

Royals bring media attention and corporate movers & shakers as well as hollywood stars to any state or charity event they take part in. What more could they do if resident in our capital for 4 years? **Prince Andrew** for Governor-General!

Amongst other names suggested, some more fanciful than others, were Madame Justice Rosalie Abella, Don Cherry, former PM Joe Clark, Matthew Coon Come, General Rick Hillier, Senator Serge Joyal, Ezra Levant, Professor Margaret MacMillan, former Opposition Leader Preston Manning, former NDP leader Alexa McDonough, Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin, Prince Harry & The Princess Royal!



Their Honours Dr. Gordon Barnhart and Mrs. Naomi Barnhart greet visitors at the Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee in Saskatchewan. The tradition of a Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee began in Saskatchewan in 1884, when the area was still part of Canada's Northwest Territories. Only men were invited to the early Levees. In fact, it wasn't until 1985 that women were invited to attend the annual celebration. This year, despite frigid temperatures in Saskatchewan's capital city, His Honour Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barnhart and Her Honour Mrs. Naomi Barnhart hosted some 600 guests at Government House in Regina. Credit: Office of Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

outline what is ahead for his busy life at Government House as well as some personal reflections. Extracts from May's communiqué follow:

"Here in Victoria, May begins with the much anticipated Navy Centennial celebrations. The Freedom of the City Parade and the unveiling of the Homecoming Statue in the Inner Harbour are sure to get the capital city in the festive spirit for this tremendous milestone. Lieutenant Governors have always had a close relationship with Canada's military and I am very fortunate to continue this tradition in my role as an Honorary Naval Captain... in partnership with Rotary Clubs in British Columbia, I will visit communities near Prince George,

Quesnel and Williams Lake and speak with people about my literacy program. I hope to facilitate, where I can, the provision of much needed books and other literacy resources to areas in need. Like many of you I am sure, I feel that each year the days pass ever more quickly. We get wrapped up in our busy lives, thinking ahead to "what's next" and we forget to stop and enjoy the moment. We should never take for granted how fortunate we are to live in such a free and beautiful country or how lucky we are to call British Columbia "home". Let us all remember to pause, take a deep breath and appreciate where we are and what we have in the moment."



Hon Graydon Nicholls reads the Speech from the Throne in the Legislative Assembly, Fredericton



Manitoba Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee "Loves to Read" event - Wellington School, February 26

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VICTORIA DAY MESSAGE



The Mother of Confederation would be pleased with GG's Message

OTTAWA – On behalf of all Canadians, it gives me great pleasure to offer Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II my best wishes for health and happiness on the occasion of the Canadian celebration of her official birthday, May 24. This date, chosen in honour of Queen Victoria, born May 24, 1819, perpetuates a tradition that is very dear to us.

Canadians hold Her Majesty in the highest esteem and are eagerly anticipating the visit she is making here this summer with the Duke of Edinburgh. This will be an opportunity for the entire country to come together to celebrate our history and our close ties with the Monarchy.

Canada is proud not only of its relationship with the Monarchy but also of its role as an active participant in the Commonwealth of Nations headed by Her Majesty. So many countries have followed her wonderful example of compassion and generosity. Her kind words and steadfast leadership inspire nations around the world to continue to pursue and maintain peace, goodwill and international co-operation.

The respect and admiration we feel for Her Majesty this May 24 illustrate the genuine affection and great loyalty our sovereign inspires.

Vice-Regal Follies

Commentary by Rector

If it were not for the important issues at stake, the spring of 2010 could be labelled the vice-regal silly season. Speculation about the next governor general gave a tabloid touch to otherwise serious newspapers. Mary Simon seemed to be a betting favourite. Facebook campaigns promoted the candidacies of William Shatner and Leonard Cohen. Wayne Gretzky and Rick Hansen were said to be popular with a number of MPs. The Official Languages Commissioner weighed in with a solemn warning that governors general had to demonstrate mastery of both official languages. This of course sharply reduces the available pool of vice-regal talent in English-speaking Canada, especially the West, and rules out the likes of Gretzky and Hansen. In any case, more reasoned analysts pointed out that the next governor general should actually be a person who knows something about political and constitutional matters, rather than another media celebrity.

In the midst of all this there was an ostensibly grassroots campaign to extend Michaëlle Jean in the vice-regal position, led by the Haitian community in Montreal with support from people in Haiti itself following the devastating earthquake and the governor general's visit there. However, there were rumours that Madame Jean herself was instigating the campaign. To cap it all off, the Liberal leader, Michael Ignatieff, after he had been privately consulted by the Prime Minister's office, announced that he supported the "reappointment" of Madame Jean. This unprecedented public lobbying by the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition was rightly denounced by constitutional experts such as the University of Toronto's Peter Russell as "inappropriate", "wrongheaded", "very unhelpful and unwise".

At the time of writing (mid-May), there was no official word on the next governor general. However, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to his great credit, was taking the appointment very seriously and, unlike his predecessors, was engaging in genuine consultations. These apparently included academic experts as well as the Leader of the Opposition and the leader of the New Democratic Party. Mr. Ignatieff's response to this welcome initiative was appallingly maladroit, partisan and possibly unethical. It can only give rise to fears that the Liberal Party either does not understand the vice-regal office or seeks to manipulate it for its own political advantage.

For many observers the spring campaigns confirmed what they had maintained all along: after five years it was time for Michaëlle Jean to vacate the national vice-regal office. Her appointment out of the blue by Prime Minister Paul Martin in 2005 – without consultations – got her mandate off to a rocky start. Frequent gaffes, some with negative constitutional overtones, marred her tenure. The calibre of the administration at Rideau Hall reached an all-time low. This is not to say that Madame Jean did not have her successes, indeed many of them. Her warmth, her empathy for the disadvantaged, her media-savvy charisma and personal charm have endeared her to Canadians. Her passion for her troubled native land of Haiti has touched many hearts. But worthy a cause as Haiti may be and deserving of our sympathy and help, Canada has many other international issues to cope with; a governor general born in another land must be careful not to over-emphasize the needs of her country of origin.

