



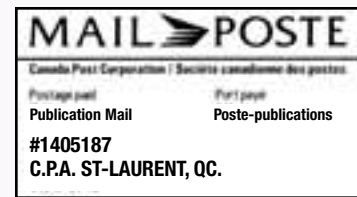
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# NEW NATIONAL POLLS SHOW CANADIANS SUPPORT MONARCHY 2-1

63%-30% FAVOUR RETENTION IN COMPAS SURVEY

79% SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY – IPSOS-REID POLL

YOUNGEST CANADIANS ARE STRONGEST SUPPORTERS

UPWARD SUPPORT TREND UNMISTAKABLE: POLLS TAKEN BEFORE ROYAL DEATHS

*A Brief Analysis & Comment  
by John Aimers*

Polls released by major Canadian news organizations around Accession Day – that is, before any “bubble” favouring the Monarchy either as a result of initial celebrations of Golden Jubilee Year or of sympathy for The Queen on account of her double bereavement – show a remarkable surge in support for the Crown, muted only slightly by some anomalous internal inconsistencies in one of the major soundings.

In the poll commissioned from COMPAS by National Post/Global Television, an astonishing 63% “believe the monarchy should maintain or strengthen its role in Canada,” as opposed to 30% who somewhat or strongly wish to make Canada a republic. That result compares to 1997-99 Gallup polls which showed monarchical support ranging from 37-48% and republican sentiment in the 43-53% range. “SUPPORT FOR MONARCHY HIGHEST IN YEARS” ran the survey’s sub-headline – not a bad banner for

Monarchists in Golden Jubilee Year! The survey also showed that only 18% felt strongly – and 12% moderately – that Canada should abolish the Monarchy and become a republic. 69% agreed with the statement “The government accepts the Monarchy but doesn’t give it much thought.”

The same poll shows that 48% of respondents think The Queen is doing the best job amongst the members of the Royal Family. Of course they do – who wouldn’t? This popularity poll is somewhat meaningless. Asked who is doing the worst job, 30% name Charles following.  
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## FEDS, SASKATCHEWAN LEAD GOLDEN JUBILEE OBSERVANCES

“a...sovereign, faithful and loyal to our people” – Copps  
ROYAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED

MINT, CANADA POST, CBC HONOUR THE QUEEN  
ALBERTA, BC, NOVA SCOTIA ALSO MARK JUBILEE

YUKON OPENS “BOOK OF JUBILATIONS”

ONTARIO COMMEMORATIONS LAG, QUEBEC  
DUBS CELEBRATION “FOLLY”

As public and private Canadian celebrations of the Golden Jubilee gather steam, the federal government under the leadership of Heritage Minister Sheila Copps has taken the principal and overtly-enthusiastic role in promoting widespread observance of HM’s 50th year on the Throne. Amongst the provinces, Saskatchewan’s long tradition of multi-party support for the Crown coupled with a singularly-imaginative Protocol Office has given it undisputed leadership in Jubilee programming.

### OTTAWA TURN-AROUND

In an astonishing *volte-face* from Ottawa’s usually-tepid monarchism, and in sharp contrast to the meagre programme of Silver Jubilee commemorations in 1977, Ms Copps and materials from her Department spoke of the Canadian Crown in language not heard from

the federal government in over a generation.

“Fifty years after her accession to the throne, Elizabeth II remains a symbol of continuity, stability and tradition in a world that is under a barrage of constant change,” said the Minister, as she launched the federal programme of Jubilee Initiatives in Ottawa on February 20th. In a *National Post* interview the day previous, Ms. Copps observed “The Queen, and the heritage she gives to us, is not just part of our past, but part of our common future... When you’re a mature country, you don’t need to break your ties with the past.”

Amongst the Ottawa initiatives:

- *Jubilee Celebration Funds* – Government financial assistance is being made available for innovative celebrations during the *Celebrate Canada* period of June 21-July 1.

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## Canadians Celebrate the Lives of The Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

SYMPATHY FOR THE QUEEN,  
FLAGS NEARLY UNIVERSALLY  
AT HALF-MAST

Canadians joined The Queen and Royal Family in sympathy at the deaths of HRH Princess Margaret on February 9th and of HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on Easter Even, March 30th.

*Coverage of Canadian commemoration and reaction to the two Royal deaths begin on page 3.*

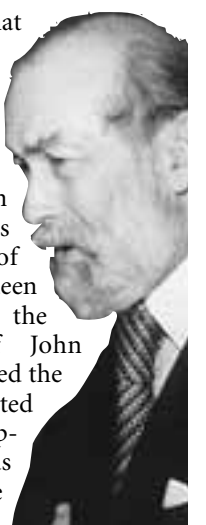
## PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA

54 ENGAGEMENTS,  
19 SPEECHES DURING 12-DAY,  
4-PROVINCE TOUR

HRH PRESENTS MONARCHIST  
LEAGUE HONOURS IN TORONTO,  
CALGARY & VICTORIA

In a private visit that nonetheless captured both media and public attention, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent journeyed across Canada in March. The Queen’s Cousin, Grandson of King George V and Queen Mary, traveled under the private auspices of John Aimers, who coordinated the tour which was initiated when Her Majesty appointed HRH as Colonel-in-Chief of the Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment, based in Windsor.

To the keystone welcome by the Regiment of their new Colonel were added myriad engagements in four provinces. The Prince’s demanding programme ranged from attendance at three Awards Presentations of the Royal Life Saving Society of which HRH is Com-



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## Poll...

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lowed by the Duke of Edinburgh, The Earl of Wessex, The Duke of York and the Princess Royal, each in single figures.

Two points: the phrasing of the question allows for one answer – thus it understandably places The Queen in first place. In turn it seems to have depreciated the standing of The Queen Mother, who was enormously popular, but who carried out few engagements and was perhaps seen more as a loved symbol than a “working” member of the Royal Family. Second, if one invites people to say who is doing the worst job, it almost demands an answer. Charles has overcome most of the antipathy towards him in the UK; Canadians see him less frequently, hence he faces a more arduous task to be seen as an engaging, capable future King. The evidence of his reception here last April is nonetheless encouraging from the Monarchist perspective.

One might also share the perspective that had a poll about the popularity of the then Prince of Wales, Prince Eddy, the future beloved Edward VII, been taken at the time of Victoria’s Golden Jubilee, it would have revealed great condemnation from a nation scandalized by his extra-marital romances, involvement in a divorce case and a card cheating scandal. What did it mean in the long run? Nothing! Indeed, support for Victoria herself at the time of her Golden Jubilee might have reflected the strongest republican tide seen in modern Britain.

The second survey, a Globe & Mail/CTV poll taken by Ipsos-Reid should be treated with great caution, as its results are, to the mind of any reasonable person, curiously contradictory.

The good news for Monarchists reads as follows: 79% somewhat or strongly agree with the statement “I support the constitutional monarchy as Canada’s current form of government where we elect governments whose leader becomes the Prime Minister.” That is, by any measure, an astonishing degree of approval for Canada’s system of government. Contrary to received wisdom, the strongest cohort of support comes from the youngest Canadians. A second, less-publicized figure reveals a perhaps more-realistic result, although still one of significant support for the Crown: 62% somewhat or strongly agree that “The

constitutional monarchy helps to define Canadian identity, and should continue to be our form of government.”

Balanced against these is a bizarrely-contradictory result: 48% strongly/somewhat say the constitutional monarchy is outmoded and should be replaced with a republican form of government and an elected head of state as in the USA.

But then 58% state the issue isn’t worth the fuss of changing it.

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” ran the subhead on the Globe story – perhaps the only possible conclusion out of this welter of figures. The analysis came from the poll director, John Wright, who went on to observe “[the monarchy] holds the framework together and it makes us unlike the United States. It gives us our own sense of character and culture.” Readers must remember that these are the words of a neutral pollster, writing to his client, *The Globe & Mail*, which he knows full well advocates the republican position!

Polls do not make or break an institution. Properly read, the general trend of these two polls is encouraging to the Monarchist cause. Certainly, they suggest *a great deal of support for the Crown, a positive trend in that support and no public interest whatsoever in the wrenching and divisive process of debate and constitutional change that would be required to turn Canada into a republic.*

### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Ipsos-Reid regional breakdown of the 79% positive support for constitutional monarchy:

Atlantic Canada... 87%  
Saskatchewan & Manitoba... 84%  
Alberta... 83%  
Ontario... 80%  
British Columbia... 79%  
Quebec... 73%

Ipsos-Reid demographic breakdown of the 79% positive support for constitutional monarchy:

Youngest Canadians... 86%  
Middle-aged Canadians... 76%  
Older Canadians... 74%

Ipsos-Reid also finds “Younger (66%) and older (64%) Canadians are more likely to feel that the constitutional monarchy helps to define Canada’s identity than their middle-aged (57%) counterparts.”