The present Prime Minister has a fine track record with provincial vice-regal appointments. Starting with Saskatchewan's Gordon Barnhart in 2006 and continuing that year with Nova Scotia's Mayann Francis and Prince Edward Island's Barbara Hagerman, Mr. Harper has continued to select lieutenant governors on a meritorious, non-partisan basis. Steven Point, appointed as British Columbia's lieutenant governor in 2007, had been a First Nations chief and a provincial court judge. David Onley, appointed to the Ontario vice-regal office the same year, had been a broadcaster and advocate for the disabled. Philip Lee, named Manitoba lieutenant governor in 2009, was a leader in Winnipeg's Chinese-Canadian community. Donald Ethell, named lieutenant governor of Alberta in 2010, had a distinguished military career. A promising development occurred when Prime Minister Stephen Harper publicly announced that in selecting Mr. Lee he had directly consulted with the premier and leader of the opposition of Manitoba, both of whom expressed their support. The Prime Minister pursued this policy in the appointment Graydon Nicholas as lieutenant governor of New Brunswick later the same year.

It is to be hoped that the silly season of 2010 will not discourage Mr. Harper or future prime ministers from similarly serious consideration and consultations about the national vice-regal appointment. Let us hope that loyalty to the Sovereign and the Crown, a profound understanding and appreciation of our Canadian system of governance, eminence in some field or fields of endeavour, and a sense of occasion and history will be just as important as gender, ethnicity, regionalism or ... bilingualism.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ATTENDS STATE DINNER FOR CHARLES & CAMILLA

Recollection of a Royal evening

by Robert Finch, Dominion Chairman, the Monarchist League of Canada

After a pleasant 5 hour drive from Hamilton, I arrived at Rideau Hall with much anticipation. Here I was at Government House, the Governor General's official residence, ready to dine with the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall. For a young monarchist, this was a dream come true. This was actually my second state dinner as earlier in the year I attended the dinner for the Emperor and Empress of Japan. So, thankfully the rookie jitters weren't there. Instead of being nervous I was able to simply enjoy myself and take in the exciting evening.

Guests assembled in the Tent Room, where a portrait of Queen Victoria hangs prominently, waiting for the Royal Couple and Their Excellencies to arrive. I spend a good time catching up with Emmanuelle Sajous (Deputy Secretary to the Governor General), Gabrielle Lappa (Director of Honours), and Claire Boudreau (Chief Herald of Canada). Incredibly hardworking and always friendly, Mmes Sajous, Lappa, and Boudreau make up the cornerstone for Canadian Honours and Heraldry. I then took the opportunity to chat with Peter Milliken, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Judith LaRocque, Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Charles and Camilla, Mme Jean and M. Lafond arrived in the Tent Room without announcement or any fanfare, which struck me as a bit odd, but such is the nature of a less formal time in which we now find ourselves. I had had the good fortune of meeting the Prince a few days before in Toronto, so decided not approach him, thus allowing others to have the opportunity. He is an easy man to talk to and comes across as genuinely interested in what you have to say. Not having met Camilla, I was thrilled when Sheila-Marie Cook, Secretary to the Governor General, introduced me to her. Learning that I was from Hamilton, where she and HRH had toured Dundurn Castle – home of her great-great-grandfather Sir Allan MacNab – she talked in depth about Dundurn and jokingly suggested she should "take back" the castle. I had the feeling that she was quite moved and admittedly a bit surprised at the great affection Hamiltonians gave her while she and Charles visited Dundurn. Crowds of school children shouting, "We want the Duchess" will do that, you see.

Next, staunch monarchist Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and a League member, introduced me to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. This was the first time that I had met a Prime Minister of Canada. It was during my conversation with the Prime Minister that it suddenly struck me – my goodness, I am in the same room, meeting and talking to royalty, the Prime Minister, and others. Like I said, this was a dream come true.

Just before dinner, I took the opportunity to introduce myself to Her Excellency. This single encounter reminded me of just why Mme Jean is so popular amongst Canadians. Her warmth, friendliness, and compassion are so evident when you're in her presence. And, I can honestly say that she is one of the most beautiful and graceful women I have ever seen. Mme Jean took me aside to "clarify" something. She wanted to address head on the topic of the controversial act of removing the Royal portraits which the League had protested a year or so earlier. She assured me that there was no ill-intent on the part of Rideau Hall, and told me of how she wanted to create an image of a harmonious relationship between the Crown and Canada's First Nations. Her Excellency explained that when guests enter the ballroom they now see an enormous mural of Aboriginal artwork on the focal wall. The Lemieux portrait of The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh was moved to the back wall instead of the focal wall. Mme Jean's reasoning is that guests now see Canada's beginnings upon entering the Ballroom and with a reminder that Canada is a peaceful, prosperous monarchy when leaving. I never quite thought of it that light, but I did grasp her argument.

We finally made our way into the Main Ballroom. Speeches by the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and the Prince preceded an amazing dinner – using completely organic ingredients, of course – composed of various dishes from all regions of Canada. The Prince's speech was my favourite, and he ended with an "À Bientôt" instead of "Au revoir" meaning he wasn't saying good-bye to Canadians but rather, "see you soon." I can only hope that it won't be another 8 long years before Canada's future King returns.

I was seated between a friend of Prince Charles and Kevin Macleod's assistant. Also at my table was General Walter Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff, who graciously thanked me for all the work the Monarchist League has done.

Following dinner – and a few glasses of Niagara wine – I had the opportunity to chat with Michael Ignatieff, the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. In the days before, as you may recall, many in the media were labelling Mr. Ignatieff a republican thanks to some writings unearthed in his past work. Upon being approached by the Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, Mr. Ignatieff jokingly suggested he should hang some garlic around his neck to protect against monarchist vampires. Our conversation – although brief – made me feel much better, however, for Mr. Ignatieff assured me that he wasn't a republican and in fact would take back what he wrote if he could. Yes, Mr. Ignatieff is a monarchist.

As the night grew older, people slowly left Rideau Hall and it was time for me to call it a night, as well. After bidding adieu to friends old and new I left for the return drive home, reflecting on the most useful – for the League – and pleasant – for me – evening I had enjoyed, thanks to the kind invitation of the Governor General.



Rideau Hall's Executive Chef Louis Charest with the first course of a Royal Feast!

BOOK REVIEW

SECRET PLACES,
HIDDEN SANCTUARIES
Reviewed by Senex

Secret Places, Hidden Sanctuaries
by Stephen Klimczuk & Gerald Warner
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Have you ever ached to visit Area 51? Or wondered about the fate of the Templar treasure? the mysterious images of Easter Island? the truth about the elite Yale University society, Skull and Bones?