### EDITOR’S NOTE

Apologies to subscribers who have patiently anticipated for some time the publication of “Canadian Monarchist News.” Amidst six months’ spent organizing Prince Michael’s visit, the Farewell for Hon. Hilary Weston and the Governor General’s Accession Day visit – as well as coping with enormous media interest in the Golden Jubilee and during the mourning for and obsequies of The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret – CMN simply did not “get done.” It now resumes its more regular publication schedule – every 3-4 months. CMN has not attempted to duplicate the extensive coverage already given to the two Royal Deaths above-mentioned. This is not out of any lack of respect for either Queen Elizabeth or the Princess, but rather out of recognition that they have received full in the media including special commemorative magazines – not to mention the re-issue of Messrs Bousfield & Toffoli’s authoritative book – has already, in our judgement, provided loving tributes and a record of both lives and deaths which CMN would simply be duplicating. Different in personality, these two Royal Ladies shared one abiding principle: loyalty to the Throne. It to give emphasis to that forward-looking spirit that this issue has been conceived.

– JLA

## CANADA POST CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

**COMMEMORATIVE 48-cent STAMP BEING REPRINTED  
OUELLET PROMISES RETURN OF QUEEN DEFINITIVE  
FOR 2003**

**GOVERNOR GENERAL ANNIVERSARY STAMP ALSO ISSUED**

Popular demand for Canada Post’s large-sized and singularly attractive first-class rate commemorative stamp honouring The Golden Jubilee has caused a breaking of precedent by the Corporation. It is having to reprint the stamp in order to assure supplies available for sale throughout Jubilee Year! “As far as we are aware,”



a Corporation spokesman told *Canadian Monarchist News*, “this is the first time a commemorative stamp has been reprinted in Canada.” The decision was in line with the December 3rd, 2001 announcement of the printing of the first 15 million stamps – that “additional quantities will be printed as needed throughout the calendar year.”

Stock of the Jubilee issue had run out in many parts of the country by early Spring. Confusion caused by unavailability of the stamp was then compounded by misinformed postal clerks, often franchisees rather than employees of Canada Post. They told customers not only that no more Jubilee stamps would be forthcoming, but also that no definitive stamps of The Queen (a definitive is a domestic letter-rate stamp kept in constant stock) would be printed in 2003 and beyond.

The Canada Post spokesman admitted that officials indeed had realized the existence of confusion at some of its outlets re. the continuing availability of the Golden Jubilee stamp. “A reprint of this stamp is taking place; and a bulletin is to be sent in the forthcoming few weeks to all postal outlets, advising them that they are expected to stock both the Queen and the flag stamps and providing them with re-ordering information,” he said.

In a letter to MP Brenda Chamberlain (L: Guelph-Wellington) Canada Post CEO Hon Andre Ouellet confirmed the return of the Queen definitive, supplanted this year by the Jubilee stamp. Writing on April 30, he said “We will return to issuing Queen definitive stamps in 2003.” M. Ouellet went on to suggest that all stamp products may be ordered through the National Philatelic Centre, reached toll-free at (800) 565-4362.

In announcing the issuance of the commemorative, Canada Post underlined that The Queen was “the fourth British [sic] Monarch to have achieved this feat.” Technical information about the stamp supplied by the Corporation states that “Design of the stamp is by Gottschalk+Ash International, a multi-disciplinary design firm with offices in Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Zurich. The stamp features the traditional symbol of Canada, the maple leaf, and an image of the Queen. Ashton-Potter will print the stamp on Tullis Russell Paper, using 8-colour lithography and metallic inks. Measuring 37.5 mm by 32 mm (horizontally), the stamp has general tagging on four sides and will be perforated at 13+. The cancellation on the Official First-Day Cover will be Ottawa, Ontario.”

February 1st saw the issue of four million commemorative stamps marking the 50th Anniversary of the appointment of Vincent Massey, the first Canadian Governor General. According to a Canada Post release, the image, designed by Neville Smith of Aylmer, Quebec, “features a combination of the official lion symbol (representing the office of the Governor General), a stylized line drawing of Rideau Hall, and the names of the nine Canadian Governors General. The stamp’s primary colours are purple, gold and red, reflecting the official colours associated with the Governor General and Canada, while the numeral “50” indicates the anniversary year.”





# Canadians Celebrate the Lives of the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

## Princess Margaret

Many commentators expressed their surprise at the ubiquity of lowered Maple Leaf flags decreed by official protocol for Margaret, who perhaps enjoyed rather greater public and media sympathy in death following a series of debilitating strokes than



she had in life, and despite her relative absence from the public stage in recent years.

Newsnet and Newsworld along with local stations gave extensive air time to the news of her death, the Prince of Wales' tribute to "my darling Aunt" and the private Funeral at Windsor, while the national mood seemed to be one of reflection: sympathy for The Queen, bereaved only days after the commencement of Golden Jubilee Year; and admiration of the Princess, largely depicted as the victim of a love denied in the 1950's, which sacrifice had blighted her subsequent life.

The Governor General recalled "her enthusiasm for music and ballet," while the Prime Minister lauded Margaret's "grace, style and sense of compassion." Her Canadian associations – hospital, school, regiment, ballet, a supposed romance with John Turner (who called her "a good pal") – were warmly recalled, as well. One leitmotif was respect for an aspect of Margaret's life that had ever held constant: her devotion to the Throne and to her sister The Queen. Outgoing Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston, a friend of the Princess', said that she had "placed public duty ahead of private life," while

Manitoba viceroy Peter Liba issued a statement expressing how "The Queen Mother embodied all that is best about the Monarchy – devotion to duty, grace and dignity, perseverance... and the unifying role of the Crown as a non-partisan symbol representing all citizens regardless of differences." Michael Valpy writing in the *Globe and Mail*, called her "more generous and affectionate than the public knew. Her public services...were considerable and largely unnoticed."

Remarkably, The Queen continued with her Jubilee Tour of Jamaica, New Zealand and Australia, departing only 72 hours after Princess Margaret's Funeral.

Former Prime Minister John Turner represented Canada at the Memorial Service held in London on April; 19th, the Governor General having flown to Germany in order to comfort troops and families after the Canadian contingent had suffered its first casualties in the war against terrorism. The Abbey Service was attended by nearly all The Royal Family and some 2,100 guests (with 500 chosen by ballot from amongst members of the public requesting to attend). It included no eulogy, at the Princess' request. The music included excerpts from Faure's *Requiem* and the hymn *Ye Holy Angels Bright*. Viscount Linley and Felicity Kendal gave the readings.

### THE POET LAUREATE'S TRIBUTE TO PRINCESS MARGARET

The Younger Sister By Andrew Motion

The luxuries, of course, and privilege –  
The money, houses, holidays, the lot:  
All these were real, and all these drove a wedge  
Between your life and ours. And yet the thought  
Of how no privilege on earth can keep  
A life from suffering in love and loss –  
This means we turn to you and see how deep  
The current runs between yourself and us.  
And now death spells it out again, and more,  
As it becomes your final human act: A daughter  
gone before her mother goes; A younger  
sister heading on before;  
A woman in possession of the fact That love  
and duty speak two languages.



## The Queen Mother

News of The Queen Mother's death on Saturday of Easter weekend brought even more universal a half-masting of flags across the Maple Realm, and a deep sense of affection and gratitude for a life so long and well lived, coupled with renewed sympathy for The Queen who had lost both Mother and Sister within a seven-week period.

In a tribute as touching as it was unexpected, fans in Edmonton attending the Oilers-Dallas Stars game sang The Royal Anthem instead of "O Canada" at the start of the hockey match. In Digby Mayor Frank MacKintosh ordered flags lowered even before the official advice had come from Ottawa. In Hamilton, Aubrey Oldham lowered his family's flag to half-staff as CHCH Television recorded the sad moment. In Kitchener, Channele Seguin, 11, inscribed her name and address in a condolence book dedicated to the Queen Mother at a local funeral home, saying "She was very important to us because she was a good lady to everyone." And in the Old Capital of Quebec, where Her Late Majesty had first set foot in the Dominion in 1939, Holy Trinity Cathedral's congregation began Easter services with the singing of The Royal Anthem, while its bell ringers preceded Evensong with a half-muffled quarter peal, a tribute duplicated across the Rockies by the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Television coverage was non-stop throughout the weekend and the subsequent stages of the Lying in State and Funeral, and lengthy accounts of Queen Elizabeth's life and many journeys across Canada filled the Sunday newspapers, with the two national papers adding special supplements on Monday. Siobhan Rogers of *National Post* wrote a particularly well-researched piece tracing the two occasions when HM's appointment as Governor General was seriously mooted. Only the *Globe and Mail's* Jeff Simpson spoiled the national mood of remembrance with a predictably sour and admonitory screed.

Prime Minister Chretien issued a statement in which he called her "a touchstone of timeless values and continuity. We were blessed by her full life, made richer by her presence and example, and feel a profound sense of loss that her extraordinary spirit

is gone." The Canadian Alliance web site also carried a tribute. After an apparent bureaucratic tussle, mercifully alluded to but sketchily by a sleepy national media, it was determined that The Governor General should remain in Ottawa to preside over National Mourning, while the Prime Minister broke from his African tour to attend the obsequies in London.



According to the Toronto SUN, when a Commonwealth leaders meeting made his arrival at the Funeral run late, Chretien, along with prime ministers from Australia and New Zealand, was forced to enter through the Poets' Corner entrance rather than the West Door of the Abbey. Buckingham Palace press officer David McCombes told Sun Media the royal family in no way meant to snub Chretien: "It's not in any way a snub, really. That was the only thing that could be done at the time. Had he been an hour earlier, he could have come through the Great West Door."

The first of many condolence books had opened in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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# Canadians Celebrate the Lives of the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

## NEWSPAPER COMMENT

"BBC: It was though in many ways a rather sad, unfulfilled life?

His Grace, The Archbishop of Canterbury: I wouldn't use the word 'unfulfilled'. I think there was a deep sadness there. And I think all of us can associate with her to that degree. Most of us have known pain, emotional troubles, physical troubles, that kind of thing, and could sympathise with her who had had her loves and lost. Had a family who had supported her of course. But a person actually of intelligence, interested in life, and wanted to be a loyal member and committed member of the Royal Family. We often think of people like that that they are unfulfilled, but in many respects actually they got a lot out of life." *BBC Interview with Dr Carey, February 9*

"Perhaps [Margaret's] greatest achievement, however, was her gift for parenthood and the unfailing love she showed to her son and daughter. In Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto, she raised two impeccably well-adjusted and modest young people, both of whom have made successful marriages and led lives of good-natured dignity. There is no greater tribute that can be paid to any parent, royal or otherwise, than to be able to say this of her children." *Leader in Sunday Telegraph, February 10*

"Princess Margaret's royal role was more dear to her than anything else in life. She cherished the memory of King George VI not only as an indulgent father – for her he embodied a dynasty that stretched back to the mists of time, an institution invested with romance, mystery and magic... Her faith was built on granite but ringed with qualifications. She did not much esteem Presbyterians or Roman Catholics, and drew little comfort from the Prayer Book unless it was the service of Holy Communion in the 1662 edition – but not too early in the morning. She shunned long sermons as much as the sign of peace, and the omission of prayers for The Queen left her very angry." *Kenneth Rose, writing in The Daily Telegraph, February 11*

"There is an inherent cruelty about the hereditary monarchical principle that ordains that frailty and sorrow must be exhibited to the public glare; infirmity and mortality are as much a part of the whole process of the institution as are youth and hope..." *Andrew Roberts, The Sunday Telegraph, February 17*

"She defined the words courage, honour, duty, decency, charm and warmth. She inspired and delighted people. And perhaps that is her most worthy legacy of all." *Editorial, Toronto Sun, March 31*

"The death of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, is like a full stop marking the end of the twentieth century. No other figure now alive represented that century more fully than did the late Queen... On her 100th Birthday, Adrienne Clarkson, The

Governor General, presented her with the Order of Canada. "When I wear it, which I hope I shall, my thoughts and my happiest memories will be with the lovely Canada." For more than 60 years, these feelings of attachment were warmly reciprocated. Canada has lost a great friend in the departed Queen – a friend who brought out the best in us and helped make us what we are." *Editorial in National Post, April 1*

"...Queen Elizabeth said 'I'm almost glad we've been bombed. Now I can look the East End in the face.' The Queen Mother's remark captures precisely the unspoken pact between the rulers and the ruled: they should be able to look us in the face. For 79 years, when it came to the things that matter, she could." *Mark Steyn, National Post, April 1*

"She lived a good life, in both senses of the word, and despite half a century of widowhood, an extremely happy one. She achieved everything that was asked of her. Indeed, it is hard to think of anything that she did that she might have done better. Above all, she died loved – "more deeply loved by all classes," as Sir Winston Churchill said of her and her husband George VI, than any princes of the past." ... She had the innings of our times... Throughout her life, The Queen Mother displayed an unerring gift for saying and doing the Right Thing. In this, she was guided not only by her innate good taste and sweet nature, but also by an unshakable faith in a higher power than principalities. She died on Easter Eve, sure of the promises of the Christian resurrection. "The work you do is the rent you pay for the room you occupy on earth," she once said. The Queen Mother occupied a comfortable room, some might say; but she paid her rent, and much more." *Leader in The Daily Telegraph, April 1*

"No one was expecting a reaction on this scale. The sheer press of people waiting to pay their respects to The Queen Mother has confounded those commentators who, in the immediate aftermath of her death, rushed to tell us that Britain remain unmoved... For most, there was a sense of wanting to be a part of something: a feeling that, in T.S. Eliot's words, "history is now and England." ...Our history is, in large measure, a story of kings and queens, and in the case of The Queen Mother, it is a happy story... In celebrating The Queen Mother's life, we are also celebrating our own identity." *Leader in The Daily Telegraph, April 8*

"...our ability to love inclines most naturally to persons, and in the person of The Queen we can invest all those many fractured loves that make up patriotic love: love of country, love of nation, love of culture, love of land, all combined and channeled through person, one family... But why take my word for it? A million people standing silently by the road tell more of the monarchy's enduring relevance than words could ever say." *Andrew Coyne, writing in National Post, April 10*



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ant Governor of Ontario by Easter Monday. With characteristic delicacy, Quebec Lieutenant Governor Lise Thibault wrote, "As Easter Day was preparing to unfold its wings of hope, Her Majesty... took her flight toward her Eternity... a true symbol of constancy and faithfulness throughout the motions of life," NS Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman lauded her as "Matriarch of the Commonwealth," while Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert said "A blanket of sorrow covers us all." A Royal Proclamation issued to set aside the day of the Funeral for Canadians to honour The Queen Mother's memory.

A chain of Memorial Services quickly sprung up across Canada. In Toronto, Archbishop Terence Finlay spoke from his Cathedral pulpit about The Queen Mother's long and good life, a scene repeated in capital and cathedral cities, as well as in parish churches, throughout the land. Saskatchewan alone organized Provincial Memorial Services, held in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina, the last two being Ecumenical services at which The Lieutenant Governor gave the address. Moose Jaw and Maple Creek parishes also held observances, the former arranged by Monarchist League Chairman Fr Derek Nicholls, who had also participated in the Regina service at which members of the local Branch had arranged a special display in the

Cathedral narthex.

Some of the most contemporary and deeply-felt Canadian memories of The Queen Mother came throughout the mourning period from LCol Julian Chapman, Commanding Officer of The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own). Having lunched with the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief of 65 years as recently as July 2001, Col Chapman recalled her deep affection for Canada: "She felt the Canadian people had really opened their arms to herself and the King on their first visit in 1939. To know Canada would be there in Britain's darkest hours was very important to her."

Among Canadians attending the Funeral in addition to contingents from The Queen Mother's three Regiments were Doug Fee, of the Canadian Angus Association and David Willmot, President of the Ontario Jockey Club.

Monarchist League Vice-Chairman Paul Benoit summed up his tribute in these words: "While remaining at the apex of the pyramid of state, The Queen Mother positioned the Monarch at the centre, or more precisely, at the heart of civil society." Jacques Monet, sj, the noted historian and monarchist, penned a graceful personal reflection in *The Globe and Mail*, stating that "The Queen Mother has played a determining part" in securing the position of the Canadian Monarchy.



The Royal Walkabout invented, The National War Memorial, 1939 – Their Majesties unescorted amidst a crowd of Great War veterans – "I wish Hitler could see this," one remarked.

# Canadians Celebrate the Lives of the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

## GOVERNOR GENERAL EULOGIZES QUEEN MOTHER

[Ed. Note: as Her Excellency has so frequently demonstrated, Canada is blessed with a Viceroy who is singularly eloquent, and able to capture exactly the national mood in her public discourses. Amidst the barrage of sincere but inevitably much-of-a-kind tributes, Mme Clarkson spoke these her – thus our own – words of loyalty and love at the National Commemoration Celebrating The Queen Mother's Life, held at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, on April 9th.]

May only the truth be spoken, may only the truth be heard.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother accepted the place that divine providence found for her. She accepted the society of her contemporaries. She understood the connection of events. She was not born to be Queen; she was not married to become Queen. She was the wife of a second son, but the event that made her a Queen was the unexpected abdication of the popular older brother of her husband. About this event, she had no influence. However, she understood that this was what she was meant to do and she accepted it with grace, with humour, with style and, most importantly, with intention.

People can easily confuse intention with ambition or goals. In fact, intention is much larger and more important than those aims. Her whole life showed that she had intention. That sunny and lucky quality that we all sensed in her stemmed from something deep and profound. For people with intention are the most fortu-

nate of human beings: they know that what they have to do is the same as what they most want to do. When that kind of identification happens, every person watching understands its profound impact. Impact not only on the intentional person herself, but also on her family, her country and the world in which she has influence.

She became Queen at the time when the sun never set on the British Empire; she was the last Empress of India. And from the intentionality of her character she responded to her duty without setting any limits on intensity. Everyone who has watched her life knows this, even if they are critical of the details, even if they are obsessed with the superficial. None of this makes any difference, because we are today remembering a woman who expressed the kind of human freedom that made it impossible to set any limits to what she could do.

There was no public relations firm to tell her to walk through the areas of a destroyed London, wearing her hat and her high-heeled shoes and her warm smile. There was no one telling her to create her image by staying in a city being bombarded by enemy aircraft.

While most people consider that their family and their country are the inner and outer limits of their community, we see in the Queen Mother somebody who knew that the limits were undefined. She understood that no bounds can be finally placed upon a human being's responsibility to their fellows, no matter what

their station in life. There isn't anyone in the world who has ever seen a picture or a television image of the Queen Mother as she waved, smiled and nodded her feather hat who doesn't instinctively feel that she knew what she was doing. This gave us as people a sense of stability and assurance.