In an unusually succinct and clearly written book, Messrs Klimczuk (a Monarchist League member) and Warner sort gossip from truth about these and a host of other curiosities to which the development of a New Age sensibility, the explosion of worldwide instant communication and a number of popular movie productions have given sometimes unwont-



The Ise Shrine, home to Imperial Japan's most sacred relics

ed and certainly, often inaccurate attention.

There is much of monarchical interest in their discussions. The Ise Shrine of Japan houses the most cherished and sacred relics immutably bound to the Imperial Family and succession to the Chrysanthemum Throne, while it appears that the Swedish Crown is an important supporter of a unique form of freemasonry linked to the ancient – and, the authors argue, justifiably-maligned – Templar Order. The peregrinations of Hungary's St Stephen's Crown are also lucidly traced.

Canada also figures in the duo's unearthing of legends and unearthing of little-known shrines. We were a destination for both the British and Polish Crown jewels. More than one Royal Peculiar sits on our soil: what is a Royal Peculiar, one may ask? Not a mad king or even a bad one, but a very special sort of church, in Canada's case being linked not only to the Crown but to our First Nations.

This is a book not pretending to be of huge consequence but affording great enjoyment to the reader. It is not likely the King of Sweden will ever invite you to his Lodge, nor His Imperial Majesty suggest a stroll through the Ise Shrine – but you might just find a Royal Peculiar closer than you imagine.



Did the Polish Crown Jewels come to Canada during WWII?

Monarchists Speak Out

*A selection of members' postings on the League's Message Board:
<http://members.boardhost.com/monarchist/>*

**UK understanding trumps Canada's... Publicity re next GG a good thing...
Head of State debate – again!... Union Flag on Commonwealth Day...
Mme Jean's display of emotion...**

[The Message Board contains free expressions of monarchist opinion which may not reflect the views of the Monarchist League of Canada. – Ed.]

From Ian McKechnie, Trent University, Peterborough, ON: [reflecting on coverage of hung Parliament immediately after the British election]

Judging by what I saw on television the other day, the Crown's place in the United Kingdom seems to be better understood (and even taken for granted) than does the Crown's place in Canada. During the last two prorogations, the Governor General was often portrayed by a lot of [uninformed] people as being a tyrant who tried to subvert democracy in Canada. As Prof. Frank MacKinnon once pointed out, too many "...blame the Crown as a convenient scapegoat for weaknesses that were not its fault." I'm not trying to suggest that an alleged lack of transparency is the problem, but after the 2008 prorogation, for example, a number of people (including the media, of course) took it upon themselves to declare the place of the GG in our system undemocratic and, with defeatist flair, said "maybe the Governor General should be elected," or "maybe we should abolish the position altogether."

From Brenda Nelson, Victoria, BC:

Actually all this attention [to the appointment of the next Governor General] is great for the monarchy, though I will admit tacky as well. Look without it people don't know about the GG, the role of the GG, and why it is important for the monarchy in Canada. This publicity though not "proper" in the halls of Whitehall and Buck House (though theirs is worse), or maybe on Wellington St or Rideau Hall, brings the public into the debate by sheer interest. Remember the key reason why Mackenzie King was so successful as PM is that he knew when to engage an issue, and when to let it drift until the public demanded it. Same here and to say for the Monarchy and GG that this is bad; well that is being exceptionally naive. The monarchy is about politics first and foremost and the public need to want to know about it, engage with it, be part of it for it to survive and succeed. The time of Queen Victoria through to George VI has long gone. Let the system and the people have their say and hopefully they will, otherwise we will get what we deserve... a low-key functionary who will do what the PM says. Clarkson and Jean might have faults from the League's point of view with Head of State et al, but no one can deny that they moved the whole Office of GG to a much higher plateau than it had ever been before, including in the Michener years.

From Prof Richard Toporoski, Vancouver, BC

Thanks to [a previous poster] for drawing our attention to the fact that there is a difference between a sovereign (eg the Queen of Canada or the Queen of Denmark) and a mere head of state (eg the Queen of Papua New Guinea or the President of the United States). A sover-

eign, apparently from the late Latin *superanus* (as can thus be seen, the word has nothing to do with "reign", and for this reason, J. B. Bury, for example, the historian of the later Roman Empire, preferred to spell it "sovrán"), "supreme", is precisely that. Our Sovereign stands at the peak of the political structure and, more important, all authority and power flows ultimately from her, and without her consent, either personal and explicit or at least delegated, no act of government can be carried out. This is not true of the Queen of Papua New Guinea or of the President of the United States. That is why I continue to maintain that the Queen of Canada is not "head of state" and that the term should never be used of her. (The expression is apparently of American origin, devised to provide some common term that could be used for diplomatic purposes. It is for this reason, I presume, that the Constitution Act of New Zealand states that "the Sovereign in right of New Zealand is the Head of State of New Zealand." This guarantees that other powers will not regard the Queen of the United Kingdom, for example (or the Queen of Canada, for that matter), as the Sovereign or Head of State of New Zealand.) On a related point, it seems to me that there is confusion about the term "sovereignty" because it is often used, especially by the government of Canada, with other, unspecified meanings. For example, what does the commonly-used expression "Canadian sovereignty" really mean? Here, it can hardly mean "supremacy"; it must mean rather "independence" or, in respect of the Arctic, for example, "territorial integrity".

From Donald Harvey, Halifax, NS [on a thread discussing whether the Governor General showed too much emotion when speaking on television about the Haitian earthquake.]

Many people – probably of an older generation – find public displays of emotion embarrassing and mawkish. The Queen falls into this category, at least one suspects so due to her own composure in all weathers. Such an attitude or sense of self – the GG's falling towards the other extreme – is neither "right" nor "wrong." It is human. Some people who sit stoically at a funeral love granny every bit as much as those who weep. We shouldn't criticize the GG for her emotion nor The Queen for her reserve.

From Steven Latham

Happy Commonwealth Day! Today in Ottawa it was nice to see the Royal Union Flag flying alongside the Maple Leaf. It was flying at the National Arts Centre, the Lord Elgin, the War Memorial, and the Supreme Court. Most large government offices downtown were flying it including the Wellington Building the d'Arcy McGee Building, the Connaught Building, the Lester B Pearson Building and National Defence Headquarters. I was pleased to see it as well on Parliament Hill and at the National Gallery. The Commonwealth Flag was also being flown on Parliament Hill, at the Lester B Pearson Building, and at the British High

Commission. The two locations that did not respect the government's flag policy: Rideau Hall, and the Royal Canadian Mint. I tried to get an answer from Rideau Hall for over a year, as to why they do not have to follow the policy on Commonwealth Day, Victoria Day, and the anniversary of the Statute of Westminster, but my queries have gone unanswered. Still, even with the notable absence at Rideau Hall, it was nice to see both flags flying together at so many locations in our capital.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Dawn M. Nevills, Inwood, ON:

I think the Monarchy brings stability, resilience, compassion, quiet comfort, and a reason to get up in the damned morning, sometimes, through all of one's troubles, and the duty that life can sometimes be. In a life where there is not much exciting, that is pleasant, and brings joy, and makes one laugh or smile, sometimes, it is a special sense of excitement that that mystique still brings.

I distinctly recall one day of my life, following an injury, when I had to go to work, and every movement was causing me physical discomfort... if the Queen can go to work today, than so can I bloody well do it, forty years younger than her..." It got me there and back, through a ten hour shift, and able to make the payment on that darned car... smile.

I know that that is kind of rough comfort, and I sincerely don't mean it that way, but when you think of these people with affection, and it brings you encouragement, you have to see that the loyalty and love inculcated by that same sense of comfort and support is nothing that anyone could EVER buy with money.

I am only sorry I missed seeing Prince Charles and the Duchess of Kent in Hamilton. It is wonderful to see them being each other's support, through the challenges and quiet concerns of this life, after so much grief. That there is love in the autumn years is a testament to the emotion itself, and a promise for all whose life has brought loss and pain, disappointment, and loneliness. I am glad to see them both happy...

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Sheila Copps Addresses Annual Accession Sunday Lunch

The annual Accession Sunday Luncheon of the Monarchist League of Canada took place on Sunday, February 7 in the Vanity Fair Ballroom of the Meridien King Edward Hotel, Toronto, with a full house of some 130 guests in attendance. His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor was present, and brought Greetings from Her Majesty.

Dominion Chairman Robert Finch presented Honorary Life Memberships to the Hon Sheila Copps, PC, who when Minister of Canadian Heritage had initiated the nationwide celebrations of the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and given positive support to the Crown throughout her political career; and to Nanda Casucci-Byrne, long-serving Private Secretary to Lieutenant Governors of Ontario, and a great friend to the League, especially in her mentoring of its summer interns in the Vice-Regal Suite. Graeme Scotchmer, last summer's Intern, recounted his experiences and proposed the Toast to the League, while retiring Hamilton Branch Chairman Sylvia Cook gave the Loyal Toast.

Introduced by Matthew Cutler, Sheila Copps gave a stirring address in her inimitable style, full of political asides and amusing anecdotes about her experiences in Ottawa and with the Royals. After a tribute to Hamilton, which she called "one of the most loyal cities in Canada," Ms Copps spoke of growing up in a household where her Dad, the legendary Mayor of Hamilton, was a monarchist while her Mother was not so much a supporter. She herself never gave the matter much thought, but would not have called herself a monarchist in her youth.

A useful political lesson, that of knowing your audience, came early to Sheila from her sister, whom she remembered many years ago chose to give a speech in favour of abolishing the Monarchy. While sis made some fair points, Ms Copps remembers mainly that she gave the speech at a Legion hall full of keenly monarchist veterans. Her own conversion came as she grew to know more about the Crown, and entered public life, meeting members of the Royal Family, particularly The Queen and the Prince of Wales. This conversion process accelerated when she became the Heritage Minister, and was nourished by her very loyal monarchist assistant Alice Williams.

The former Minister recalled vividly The Queen's dedication to loyalty and service, one of the most striking examples of which occurred in 1997. The Sovereign was in Newfoundland to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Cabot's landing there, which was re-enacted with an authentic boat voyage arriving at the same destination. It was freezing cold, but The Queen insisted on sitting for hours awaiting the unpredictable arrival of the vessel, even though she was obviously uncomfortable.

Ms Copps told the audience that her then-boss, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, had always refused to entertain any notion of Canada's becoming a republic or of opening up a debate on the subject, even though many around him favoured its abolition.

Her first meeting with Prince Charles occurred in 1996 during Hamilton's Sesquicentennial celebrations. She said the two formed a "special" relationship where they both found comfort in each other as both were experiencing low points in their lives... Charles recently divorced from Diana, and Sheila resigning after the GST promise. Ms Copps shared with lunchgoers some of the letters the Prince had written, simply signed "Charles." The Lunch was the first time she had shared this correspondence with anyone, but thought it appropriate for monarchists to get a sense of what a humane, down-to-earth real man Charles is.

It was Ms Copps' commitment to make Canada's Golden Jubilee celebrations a huge success, and The Queen's tour big and memorable for both Monarch and Canadians. Pointing out the practical advantage of the Monarchy, she revealed that Canada's status had played a significant role in winning Vancouver's Olympic bid for which the government made a concerted effort to obtain support from other Realms, the Commonwealth generally and La Francophonie. Having The Queen as head of state was hugely beneficial to ultimate success.

Sheila explained how she regarded Elizabeth II as a role model for women and men everywhere, as someone whom all Canadians should aspire to be like, and as a woman who knows no concept of retirement, but rather only of service and dedication to Canada and to people throughout the Commonwealth. In closing, Ms Copps said how she was honoured and thrilled to be awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the League, which she thanked for its continuous four decades of hard work to promote our Royal past, present and future.



Chairman Finch presents Hon Life Memberships to Copps, Casucci-Byrne • *The Lieutenant Governor brings Greetings from The Queen* • Copps makes stirring address – shares personal correspondence with Prince of Wales



LEAGUE NOTES

CHAIRMAN FINCH APPOINTS HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE:



Hon Sheila Copps & Hon Jason Kenney

Both Ms. Copps and Mr. Kenney have distinguished themselves in their careers by their consistent and useful public advocacy of the Monarchy. Ms. Copps, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Canadian Heritage, caused the Golden Jubilee of The Queen's Reign in 2002 to be enthusiastically, widely and effectively promoted by the federal government. She continues to advocate for the Crown in her post-political career as a journalist. She was presented her Honorary Life Membership at February's Accession Day luncheon in Toronto. Mr. Kenney, Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, has been a strong, vocal proponent of the Canadian Crown in cabinet. Recently, he launched the new immigration study guide *Discover Canada: the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship*, a publication acclaimed for its many references to the Crown. He will be presented his Honorary Life Membership at a future date.

FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE LEAGUE:

Elaine Currie, Geraldine "Dene" Mainguy & Alexander Paton

Longtime members of the League's premier branch in Victoria, each of these loyal members, Silver Badge of Service holders, has an outstanding record of unstinting giving of self to the League.



One of the Honorary Life Members appointed is Alex Paton, here shown receiving the League's Silver Badge of Service from HRH Prince Michael of Kent at Victoria Branch Luncheon during the Prince's Jubilee Tour in 2002



Elaine served for many years as Branch Secretary and subsequently as Vice-Chairman, bringing her organizational talents and imagination to a great period of growth for the Branch. Dene Mainguy's League involvement goes back to its earliest days when the Mainguy's attended meetings in Montreal. Dene later became active in the Vancouver Branch, and then Secretary and Membership Director of Victoria Branch while she and her husband Kit ran a b&b. Alex Paton harnessed his experience as an executive for Safeway Canada to give the branch a sound business footing and focused programming of outreach to the community. His generosity of spirit, good humour and substance have been constant and foundational for the Branch. In Jubilee Year, with his wife Orma he entertained HRH Prince Michael of Kent to dinner at their home.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BRANCH FOUNDED

Craig Draeger, from Thunder Bay, ON, entering his second year at the well-known Kingston campus, explains how the League began at Queen's:



Some of the Queen's University Branch founders attended the Accession Lunch in Toronto: (l-r) Edward Wooley, Vice-Chairman; Chairman Craig Draeger; Peter Pakalnis, Manager; and Graeme Scotchmer, co-Coordinator of the Young Monarchists nationally.

I first became interested in the Monarchist cause when I was in high school, but I didn't become involved in the League until arriving at Queen's in the Fall of last year. I met a few like-minded individuals, and together we started up the nascent Queen's branch early in the new year. We only have about 10 members at present, but we're ready for a big recruitment drive in September. I had the pleasure of meeting Sen. Hugh Segal at a fund-raiser some months ago, and he expressed interest in being involved in the organization. We're currently sketching out plans for next year, but we're hoping to host parties, receptions, and speaking events. We look forward to the school year, and plan to be a very active presence in Queen's and the broader Kingston community. As for me: I enjoy literature, sports, and journalism.



At the Kingston Branch "Ruby Tea" in April, MPP John Gerretsen joined Chairman Finch, his family and daughter Alessa, Branch Chairman Marlene McCracken and many guests for a celebration tea, speech by Chairman Finch, entertainment and cake-cutting.

RYERSON NEAL APPOINTED VICE-REGAL INTERN



Ryerson Neal

This year's Monarchist League Summer Intern in the Office of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at Queen's Park, Toronto, is Ryerson Neal. A native of Goderich, Ryerson, 21, is entering his final year at Trinity College, University of Toronto, where he is reading International Relations with a special interest in Canadian and Commonwealth history. A member of the League for several years, Ryerson represented monarchists when he undertook a friendly debate with a republican student for CBC Television during the visit of Charles and Camilla last Fall. Functionally trilingual (English, French & Russian), amongst a clutch of academic honours and awards he holds the John Holmes Scholarship in International Relations and is a two-year winner of a Chancellor's Scholarship for high academic achievement. Author of a French-language guidebook to his home town, Ryerson collects military miniatures and enjoys amateur theatre and hockey. Since his arrival at Queen's Park in early May, he has engaged in a number of projects, and already has had the opportunity to meet both the Governor General and Rick Hansen when they came to the Vice-Regal suite. It goes without saying that Ryerson is looking forward to The Queen and Prince Philip's visit in July, which he will report on in the Fall issue of CMN.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENT TO RE-DESIGN LEAGUE WEBSITE



John Gross

John Gross, a Spanish, French and Political Science student at the University of Toronto heading for a career in education, will spend the summer re-designing the Monarchist League's website. This project is in fulfillment of Chairman Finch's decision that the revamping of the site, the League's principal education and recruiting tool, should be a major component of its 40th Anniversary celebrations. Thanks to the generosity of members in supporting this objective of the League's 2010 Special Appeal, John has been hired to accomplish the work, backed up by the web architectural expertise of long-serving Dominion Web-

master Borden Rhodes.

An American citizen with a passion for monarchy and a significant appreciation of its functioning within Canada's Constitution that would put many Canadians to shame, John grew up in the Chicago suburb of Lake Bluff, Illinois. During high school, he was a Patrol Leader in the Boy Scouts and a Spanish tutor with experience of special needs students, acquiring as well expertise in a number of computer and internet functions including graphic design. At U of T he is on the Dean's List and was recipient of a Certificate of Merit acknowledging excellence in his Spanish studies; he also coordinates the executive committee and a drop-in centre for LGBTOUT which provides support and advocacy services for students.

MONARCHISTS WIN COSTCO POLL: TIDRIDGE TAKES ON FREDA

A poll in the March-April issue of *The Costco Connection*, a glossy magazine published by the popular big box store, asked "Should Canada abolish the Monarchy?" Spurred by an email alert from Dominion HQ, monarchists from across Canada voted to carry the day and defeat the proposal 767-179. The impetus behind the poll was a feature called "Informed Debate" in which the League's Education Coordinator Nathan Tidridge took on Tom Freda, a republican, and eloquently and succinctly made the persuasive case for the Crown. Well done, Nate!

Nathan's succinct advocacy for the Crown, reprinted below, would be useful as a short persuader for any republican of your acquaintance – feel free to clip and mail it to a deserving recipient!

Should Canada abolish the monarchy?

No. Canada has always been a constitutional monarchy. Located above politics, the Crown exists to give authority to, and protect, our constitution and government. The Crown allows the machinery of government, often out of the media spotlight, to smoothly evolve and maintain our unique Confederation. One of the simplest roles of The Queen (and her representative the governor general) is to ensure that Canada always has a prime minister – something that is extremely important in an age of minority governments and coalitions. The Crown exists above politics – something that an elected Head of State (with a mandate and political agenda) would have a difficult time to assert.