There are critics who say that this was simply a part of the job and that she happened to do it very well. But if you examine the evidence over the last seventy years, you see that it is not because of those smiles and waves that she became important to us. It is because she communicated the intention behind the smiles and waves. And she genuinely believed that she could communicate with us; believed that what she was doing was important to us. Whether we accepted or rejected it was our personal business. But she knew and she intended it.

When John Ralston Saul and I went to London in October of 2000 to invest her as a Companion of the Order of Canada, she was a delight. She had that capacity to infect you with enthusiasm through her wit and charm and, most of all, her memory. She invited us to lunch and we expected it to be a small courtesy event. Instead it was

a beautiful lunch for 16 people. Each guest had a connection to Canada – one was a descendant of the Earl of Athlone, the Governor General at the time of the Quebec Conference; another, a man whose grandfather had been asked to be Governor General in the 1930s, but who had declined because of the precarious health of his wife. The whole event was warm, friendly, and had a purpose and a meaning.

I've only learned since her death that the extraordinarily beautiful gold place settings which she used for this lunch were not normally put out. But in the words of her friend – Lord St. John – who was also with us, the settings were brought out specially, because she wanted to honour our country, which she referred to several times as “lovely Canada” and “dear Canada”.

It was exciting and yet completely relaxing to be in the company of such a hostess; knowledgeable, witty, tasteful and curious. I felt that she had done honour to our country because the Governor General of Canada had honoured her on behalf of our country. She insisted on wearing the insignia of the Order all the way through lunch, over her pearls and against her turquoise chiffon day dress.

This kind of spirit, this kind of intention, does not spring out of the fact that somebody has been born and lived all their life in privilege. There are many people who live in privilege in Canada, in Great Britain, anywhere in the world, who never have the sense of intention, who never are able to communicate to people that sense of community, that sense which I can only describe as peace.

In St. Augustine's *City of God*, he talks about the world as a divine city: there are good people, whether Christians or not, and every one of them belongs in the *City of God*. St. Augustine points out that one of the finest attributes of the *City of God*, the ideal of human community, is peace. The kind of city, of community, that we in Canada are trying to build, with hope. He defines peace as “the perfectly ordered and harmonious communion of those who find their joy in God and in one another in God ... Peace in its final sense is

the calm that comes of order.” In the words of the anthem that has just been sung, “Thy will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.”

The quality of peace and intention in the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is an example to us of how we may all try in our own lives, in our own work, in our own communities, to communicate meaning, to live with purpose. And to accomplish this with a lightness of spirit, a humorous sociability and a contagious warmth.

It was the Queen Mother's intention that enabled her to finish the race, to keep the faith, and, finally, to soar on wings as eagles do.





# Canadians Celebrate the Lives of the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

## OTTAWA COMMEMORATION SERVICE IMPRESSIONS

[Ed: Stuart Eagleson, a student at Carleton University, was one of the Dominion Chairman's two official representatives at the official service honouring The Queen Mother in Ottawa, Paul Benoit being the other]

In general, the memorial service for the Queen Mother was well thought out, pleasantly entertaining, and very formal; well suited to a lady of royalty. Three things particularly stood out, making the service wonderful. First, the eulogy by the Governor General was the centre piece of the ceremony, which she delivered very well. It was filled with praise for the life of the Queen Mother on a personal level; seemingly written by Her Excellency herself, rather than having been scripted. This added a nice dimension of quality. Second, the choice of hymns and readings was deliberate to give an insight into the personal likings of the Queen Mother, being chosen from a selection of her favourites. Third, the background of the people assembled was diverse and refreshing. People from all ethnical, social, political, and religious heritages were present, a nice tribute to an institution that is applicable to everyone. As a note, the 40% or so seats for the general public were filled by the time I arrived, and I was over an hour early! The reserved seats didn't even begin to fill until noon. A lone lament by a piper added a quaint touch. Overall, the service, though highly formal and rigid, was fitting and enjoyable to commemorate such a remarkable woman.

### Paul Benoit adds

Christ Church (Anglican) Cathedral was once again the site of a public ceremony important for the whole country. Along with the War Memorial, which is only a few blocks away, it has acquired official status as a place to mark events that are both religious and patriotic in nature. These sites compliment Parliament Hill, which accommodates more festive and political events, as the gathering places of our public life. One of the reasons the Cathedral has attained this

status is the excellence of the music, which for many years has been under the direction of Frances Macdonnell. But also contributing is the experience the Church has in integrating into a coherent and tasteful service the policy requirements of bilingualism and multiculturalism. For unlike the service held two months earlier to commemorate the anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne, which was solely a Christ Church initiative, the Queen Mother's commemorative service was organized with the help of the Department of Canadian Heritage...

The hymns chosen for the service – "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven", "The Lord's my Shepherd", and "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" – had personal significance for the Queen Mother, as did the anthems: the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace", which was sung at the Coronation in 1937.

The readings and prayers were delivered by an impressive array of religious leaders: the Very Reverend Shane A. D. Parker, the Dean of Ottawa; Father Jacques Faucher, the Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa; Janet Somerville, the General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches; Rabbi Reuvan Bulka, of the Congregation Machzikei Hadas; Pandit Madhu Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson of the Capital Region Interfaith Council; Imam Gamal Solaiman, of the Ottawa Mosque; Rohahes Iain Philips, of the Mohawk Nation; and Ajit Sahota, of the International Sikh Organization...

Particularly moving in this regard was the showing, by video, later in the service of the Queen Mother receiving the Order of Canada from the Governor General in London in October 2001.

The Government is to be congratulated for providing Canadians with the opportunity of rendering homage to a lady who was, in different senses of the term, the First Queen of Canada.

## Cérémonie religieuse à la mémoire de Sa Majesté Élisabeth la reine mère.

### Par René le Clère

La mémoire de Sa Majesté Élisabeth la reine mère a été honorée en la cathédrale Christ Church du centre-ville de Montréal, le mardi 9 avril.

À midi tapant, la lieutenant-gouverneure du Québec, l'honorable Lise Thibault a passé en revue un piquet de grenadiers en magnifique tunique rouge galonnée d'or, casernés à Montréal. L'entrée solennelle de la représentante de Sa Majesté la reine Élisabeth II dans la cathédrale se fit accompagnée des grandes orgues.

La liturgie en célébration de la vie de Sa Majesté Élisabeth la reine mère a été célébrée par le Très Révérend Andrew S. Hutchison, évêque anglican de Montréal, assisté du Très Révérend G. Russel Hatton, évêque assistant, avec plusieurs doyens, vicaire général et archidiacres de l'Église anglicane du Canada.

Parmi les personnalités civiles se remarquaient madame Sarah Gillette, console générale de Grande-Bretagne, monsieur Gerald Tremblay, maire de Montréal. Les bancs de la nef étaient occupés par des militaires en grande tenue

écarlates, d'anciens militaires en civil portant de nombreuses médailles et décorations, de fidèles.

Madame Sarah Gillette fit une lecture tirée du Livre des Lamentations, et Son Éminence le cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, archevêque de Montréal, lu un passage tiré de la Deuxième épître de Paul aux Corinthiens.

La lieutenant-gouverneure, en termes sensibles, en anglais puis en français, fit une courte allocution de circonstance.

Durant la cérémonie, un cornemuseur joua Dark Island Lament.

La liturgie, d'une très grande simplicité, a été rehaussée par les chanteurs de la cathédrale sous la direction de Patrick Wedd. D'autre part, des pièces furent jouées aux grandes orgues tenues par Peter Butler, parmi lesquels des œuvres d'Edward Elgar et de William Walton, du siècle dernier.

Après l'hymne national Ô Canada chanté de grand cœur par l'assemblée, à la sortie de la cérémonie, le clergé s'attarda sur le parvis afin de saluer les nombreux fidèles qui s'étaient déplacés pour cette circonstance émouvante.



Official Ottawa mourns The Queen Mother

## RT HON JOE CLARK'S TRIBUTE

La Reine-Mère demeurera à jamais dans nos souvenirs un symbole de courage et de profond dévouement. Tout au long de son chemin, elle a gagné les coeurs de son peuple et des peuples d'ailleurs avec ce sourire chaleureux, cette main tendue et ces mots venus tout droit du coeur. À un moment où régnait la crise et la controverse, elle nous est arrivée comme souffle nouveau. Dès le début de cette période critique, par l'appui inébranlable qu'elle a accordé à son époux, ainsi que par son propre exemple, elle a établi de nouvelles normes de leadership. Ce faisant, elle est devenue plus près de nous tous et toutes que toute autre avant elle. Elle a vécu sa vie dévouée, le modèle de la dignité. Elle nous quitte maintenant, la grand-mère

de tous et de toutes. Jamais, Canadiennes et Canadiens, nous n'oublierons le bonheur de la recevoir chez nous. Au cours de ces nombreuses visites, plusieurs d'entre nous ont eu la bonne fortune de la croiser et d'être à jamais touchés par sa chaleur. Elle a toujours entretenu des liens particulièrement étroits, voire même familiaux, avec le Canada et les Canadiennes et les Canadiens, en retour, l'ont toujours accueillie comme un membre de leur famille. Sa grâce, son dévouement, sa bonté et son grand courage ont fait d'elle un être aimé et admiré bien au-delà des frontières du Royaume-Uni et du Commonwealth. Le souvenir de Sa Majesté La Reine-Mère demeurera à jamais graver dans nos mémoires.

## A WORD OF THANKS

The Monarchist League is known by journalists as the authoritative voice of information and responsible opinion on the Canadian Crown. It handles hundreds of such contacts every year. However a tidal wave of media requests for interviews and queries for background information and contacts, as well as



John Aimers with Lisa Laflamme, broadcasting live on CTV from outside Westminster Abbey, April 9, 2002.

- requests from the public for information, condolence book locales and memorial service information, inundated the League upon the death of The Queen Mother. It far outstripped the ability of the Dominion Chairman to deal with them; thus he would like to record his profound appreciation for the assistance, wisdom and professionalism of the following:
- Brock Weir, Jr, Designer, and Martin Green & Nicholas Pantino, techs, who twice in two months mounted special commemorative and informational "front pages" on the League's web site within a very few minutes of news of the Royal deaths;
  - Rafal Heydel-Mankoo, who was eloquent and superbly informed as Global TV's commentator on the Queen Mother's death, and who also gave innumerable other interviews to media;
  - The Branch Chairmen who not only spoke to local media but in many cases also helped to arrange memorial services from Victoria and Courtenay to St John's and Fredericton;
  - Arthur Bousfield, Paul Benoit, Richard Fiennes-Clinton, Jacques Monet, Bill Galbraith, Scott Burke and others who assisted with skill and consummate knowledge the Dominion Chairman with national media inquiries, not to forget Garry Toffoli who with his co-author Arthur Bousfield, was much in demand as a result of their seminal book on The Queen Mother vis a vis Canada;
  - Those Toronto-area members who participated in CTV's panel the day of the Funeral as well as members in other communities who shared so gracefully their memories and sense of loss with journalists.



# Canadians Celebrate the Lives of the Queen Mother & Princess Margaret

## THE QUEEN MOTHER

Commentary by Rafal Heydel-Mankoo

"The Queen Mother is dead". How strange it is that such a short sentence can so easily unsettle and disconcert. The words sound hollow and somehow false. They suggest that all is not right with the world. One might just as well write that the Statue of Liberty has sunk beneath the waves or that the Holy See is moving to Winnipeg. That the Queen Mother is no longer with us simply sounds impossible.

The Queen Mother was a constant. World wars were fought and won, fanatical ideologies rose and collapsed, empires crumbled, politicians and dictators were granted fifteen minutes only to become faded names in yellowed newspapers, fashions changed, traditions ended, the Queen Mother remained. Over the decades, as the world changed ever more dramatically, ever more rapid-



Display by the Saskatchewan Branch at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Regina, on February 6, the occasion of an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Photo: Derek Nicholls

ly, becoming, in the process, both increasingly chaotic and unfamiliar, the Queen Mother stood as a steadfast symbol of stability and continuity. She grounded us. We looked upon her as a Methuselah. The sight of that slight figure with her enchanting smile and gentle wave was enough to remind us that some things never change. From this we drew comfort and hope.

The Queen Mother was more than a constant, however. The Queen Mother was an institution. Born a Victorian and raised an Edwardian, the span of the Queen Mother's life is the span of our collective memory. Rightly or wrongly we largely divide history into two chronological periods: twentieth century history and pre-twentieth century history. The events that occurred in the years before the Queen Mother's birth are considered as remote as the Spanish Armada or the expeditions of Columbus. That which occurred after the Queen Mother's birth is familiar history, history to which we can relate, modern history, our history.

At the Queen Mother's birth men still debated whether we would ever take to the air, horse-drawn carriages had not yet surrendered the road to their noisy rival, the term "Titanic" carried no notion of tragedy and universal suffrage was a concept bound to rouse heated emotions. At the time of the Queen Mother's death people were planning holidays in space,

automobiles had become indispensable to life in the western world, the term "World Trade Centre" had joined and perhaps surpassed that of "Titanic" and women had led the governments of several powerful nations.

The Queen Mother was the Twentieth Century. She aged as the century aged and, in so doing, would ultimately be looked upon as a physical embodiment of modern history. She served as a rare bridgehead to the events of yesteryear. Through her we felt a tangible connection to our heritage and to our roots, those elements so critical to the foundation of any lasting national identity. Whilst she was alive, the early years of the last century did not seem so remote and thus our place in our national story could be better understood and realised.

These factors alone would render the Queen Mother a most memorable person. However, Her Majesty was more than mere constant or symbol of modern history. One need not accomplish anything to attain that status. One need simply exist. No. The Queen Mother was far more. The Queen Mother was human. She was alert to humanity. She was conscious of duty. She was an inspiration.

A healthy, productive society requires role models and icons. Their function is manifold but they ultimately serve to motivate, inspire and guide both the society as well as its constituent parts. Our era, for whatever reason, suffers from a paucity of true role models. True leadership and the notion of justifiably deserved respect and admiration have been all but forgotten in critical areas of modern life; replaced instead by artificially inflated figures of the hour or moment artfully created by powerful corporate hands and posed to resemble the genuine artifact. We are encouraged and expected to idolise and collectively prostrate ourselves before those who have become the physical personification of greed, selfishness and ego-in short before those for whom "I" has become the all-important mantra and for whom "duty" is understood only in terms of what others must do for them. Their faces are plastered on bill-boards, on magazines, on television and in the cinema. These are the great and powerful we are told. They are to be revered.

All that glitters is not gold. Beside the genuine that which is inflated and artificial looks crude and cheap. The Queen Mother was the real McCoy. She towered over feeble imitations. In a life dominated by personal self-sacrifice, dedication to duty and concern for others, even in the midst of great personal tragedy, Her Majesty epitomised all that was truly noble in the human spirit. To her we could look for examples of strength during adversity and calmness of spirit during times of upheaval. Yes Hitler did call her 'the most dangerous woman in Europe' and that defiant spirit was no less

## Message de l'honorable Lise Thibault, Lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec, suite au décès de Sa Majesté la Reine Elizabeth, la Reine mère

Alors que la fête de Pâques s'apprête à déployer ses ailes d'espérance, Sa Majesté la reine Elizabeth la reine mère vient de s'envoler vers son Éternité. Je perçois, entre ces deux faits, la similitude de la continuité. Cette noble reine nous laisse en héritage l'image d'une existence qui, en plus d'avoir eu le privilège de durer plus d'un siècle, est devenue un véritable symbole de constance et de fidélité à travers les mouvements de la vie. Constante envers le peuple britannique. Fidèle et présente à sa famille. Généreuse à partager les bonheurs reçus. Intègre et sereine dans un grand rôle auquel elle n'avait jamais songé. Voilà quelques visages inaltérables que nous lègue la reine

mère. Voilà un beau visage de la monarchie. Je ne l'oublierai jamais. Elle représente pour moi la beauté et la plénitude d'une vieillesse vécue de manière pleinement « vivante », à l'image de ce qu'elle fut jusqu'à la fin de ses jours. À jamais, cet heureux et inspirant souvenir s'est cristallisé dans mon cœur. À sa mémoire, je tiens à informer les citoyens que nous ouvrirons les portes du Cabinet afin de leur offrir la possibilité de signer un registre de condoléances. De plus, ils auront l'opportunité d'être témoins des temps forts de la vie de Sa Majesté à travers des photos et certains objets la caractérisant bien.



evident at the age of 101, as she disobeyed doctors to clamber into a helicopter and fly to her daughter's funeral, than it was at 40. These are the marks of a true role model.

Today's youth only remember the Queen Mother as a delicate grandmother, swathed in pink or blue chiffon. Let us not forget, however, that the fist in the velvet glove was indeed iron, and so too was the will. The Queen Mother's resolute determination saw the Empire through two of its greatest crises. Upon her husband's accession to the throne it was Queen Elizabeth who was the pillar of strength, tenderly but firmly encouraging and coaching King George VI through the terrible ordeals of his early kingship and the War which would soon be waged. During that war as a symbol of defiance against tyranny only Winston Churchill was their equal.

Whilst in almost all other areas society seems to cater to the lowest common denominator, how refreshing and inspir-



ing to know that here at least stood a shining example of those deeply cherished values and all-important beliefs that had guided civilised man through the ages.

The Queen Mother is dead. The words have lost none of their strangeness. Yet, the fact remains. We are all the poorer for it.

## COMMEMORATIVE ORDER OF SERVICE OFFERED TO MONARCHIST LEAGUE MEMBERS

Due to the thoughtfulness of Hon Sheila Copps and her officials at Canadian Heritage, who realized that many outside the Ottawa area could not attend the Official Canadian Service the day of The Queen Mother's Funeral, copies of the beautifully-conceived *Commemorative Service in Celebration of the Life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, CC* are being made available to members.



In sending this a substantial number of this beautifully-conceived tribute, Kevin MacLeod, Manager, State Ceremonial and Protocol, wrote the Dominion Chairman, "It is my hope that these additional copies will be made available to your members and provide them with an additional instrument to honour the memory of a truly remarkable woman who was so beloved by Canada and Canadians."

### FORM TO ORDER COPIES OF QUEEN MOTHER ORDER OF SERVICE

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## Royal tours

The Queen has visited Canada many times. Her first trip was in 1951, the year before she ascended the throne; her next is scheduled for October. Shown below is a map of Canada with all the places she has visited.