Canadians saw the importance of this position during last year's prorogation of



BRANCH & MEMBER NEWS IN BRIEF

Victoria Chairman *Colleen Mills* reports a record attendance at its April 25th "Queen's Tea", held at Blethering Place to celebrate of the League's 40th Anniversary, for which they received a kind message from Buckingham Palace... Colleen did interviews for CBC and other media during the visit of Charles and Camilla, and was privileged to be invited to the State Dinner at Government House... Members had good placement at the provincial welcome at the Parliament Buildings, and many were also able to secure tickets for the Cathedral service attended by the Royals... **Vancouver** Chairman *Keith Roy* has been undertaking a great many media interviews, including light-hearted Entertainment TV episodes discussing the Prince of Wales' relationship with pop music and personalities Ozzy Osbourne and Jay-Z. Keith was a subject of a documentary looking at how young people are coping with the recession. He managed to work the monarchy into his interview – which readers can enjoy at <http://gdp.nfb.ca/episode/1347/royal-occasion...> A

large number of **Edmonton** members responded to the Dominion Chairman's mid-May overture as to re-starting a branch in the community; a notice appears in this section to allow members not having email to offer their assistance, as well... **Calgary** members held an enjoyable Dinner meeting at which Youth Coordinator Josh Traptow spoke about the Honours System... He also did a lengthy radio interview on AM770 about the process for choosing the new Governor General... Readers may still be able to access it in the vault of the station's website... **Regina./S. Saskatchewan** members welcomed their new Chairman Scott Hazelwood... **Winnipeg** Chairmen Darcie von Axelstierna is planning to gather Branch members to welcome The Queen and Prince Philip this summer... members received electronically an attractive new e-zine, The Royal News, to keep them up to date on activities of our Monarch and her family... **Hamilton** members bid a grateful farewell to long-serving Chairman Sylvia Cook, who remains on the Executive, and hailed Jeffrey

Thiessen's accession to leadership... **Toronto** Branch held many activities in and around Queen's Birthday week, including sponsoring its annual race at Woodbine Track, and holding a Luncheon at the RCMI with guest speaker Prof Richard Toporoski... **Kingston** Branch hosted Chairman Finch, together with his Mother, sister and adorable infant daughter Alessa, at the annual meeting, this year dubbed a Ruby Tea – fancy sandwiches, squares and a celebration cake – in honour of the League's 40th Anniversary. Greetings were brought by Councillor Dorothy Hector representing Mayor Harvey Rosen, and by Hon. John Gerretsen MPP for Kingston & The Islands... Chairman Finch made "a passionate address" and all in attendance joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to The Queen... **Ottawa** Branch also welcomed the Dominion Chairman at its Victoria Day Dinner. Chairman Finch spoke on the League's 40th Anniversary and presented Silver Medals of Service. **Fredericton** members mourned the death of Nesta Pigot, 98 – she was a long-



The League's Silver Badge of Service is presented by the Dominion Chairman to longtime Ottawa Branch "Senator" Bill Galbraith at the May 21 Branch Queen's Birthday Dinner addressed by Robert Finch.

time and generous League member who had journeyed on her own to Toronto in order to be present at the Luncheon, Cathedral Service and vice-Regal reception in February, 2000, on the occasion of the presentation of the League's Armorial... The Branch held an Accession Brunch on February 6th and at press time, Chairman Dan Taylor reports, was anticipating its Fundraising Victoria Day Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, which he hopes to turn into a provincial event.

LEAGUE NOTES...

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parliament by Michelle Jean after the Harper government was nearly toppled by a hastily constructed coalition. The parliamentary pause allowed for by the governor general enabled the House of Commons to sort out the mess, avoiding another costly election or divisive coalition.

Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada, a role that is distinct and separate from the other 15 realms that recognize her as Head of State. For Canadians, The Queen is fully "Canadianized" and her title is the result of centuries of evolution. Having The Queen in no way binds us to the United Kingdom – such a relationship ended long ago. International visits by the governor general promote Canada's identity around the world – I should point out that such visits are done at the request of the government of the day (concerns around the costs of these important state functions should be directed to the government and not Rideau Hall).

The Queen of Canada acts as a fixed point for our society. Pomp and ceremony – often the target of criticism concerning Canada's monarchy – are a part of any modern state, filling a role that directly benefits its citizenry. Canada's unique royal traditions (The Opening of Parliament, Royal Visits, Vice-Regal activities) exist to highlight the Canadian state and are expected by its citizens. Such events are never about the monarchy itself, rather the Crown becomes a canvas in which to highlight a particular aspect of our society. Regardless of what form of government a country has there is a need for such spectacles – we need only to look to the United States for proof of this.

The Monarchist League of Canada calculates that the Canadian Crown costs each citizen \$1.53 per annum. All in (including the governor general and lieutenant governors), Canada's monarchy costs us 50 million dollars – compare that with the \$150 million spent in one day to inaugurate Barack Obama! The majority of this money is spent to highlight Can-

adians and their achievements.

Yes we need to maintain our monarchy, something that is both unique and misunderstood. Once Canadians realize what they could be loosing the few calls for a republican form of government would fall silent.

LEAGUE LIVES

Congratulations to *Nathan and Christine Tidridge* on the birth of their first child, a daughter, *Sophie Margaret*, on July 17, 2009.

Very best wishes to *Christopher Smith and Kara-Anne Grace* who are to be married in Toronto on July 10. May they



David Langner, with his children – visited Museum of Civilization to review Royal Stamp exhibit for CMN

LEAGUE SEEKS TO RE-ESTABLISH EDMONTON/ N. ALBERTA BRANCH

Do you live in Edmonton or Northern Alberta? We have had quite an influx of members, but no activities or media spokesman there in recent years. Branches help give the local slant on matters monarchical to journalists, recruit members, do outreach especially to young people and new Canadians and generally, support the work of the League. They meet occasionally, not monthly, and focus on being outward-looking, not satisfied members of a "club" If you would be interested in helping out, please write our PO Box or domsec@sympatico.ca telling us something of your interest and talents – and we will see if the seeds for a Branch emerge. Thank you for your consideration!

enjoy many years of happy life together!

Well done and thank you to... *Raymond Aucoin*. This loyal Vancouver member is one of several thoughtful souls who slips into his renewal several booklets of Queen definitive stamps, which the League uses with pleasure... *Patrick Gilbert*, a member in the Montreal area, who regularly sends the League new Royal books for re-sale or gifting... *David Langner* of Ottawa, who not only reviewed the Royal Stamp exhibition on behalf of CMN, but also managed to secure from the Museum for the League the catalogue which was not for sale... *Orangeville, ON*, member *Alfred Ronald* who wrote a withering letter to the editor about the politicizing of Prime Ministerial appointments of Governors General.

NEW YOUTH COORDINATORS: RICHARDS, SCOTCHMER, WHALEY – CHAIRMAN FINCH STATES OBJECTIVES, LAUDS BEREZOVSKY

November 8, 2009

As a result of my October email, many YM members stepped forward to offer their assistance to develop our youth membership as a viable, appealing community which will operate both within and beyond existing League structures. I am grateful to everyone who volunteered.

Today it's great to be able to announce the three new co-ordinators of our YM group. They are:



Tom Richards

– Lead Coordinator Tom Richards, an experienced public speaker involved in politics, whose hails from Regina but who is studying in an Honours Political Science and History programme St FofX University in Nova Scotia;
– Graeme Scotchmer, our Intern this Summer in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and an all-around athlete and History Major at the University of Western Ontario;
– Freshman University of Winnipeg student Dan Whaley, an activist in a number of community organizations and

part-time employee at Safeway.

When I wrote you previously, I mentioned the following basic hopes and expectations which our Coordinators are eager to pursue with you...

- to welcome new YM members (and inventory the existing members) to ascertain each one's particular interest level, talents, ideas and availability;
- to serve as a sounding board for YM opinion on matters of concern to Monarchists generally; and relay those opinions to the Dominion Chairman;
- to grow an on-line community of YM members in order to promote a sense of cohesion and fellowship;
- to recruit, and encourage recruiting, of new YM members; and to encourage where appropriate the formation of campus branches of the League;
- to consider activities – whether engaged in on line or (in areas where numbers warrant) in person – which will be both fun and useful for the group; this could involve anything from providing ideas to the League's new Social Media Coordinator, Alain Bartleman, concerning Twitter and Facebook activity and questions, to pub nights, to submitting reasoned opinions to media and galvanizing response to online polls and so forth;
- when requested by the Dominion Chairman, and in line with your own availability, comfort levels and experience, to speak to the media on the League's behalf.

During this exciting time, when the League is actively using today's communication tools to explain (and occasionally, to defend) the significance of the Royal Tour to our fellow Canadians, it seems particularly appropriate to be able to make this sort of announcement and to invite all of you to join with Tom, Graham and Dan in renewing your commitment to the Maple Crown and the organization which tries to serve it.

Thank you again to Eugene Berezovsky (whom you will have seen recently as very busy in doing extremely effective media appearances for us) for his past efforts in the YM group. He joins me in asking you to help our new Coordinators in the tasks that lie ahead for them as for all of us.

ROYAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AT OTTAWA MUSEUM

Review by David Langner

[David Langner is a federal public servant and member of the Monarchist League of Canada who has lived in Ottawa most of his life. When he and his wife are not raising their three children, Dave pursues his interest in world history, Canadian politics, philately, coins and world flags. – Ed.]

I was fortunate enough to view “Her Majesty’s Stamps”, at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec. Until recently the collection was only available for public viewing once every ten years. Due to the size and value of the collection (which includes every British and Commonwealth stamp), only a small selection is made available for display.

The collection is normally kept at St. James’s Palace, although during the Second World War it was stored in the vaults of Lloyd’s Bank. Stamps are kept in either red, blue or green binders; red binders indicate the stamps were acquired during the reign of George V, blue for George VI, and green for Elizabeth II.

Only King George V was an active philatelist, although Edward VIII had been interested as a youngster. While George VI did not consider himself to be a collector, he realized the importance of the collection assembled by his father, and ensured it was maintained and expanded. Our current monarch is also

not an avid collector, but retains interest in the collection. She personally approves public exhibits of the collection, and any displays outside the United Kingdom. The Queen also approves any stamp bearing her image. Highlights include several Canadian rarities, as well as many examples of the first postage stamps – the “Penny Black” and the “Tuppence Blue”, and the fascinating story leading to the creation of these stamps.

Also on display was the Government of Canada’s gift to Queen Victoria marking her Diamond Jubilee: a beautifully bound stamp album containing contemporary Canadian stamps. The album was presented to the Duke of York (the future King George V); perhaps this Canadian gift help foster the future King’s love of Stamps? On the album’s cover is embossed: *Dominion of Canada. The Diamond Jubilee Postage Stamps. 22nd June, 1897*

In fact, in 1902 the Duke of York was asked by the Canadian government to help design a stamp. He chose the portrait of King Edward VII, subsequently used on our stamps for that year.

As many stamp or coin collectors can confirm, a little bit of a collector’s soul goes into creating and maintaining a collection. As I viewed “Her Majesty’s Stamps”, particularly the earliest stamps on display, I could sense King George V’s passion for his collection. It was a remarkable experience!

MY VICE-REGAL SUMMER

by Graeme Scotchmer

[Graeme was the Monarchist League’s Intern in the Suite of His Honour, The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, during the Summer of 2009. In addition to being a Coordinator of the Young Monarchist group for the League, he is a student and triple-threat athlete at the University of Western Ontario in London. – Ed.]

I will never forget my first day arriving at the Lieutenant Governor’s office. There is a wonderful sandstone staircase on the west side of Queen’s Park. It is not the large main south entrance of the Parliament Buildings, which is ostentatious, grand and formal. This little side entrance stands opposite the University of Toronto campus and has a magic of its own. A stone canopy protects the stairs that lead to the private world of imposing understatement. Opening the massive door, you leave the bustle of Queen’s Park Circle, the smells of exhaust and the honking and swerving of taxis and enter the quiet solemnity and dignity of the vice regal suite. It is an oasis symbolising the separation of the legislative and executive power from that of our sovereign. On entering, you are greeted by an imposing statue of Queen Victoria in all her glory. Beyond it is the evocative painting of John Graves Simcoe – the gifted and devoted first lieutenant governor of our province.

Within the first week of my internship, while I was still getting used to the world of Queen’s Park, the Countess of Wessex, Prince Edward’s wife, arrived on a brief tour of Canada. I had the honour of meeting the Countess briefly, but what struck me was the role that she and played as a symbolic and ceremonial leader. While she was here she presented the tartan to the OPP for their 100th anniversary and is Colonel-in-chief of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

The highlight of the summer, to be sure, was the visit by the Emperor and Empress of Japan. I had the pleasure of being presented to the Emperor and Empress and was struck by their gracious demeanour. I was particularly impressed by the parallels between the Canadian Monarchy and the Japanese monarchy and the continuity that it brings to our two countries



Graeme Scotchmer addressing Accession Luncheon on his summer experiences at Queen’s Park

Throughout the summer, I was also able to witness some of the more routine tasks that the Crown undertakes. Whether it was a bill that needed Royal Assent or a cabinet reshuffle, the Premier had to come to Lieutenant Governor for final approval. Seeing the Constitution at work is actually more exciting than it seems, especially when you witness it first hand.