Not shown on the map: Sheshatshiu, Labrador; Strawberry Hill, Nfld.; Riverview, N.B.; Beauharnois, Que.; St. Lambert, Que.; La Pocatière, Que.; Ingleside, Ont.; Dagab, Man.; Baily Farm, Man.; Biggar, Sask.; Bruderheim, Alta.; Fort Edmonton, Alta.; Twin Island, B.C. and North Saanich, B.C.



DENNIS LEUNG, THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

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- **Golden Jubilee Web Site** – A site celebrating the events of Golden Jubilee Year, providing suggestions for community observances, offering helps for teachers and access to order materials which the Department has produced as well as a means to send

congratulatory messages to The Queen, and downloadable versions of the Canadian Jubilee logo. (<http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/jubilee/english.htm>)

- **Distributing a Jubilee Portrait of The Queen** – A new version of a photo portrait of Her Majesty is being made available *gratis* to all Provinces as well as to members of the public. In addition, Minister Sheila Copps has given 5,000 copies to the Monarchist League for distribution. [Ed note: to obtain your copy, see special order form p. 15]

- **Issuance of Free Materials** – A Jubilee Flag, logo, badge and A Jubilee Celebra-



tion Guide are all available *gratis* from the Department of Canadian Heritage. Information may be found on the web site, and also obtained from: The Jubilee Secretariat, Department of Canadian Heritage, 15 Eddy Street, 7th Floor, Hull, QC K1A 0M5 – [goldenjubilee@pch.gc.ca](mailto:goldenjubilee@pch.gc.ca) – Tel: (819) 953-6060 – Fax: (819) 997-8777.

- **Creation of A Golden Jubilee Medal** – One of the most significant activities of the Golden Jubilee celebrations is the awarding of the Golden Jubilee Medal. This commemorative medal will be awarded to some 46,000 Canadians who, over the past 50 years, have helped create the Canada of today, including young Canadians who are actively contributing to its future. This program is an opportunity to recognize citizens for an outstanding and exemplary achievement or service to the community or to Canada as a whole; or those who have made a sustained contribution over and above what might reasonably be expected of paid employment or voluntary action. In keeping with the Golden Jubilee spirit endorsed by the Queen, awarding of the medal will be inclusive and wide-ranging.

As Canadians look forward to welcoming The Queen for her Jubilee Homecoming in October, this map details Her Majesty's extensive travels throughout the Maple Kingdom over the last 50 years. Many communities she has visited on multiple occasions. How many who live full-time in Canada could boast such a thorough criss-crossing of this Realm?

The Medal is being produced by the Royal Canadian Mint, bearing on one side a contemporary effigy of The Queen. The other side features a stylized maple leaf with CANADA at the bottom and the years 1952 and 2002 to the left and right of the Royal Cypher and Crown. It will be worn suspended from a broad blue ribbon, with red outer stripes, double white stripes and a red central stripe.

(The Monarchist League of Canada has been informed that it will be one of the partners recommending citizens for this Medal, which award is being administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Government House.)

- **Royal Proclamation** – A Royal Proclamation has been issued to invite Canadians to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.



[Ed: See text, p. 9]

- **Canada Post** has issued and is reprinting a 48-cent stamp honouring The Queen. [Ed: See story p.2]

### YUKON BOOK OF JUBILATIONS

The Premier, Pat Duncan, launched Golden Jubilee celebrations on Accession Day by giving the Territory's residents a chance to show their feelings towards The Queen. "The Book of Yukon Golden Jubilations will offer people of all ages and cultures the opportunity to express their respect and appreciation to the Queen for her unwavering commitment to our country," Premier Duncan said. "The Queen's Golden Jubilee is a time for looking back at the central role that the Queen has played in the life of Canada and the Commonwealth over the last 50 years," said Duncan. "It is also a time for looking forward to the youth of the Yukon and Commonwealth countries and the role they will play in the future."



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The Province also boasts its own Jubilee web site: [www.gov.ab.ca/home/jubilee](http://www.gov.ab.ca/home/jubilee).

## SASKATCHEWAN GROWS MONARCHISTS AS WELL AS WHEAT!

Amongst a plethora of initiatives to mark the Jubilee in the heartland of the Prairies, including a Royal Proclamation declaring May 14-20 *The Queen's Golden Jubilee Week in Saskatchewan*, Provincial Secretary Joanne Crofford has written every school, library, Legion hall, municipality and loyal society to present each a framed portrait of The Queen. The Jubilee pictures were made available by Canadian Her-

The Yukon will celebrate 50 years of reign under the Queen on May 25 in a celebration at Rotary Peace Park, Whitehorse.



## BC BANNERS

The British Columbia government will be distributing some 7500 framed pictures of Her Majesty to the schools of the province. As well, banners celebrating the event will be placed throughout the capital city of Victoria.

Government House, through private donors including The Heraldry Society and the Monarchist League, is refurbishing and re-situating the 42 shields of Arms of those members of the Royal family and Governors-General who have stopped there.

## ALBERTA: ARTS & SCHOLARS HONOURED IN QUEEN'S NAME, WEB SITE SET UP

The Program for the Opening of the Legislature on Feb 26 bore a picture of Her Majesty and the Canadian Golden Jubilee logo. All assembled sang The Royal Anthem, accompanied by the Band of the RCAC who were arrayed in dress uniforms in the Press Gallery.

In the Speech from the Throne, Hon Lois Hole, the Lieutenant Governor, called the Jubilee "an auspicious anniversary that Albertans recognize with gratitude and love. Her Majesty has been a symbol of peace and stability for more than half a century. Long may she reign."

Her Honour went on to announce the following Jubilee initiatives – "to serve as a permanent remembrance of this historic anniversary" – on behalf of the Government:

- a new Premier's Citizenship Award will be established to recognize high school students' achievement in citizenship, community participation and leadership. Each year five students will receive the Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal and a \$5000 Award.
- The Queen's Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts will be established.

itage, and then framed at the Province's expense. "The Crown is an important symbol of our identity and unity as Canadians," wrote the NDP Minister, who went on to suggest that the portrait be hung "in a prominent place so it can be enjoyed by as many people as possible."

Other Saskatchewan Jubilee commemorations include

- A Government House celebration presided over by The Lieutenant Governor on The Queen's Official Canadian Birthday, Victoria Day, including entertainment and Regional launch of the RCM's Jubilee 50-cent coin, coupled with a community bell-ringing programme
- The suggestion that community flower beds be planted in the colour and shape of the Jubilee logo
- The commissioning of a bronze statue of The Queen on her favorite horse, Burmese (presented by the RCMP in 1969). The work is to be designed by local sculptor Susan Velder, to be erected on the Legislative Assembly grounds, paid for by a combination of individual contributions and \$30,000 of public funds. In an Accession Day letter to *National Post*, Premier Lorne Calvert called the statue "One last ride etched in bronze – filling golden memories for future generations to enjoy and to remember."
- Creation of an e-postcard of greetings to The Queen: [www.iaa.gov.sk.ca/provsec](http://www.iaa.gov.sk.ca/provsec), along with the opening of Books



of Congratulation in the Legislative Building, Regina and the Cabinet Office, Saskatoon.

- The publication of a new booklet, with distribution to all schools and libraries, outlining all Saskatchewan's official symbols, *Images of a Province: Symbols of Saskatchewan*

- A dedicated Jubilee website has been established at [www.gov.sk.ca/jubilee](http://www.gov.sk.ca/jubilee)

Many of the Province's initiatives were developed by The Saskatchewan Committee for The Queen's Golden Jubilee, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor, and composed of representatives from the Provincial Government, RCMP, Legion, HMCS Queen, Canadian Club, Royal Regina Rifles, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, 15 Wing Moose Jaw, Monarchist League of Canada and Department of Canadian Heritage.

At a December 10 launch ceremony at Government House, Her Honour Dr Lynda Haverstock underlined "The Crown has come to symbolize the unity of the people of Canada; furthermore, it helps us to maintain our distinctiveness. Our monarch represents the permanence and stability of our nation, which transcends the ebb and flow of party politics."

## MANITOBA GILDS GOLDEN BOY

The Golden Boy standing atop the dome of the Manitoba Legislative Building is one of Manitoba's best known symbols. Set in place in 1919, the graceful statue carries a sheaf of grain symbolizing the fruits of labour. The torch held high above his head as he strides forward calls on the youth of Manitoba to join in the pursuit and building of a more prosperous future. The Golden Boy faces north, looking toward Manitoba's rich natural resources, and has become an internationally recognized symbol of Manitoba's achievements and heritage.

In October 2000, the Manitoba gov-



ernment embarked on the latest stage of a multi-year restoration and repair project for the Manitoba Legislative Building and the Golden Boy. As part of the project a careful examination and technical study of the statue revealed a need for major repairs and replacement of the central support structure. It was decided that the famous statue would be taken down to ensure it could be properly repaired and restored. Restoration of the



Golden Boy will ensure his integrity and safety for future generations.

On February 9th, 2002 the 1,650-kilogram (3,640 pound) Golden Boy was removed from the top of the building. As a treasured and historical icon, every precaution was taken during this process to protect the statue. After a few minutes to lower it from the dome, the statue was then loaded onto a flat bed truck to begin the short journey to the Manitoba Museum for public display. The Golden Boy will remain on display at the museum until early March 2002. Restoration and re-installation of the Golden Boy is expected to be complete by the Queen's visit in October 2002.

The Manitoba Government is also distributing the new photo portrait of The Queen to all the province's schools.

## ONTARIO ANEMIC – CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT DELAYS PLANS

BUT COMMUNITIES SET JUBILEE PACE: Markham shows the way

The gradual waning of the Harris Government, and inevitable re-shuffling of responsibilities upon the swearing in of Ernie Eves as Premier, has left Ontario



A new Canadian family at Markham Citizenship Ceremony, Accession Day 2002.

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lagging behind other provinces in developing its Jubilee celebrations. In a March 14 letter to Monarchist League Dominion Chairman John Aimers, outgoing Citizenship Minister Cam Jackson wrote that "special activities and events will be announced throughout the year" The Archives of Ontario will mount an exhibition of Royal associations with the Province, the government will include the Golden Jubilee logo in much of its print materials and Ontario Honours will highlight the Jubilee, as well.

At the Speech from the Throne inaugurating the Eves administration, no mention whatsoever was made of the Golden Jubilee, an omission that surprised and disappointed Monarchists. Mr Aimers mentioned this to several Ministers and MPP's; and briefly discussed Jubilee plans with the newly-appointed Citizenship Minister, the Hon. Carl DeFaria at a Reception following the Speech.

However, local communities are nothing daunted by the lack of provincial leadership. A model community approach to celebrating the Jubilee has emerged from the fast-growing suburb of Markham, 15 miles north-east of Toronto. With the energetic support of Mayor Don Cousens, In January its Council established a Golden Jubilee Committee under the chairmanship of Stu Kellock, with the active participation of Councillor Jack Heath, and of Monarchist League members Aaron Campbell, Kwan-Ho Leung and Bev Stewart. The Committee has already executed several events: A Citizenship Court on Accession Day, February 6th emceed by Lloyd Robertson; and a Queen's Birthday Cake-Cutting at a packed local mall which was addressed by the Dominion Chairman if the League. Much of the Markham activity was reported by the Ming Pao daily, one of the large Chinese newspapers in

the GTA. Another Toronto suburb, Georgetown, is planning to rebuild a bridge in Cedarvale Park and name it "Jubilee Bridge" in The Queen's honour. Niagara on the Lake held a large community celebration on The Queen's Birthday, presided over by the "Lord Mayor." And Hamilton announced it would plant a special tree in Her Majesty's honour.

## QUEBEC GOVERNMENT BOYCOTTS "MONARCHICAL FOLLY"

The Government of Quebec has declined to take part in Jubilee celebrations, its Minister of Inter-governmental affairs dubbing them "a *monarchical folly*." Jean-Pierre Charbonneau said that Canada was "a kind of disguised British colony," and he recalled The Queen's approving a Canadian Constitution in 1982 which had been rejected by a majority of both Parti Quebecois and Liberal members in Quebec's National Assembly. Monarchist League Chairman John Aimers suggested that M. Charbonneau's position would not stop individual Quebecers from honouring The Queen they admire. He further pointed out that in 1982 The Queen was only following her constitutional role; and that indeed it was she whose speech on Parliament Hill drew attention to the absence of Quebec from the Proclamation Ceremonies, for which she expressed regret.

## NOVA SCOTIA: FISHERS OF LOYALTY

Premier John Hamm and Murray Scott, Speaker of the House of Assembly, marked the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at May ceremonies in Halifax on May 16. The Golden Jubilee flag was raised on the south lawn of Province House, where it was to fly throughout Royal Week until sunset on Victoria Day, Monday, May 20.

Premier Hamm said the flag symbol-



The Queen and Prince Philip at the garden entrance of Buckingham Palace in late October in a picture by Canadian musician Bryan Adams. He was one of a small group of photographers invited to take pictures of the monarch to mark her Golden Jubilee.

izes the Queen's representation for the past 50 years. "The Queen – our Queen – represents a Commonwealth based upon enduring freedoms, remarkable diversity and a tradition of lasting peace. She represents, in an extraordinary way, the values we share," he said.

The Premier, Mr. Scott and Lt.-Gov. Myra Freeman also unveiled an art piece commissioned specifically for the Golden Jubilee. The traditional Greek earthenware cup was created by Tracy Van de Wiel of Antigonish, who is a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Ms. Van de Wiel's creation was chosen from six student submissions for its relevance to the Jubilee themes and her use of Nova Scotia materials.

"This piece is special not only because it commemorates the Queen's 50-year anniversary, but also because of the significant tie the college has with the monarchy," said Mr. Scott. The college was founded by Anna Leonowens in 1887 in celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Speaker Scott remarked that the Jubilee cup will serve as a lasting legacy to the Queen's Golden Jubilee and will reside at Province House on a permanent basis for all to enjoy

## PICTURES FOR PEI SCHOOLS

On May 3rd, the Speaker announced in the Legislative Assembly that in honour the Golden Jubilee, a framed portrait of The Queen would be presented to every school on the Island.



The Queen regretted Quebec's absence from Constitutional Proclamation

## BILINGUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE WEB SITE LAUNCHED BY MONARCHIST LEAGUE

The Monarchist League of Canada launched its special site just before Accession Day, thanks to the diligent efforts of Webmaster Nicholas Pantino and translator Rene LeClere. It contains listings of Golden Jubilee events, links to websites and a provision for members and visitors to send congratulatory messages to Her Majesty. Readers can find the site at [www.goldenjubilee.ca](http://www.goldenjubilee.ca)



## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT PARTNERS WITH LAURA SECORD!

### CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Laura Secord and the Royal Canadian Mint have teamed up to distribute one of the Mint's Golden Jubilee projects – a special circulating 50-cent piece. Aware that Canadians tend to squirrel away the Mint's annual production of this rarely-seen but regularly-produced coin, Mint officials launching the Jubilee issue in four centres across Canada, offering free scoops of – surprise! – mint ice cream! The freebies will end, but Laura Secord stores, along with Canada Post outlets, Royal Bank branches and The Bay along with the Mint itself, remain sources to obtain and use the coin.

Other elements of the Mint's Jubilee programme include the double-dating of all circulating coins 1952-2002, special collectors' coins beginning with a Golden Jubilee dollar – and a national competition for children. The Royally Cool Kids'

Golden Jubilee Contest encourages those aged five to 13 to learn about coins and collecting, and to submit their answers to the question: "If you could ask Her Majesty The Queen one question, what would it be and why?" Running until September 13, the competition will send four winners to Ottawa to visit the Mint during The Queen's visit the month following. Entries on line at [www.mint.ca](http://www.mint.ca), the Royally Cool Money site, or by writing to the RCM at 320 Sussex Dr., Ottawa K1A 0G8.

### DOWNLOADABLE GOLDEN JUBILEE LOGO

Download your own copy of the Canadian Golden Jubilee logo for any dignified use. It is obtainable at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/jubilee/e-celebrations-toolkit-logo.htm>



Canadian Royal Montage, clockwise from top left: 1987, Inauguration of "Place de la reine Elizabeth II", Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec; 1977, The cavalcade leaves Rideau Hall on its way to the Third Session of the Thirtieth Parliament, Ottawa, Ontario; 1997, Chinese community MON SHEONG Foundation, Toronto, Ontario; 1994, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut; The Queen and Governor General Jules Léger at the official opening of the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal; 1997, Shetshashui community, Newfoundland & Labrador (centre).  
Photos: Dept of Canadian Heritage

## CANADIAN RADIO "HAMS" CELEBRATE JUBILEE

by Dave Goodwin

On 6 May 2002, Industry Canada's Amateur Radio Service Centre authorized all Canadian Radio Amateurs to use special prefixes to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada. From 18 May 2002 through 18 July 2002, the following special prefixes are authorised on a voluntary basis:

XM1 for VE1s, XL1 for VA1s, XM2 for VE2s, XL2 for VA2s, XM3 for VE3s, XL3 for VA3s, XM4 for VE4s, XL4 for VA4s, XM5 for VE5s, XL5 for VA5s, XM6 for VE6s, XL6 for VA6s, XM7 for VE7s, XL7 for VA7s, XM8 for VE8s, XM9 for VE9s, XN1 for VO1s, XN2 for VO2s, XO0 for VY0s, XO0 for VY1s, and XO2 for VY2s.

Please note that this period includes the Radio Amateurs of Canada's (RAC) Canada Day Contest on 1 July 2002 (please see <http://www.rac.ca/CANDAY.htm>) and the International Amateur

Radio Union's (IARU) HF Championship on 13 and 14 July 2002 (please see <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2002/rules-iaru.html>). I have a copy of the letter of authorisation and I would be willing to e-mail it to anyone who requires it.

For those not familiar with Amateur Radio, it is a hobby enjoyed by approximately 50,000 Canadians and two million people around the world. Also known as Ham Radio, people involved in this hobby pass examinations and are licensed to experiment with radio transmitters and receivers. Radio Amateurs can and do communicate with others around the world, using a variety of conventional and advanced communications techniques, using equipment and antennas installed in their own homes, their vehicles and in all sort of interesting locations.