Without a doubt, I learned a great deal during my internship. As I worked side by side with the dedicated staff at the Lieutenant Governor’s office, I saw how seriously everyone takes their job. It truly helped me to understand the role of the monarchy more fully and has encouraged me to take a more active role in the Monarchist League. Recently, I joined with Dan Whaley and Tom Richards as Youth Coordinators for the Monarchist League. We are working to encourage more youth involvement. To that end, we are pleased to report that our YM Facebook page has been a success. All of us must remember that it is all of our jobs to help the Monarchist League grow.

This summer we celebrate The Queen and the Monarchy. But let us also take some time to celebrate the Monarchist League itself. For forty years the league has defended and preserved the monarchy in Canada. That is two generations who have strengthened the role of constitutional monarchy, continuity from the past, and a path to the future. So it is that I would like to thank all members for the privilege and honour of working at the office of the Lieutenant Governor as an intern last summer.

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ATTENTION: ROYAL-WATCHERS!

Canadian Monarchist News' photo and reportage competition during The Queen's Homecoming

Are you attending a Royal event during The Queen's summer visit? Send your pictures of your Royal encounter to domsec@monarchist.ca. All will be considered for publication, and the best may appear on a new Monarchist League postcard or sticker series.

Particularly wanted: photos showing The Queen in a specifically Canadian context – such as in the presence of the National Flag, framed by a Canadian landmark, flanked by Mounties....

If you meet The Queen or Prince Philip, or attend a public or invitation-only Royal event, please send us your account/anecdotes of your Royal encounter.

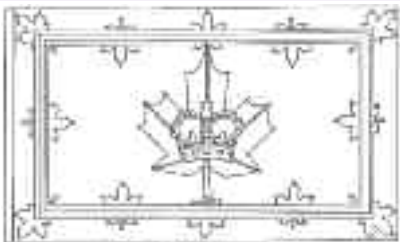
All photographs and stories suitable for publication will win their submitters a complimentary extension of their Monarchist League membership – with a grand prize of a free Life Membership for the best submission.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF OUR CHARLES & CAMILLA COMPETITION

A year's complimentary membership – Brock Weir of Aurora, ON
Six month membership extensions – Emily Hansen of Victoria, BC;
Karen Hill of Mississauga, ON; Trudie Carrier, of Victoria, BC

RE-WEAVE THE LEAGUE FLAG?

Decision to re-issue "flyable" flags depends on members' reaction



As many members are aware, the League was granted its Armorial in 2000, with the unique privilege accorded by The Queen of their incorporating not one but two Royal Crowns. It has long been League policy not to tie up significant amounts of funds in inventory for expensive sales items. So

when about seven years ago members began to ask for an actual League flag to be made available for sale, we followed what has been done in recent years for neckties and note cards, and solicited, first, expressions of interest and subsequently, pre-paid orders. This allowed us to meet demand and keep a few flags in reserve. The last of these sold out last Winter. (We still have ample supplies of the decorative miniature flags for your mantelpiece or table.)

With many new members and a fair degree of casual interest expressed, we have decided to test the market for large flags in one size only – 2 ft x 3.5 ft, big enough to be visible if run up a pole or affixed to a building outdoors, yet no so large that most of us couldn't find it a place in our den, dorm room or elsewhere. We will again be using The Flag Shop as our producers: they have given excellent service and produced a quality item, recently switching from screen printing to the slightly more expensive digital process. Specs: single sided (mirror image on the reverse side), digitally printed onto White 250 denier Dacron (100% polyester) fabric. Flags to be finished with grommets on the sleeves with four rows of stitching on the fly ends. Double fold hems, double needle stitching, sewn with White Poly Bonded thread.

For a better view, closer to how the flag appears than the line art above, you can go to <http://www.monarchist.ca/new/symbols.html> and scroll down to see a colour image.

Production of the flag is dependent on our receiving at least 25 firm orders, at a cost of \$90 plus our usual shipping fees (see *Sales for Subjects*). If we received 40 or more orders, the price would decline by about \$10. **For now we are asking only for non-binding expressions of interest.** Please let us know your likely requirements by emailing domsec@sympatico.ca or writing the League at our PO Box address as it appears on the front cover. If the response warrants going ahead, we will get in touch. Thank you for your support!

TORONTO ARTIST OFFERS ROYAL AND/OR PERSONAL PORTRAITS

Generous member offers her talents to benefit the Monarchist League

Eileen Kohn, of Toronto, is a long-time and loyal member of the League – and a talented artist. Not long ago she wrote Chairman Finch with a thoughtful offer. She sells drawings of The Queen as depicted here @ \$400 each (available only sized 20" x 24" on artist's quality paper), and drawings of other members of the Royal Family – or indeed any personal requests such as family members – at the same price, or \$300, \$200 or \$100 for smaller sizes. These are executed not on messy charcoal, which doesn't travel well, but in "Carbon" pencil, sturdy, black and adhesive. She will give the League a generous commission on each sale. View her web site at www.ileenkohn.com

Arrangements are to be made directly between any interested member and Eileen. You can contact her at ileekohn@eno.netscape.ca or by telephone at (416) 323-7427.



Ottawa City Hall Mounts Royal Visit Exhibition May 21-July 5



The Royal Window at The Queen's Canadian Home

Another must-see if you're visiting Ottawa to hail The Queen or simply to tour our nation's Capital. See this exhibit to experience the glamour and splendour of Ottawa's royal visits, which is presented through a variety of artifacts, photographs, regal gifts, film footage and memorabilia. Royal Visits to Ottawa starts with an 1860 visit made by Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII), when he laid the cornerstone for the first Parliament buildings. It concludes with the visit made by the Emperor and Empress of Japan in 2009. There are many images from 1940 to 1945 when the Dutch royal family lived here in exile during the Second World War and Princess Margriet was born at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in 1943. Canada's Centennial Year, 1967, features prominently with 11 monarchs or members of royalty coming to the nation's capital from many countries, ranging from Ethiopia to Monaco. Presented by the City of Ottawa Archives, this exhibit is a rare opportunity to see and learn about royalty from up close. City Hall Art Gallery 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa Gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. FREE ADMISSION"

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/archives/exhibits_en.html

Be sure to check out summer activities and concerts at Rideau Hall listed online at <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=164&lan=eng>