## EXTRACTS FROM HON. SHEILA COPPS' FEB 20th SPEECH LAUNCHING FEDERAL GOLDEN JUBILEE INITIATIVES

Fellow Ministers, Members of the House of Commons and Senators; friends from the provinces and territories; representatives of the Canadian Forces; members of the Interdepartmental Committee for the 2002 Royal Visit; members of the Monarchist League of Canada; members of the Victorian Order of Nurses; members of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire; distinguished guests:

I am so pleased to be here today in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Canadians of my generation have known only a single sovereign, faithful and loyal to our people.

Like you, I have fond memories of Her Majesty's visits to Canada. Regardless of the setting, whether it was down home or uptown, she has always shown an unfaltering interest, deep commitment and sincere affection toward our country.

Over the years and decades, Her Majesty the Queen of Canada has personally witnessed the development of our society, our culture, our values and our identity as Canadians. And what an extraordinary development that has been!

Together, over the past 50 years, we Canadians from every walk of life have created a country of compassion and openness, a welcoming land known around the world for its commitment to democracy, fairness and respect for others.

Over the past half-century we have transformed our society. Today it is officially bilingual, steadily more diverse and firmly multicultural...

All along, Her Majesty the Queen of Canada has been unfalteringly by our side to celebrate our successes.

Fifty years after her accession to the throne, Elizabeth II remains a symbol of continuity, stability and tradition in a world that is under a barrage of constant change.

That is why Canadians are proud to celebrate the Golden Jubilee along with the people of Britain and the other Commonwealth nations.

I am delighted to be here today to launch the initiatives marking the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. The theme for this very special year will be "The Queen's Jubilee – 1952-2002 – A Canadian celebration."

The Government of Canada will carry out these initiatives through the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Jubilee Secretariat, in cooperation with partners in the provinces and territories, various federal institutions and community groups.

I am pleased to announce today that the Government of Canada has established a program to help Canadian communities to organize Jubilee activities during upcoming Canada Day celebrations.

I invite all Canadians to make use of events already organized under the "Celebrate Canada!" program in order to mark the Jubilee and celebrate our successes.

Canadians will be invited to participate in celebrations in Ottawa, the provinces and territories to underline the Queen's Jubilee and 50 years of Canadian achievements.

A guide has been developed to offer suggestions on how community groups across the country can celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada.

We have also launched a Web site today that will provide details on the Jubilee celebrations that are taking place.

And learning materials will be made available for children and youth wishing information on Canada's political system and the constitutional monarchy.

Canada's celebration of the Jubilee will culminate in a visit by Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh from October 4 to 15. This will give Canadians a chance to congratulate Her Majesty on her 50 years as Queen...

Let us together celebrate the 50 years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II!

Let us together celebrate 50 years of great Canadian successes!

Let us be proud of what we have accomplished as a nation during the last 50 years.

Let us help our children discover our past and take pride in our heritage.

Let us together celebrate the cohesive and creative nation that Canada is today.



# THE FOUNDER'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MESSAGE

*John Aimers' remarks at The Dominion Banquet  
with Prince Michael – March 13, 2002*

Your Royal Highness, Ladies & Gentlemen:

Our cause has found fresh wind.

A team of vice-regal representatives across the land celebrates the Canadian Crown, and brings it daily to the attention of thousands of our fellow subjects.

A COMPAS poll released just before Accession Day reveals that support for the Monarchy is at the highest level ever measured – 63%, including record levels amongst Quebecers and young people.

Often cooperating with members of other Loyal Societies, the League's work has never been more visible in the media; more effective in schools via our Red Box programme; more attractive to the youngest cohort of Canadians especially via our web sites; more successful, thanks to the hard work of yourselves and your fellow monarchists across the Dominion.



As we turn our focus towards the Jubilee Homecoming of The Queen this Thanksgiving, we reflect with pride and gratitude on all the gifts she has given us during her 50 years on the Maple Throne.

The gift of identity: Linking Canada to the vast multi-ethnic Commonwealth she has so nurtured, HM gives us our separate and distinct identity in North America.

The gift of citizenship: As the fount of citizenship, The Queen allows us to give our loyalty to her, thereby affirming that personhood rather than a collective melting pot is the basis of our allegiance, freely given, freely renewed by each generation.

The gift of reciprocity: Having taken an Oath at her Coronation to serve and rule in justice with mercy, she allows us to reciprocate in Oaths of Citizenship, Service and Office taken to her, so maintaining the balance of mutual obligation and respect between Monarch and subject that has underlain the social contract since the dawn of medieval kingship.

The gift of legitimacy: Government in its various instrumentalities, the judiciary and the military – all function in her name and under her authority, so giving our institutions a legitimacy that the fleeting tides of partisan political charisma could never do.

The gift of constancy: She has been a part of our lives, and resolute in her duty, for longer than most Canadians have themselves been alive. In a world where most in the work force change jobs no less than seven times, HM has followed one path, one vocation.

The gift of stability: Laws being administered in The Queen's name, we enjoy a stable society under the rule of law. We need not always agree with the law as written, but we can be assured that it is impartially administered.

The gift of restraint: Normally speaking "on advice," HM seldom talks in a personal vein, so when she does, her words carry the more weight, as an old friend, a wise counsellor, a beloved grandmother.

The gift of confidence: Seeking nothing for herself, she has not created or re-created an "image" or persona, and has gained respect by being herself rather than constantly re-inventing herself to suit the fads of an era.

The gift of bravery: She and her family have known the same disappointments and stresses as do all families, but hers has been played out on a public stage. However she has not once complained, explained, psycho-analyzed or excised. She continues in her round of obligation on our behalf, knowing that the best "therapy" lies in a focus on the lives, concerns and problems of others, the best medicine for and antidote to the self-indulgence of our age.

The gift of faith: Whatever our own, Elizabeth's is visible, simply expressed and devoutly lived not by the fanfare and breast-beating of the pharisee, but with humility: by living the life of faith and being seen to be constant in her attendance at Divine Worship.

The gift of years: Her Majesty's time has been our own, and freely given to us. For more than two-thirds of her 75 years she has lived under a public spotlight, and knit together her life and that of her family with our own and those of our families. Now, as does The Queen Mother, she defies stereotypes; and affirms the value of useful life well beyond some traditional arbitrary "retirement age."

In a word, Elizabeth our Queen is a seam of pure gold running through our land from Atlantic to Pacific to Arctic. To her we can but echo the bard: More is thy due than more than all can pay. And as for ourselves? – *"Come, Labour on, Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, While all around him waves the golden grain. And to each servant does the Master say, 'Go work today'."*

# CANADIAN COURT CIRCULAR

**July 16** – The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting, this evening received the Royal Canadian Army Cadet National Shooting Team at Frogmore House, Windsor Castle.

**July 24** – The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief The King's Own Calgary Regiment (RCAC) received Colonel Gordon Lennary (Honorary Colonel), Lieutenant Colonel the Hon. D. Hays (Honorary Lieutenant Colonel), Lieutenant Colonel J. Milne (Commanding Officer) and Warrant Officer E. McEvoy (Regimental Sergeant Major).

**August 2-3** – The Earl and Countess of Wessex attended a Dinner given by The Government of Canada for the Eighth IAAF World Championships in Athletics, at the Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta. They also attended a Gold Award Ceremony for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a lunch in support of the Award's Charter for Business and the Opening Ceremony of the IAAF World Championships.

**October 19-21** – The Duke of Edinburgh visited Toronto. He presented Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Gold Awards at the Royal York Hotel and a World Fellowship Lunch of the International Award Association. Subsequently HRH, as President Emeritus of the World Wide Fund for Nature, he attended a press conference, and a Dinner at the York Club.

**October 19-21** – The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) visited Toronto. He subsequently attended a Dinner with members of the Regiment at the Regal Constellation Hotel, Etobicoke. HRH also received the salute at the Regimental Trooping of the Colour at Caledon, Ontario, and a Regimental Ball in celebration thereof. Prior to departing for the UK, The Duke of Kent laid a wreath at the War Veterans' Memorial, Halton Hills, and visited his Regiment in training at the Barber Armoury, Georgetown.

**December 10** – The Prince of Wales received a gift of paintings from The Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour in Honour of Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee at Canada House, Trafalgar Square.

**January 15** – The Earl of Wessex, Chairman Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Young Canadians Challenge Charter for Business, accompanied by The Countess of Wessex, gave a Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

## IN THE NEXT ISSUE

**THE QUEEN & CANADA 1952-2002** – The distinguished Canadian historian Jacques Monet, sj, analyzes significant developments in The Queen's Reign

**THE COST OF THE CANADIAN CROWN** – A new authoritative study, completely updating and expanding the League's news-making analysis first issued in 1999

# EDITORIAL COMMENT

## ELIZABETH, MOTHER & QUEEN



So much has been written about Queen Elizabeth's life and death that he would be foolish who would try to add to the torrent of analysis and tribute, of memorable meeting recalled and triumphant tour revisited. These we came to read and see over the years, and they have been repeated with sincere embellishment during recent weeks. The Monarchist League's tribute is archived on its web site, and attempts to sum up a life that really lies beyond reckoning. Suffice it to say that each of us will carry his own special memory. Ours is of a warm summer day on Horse Guards Parade when The Queen Mother addressed the guests gathered to mark her centenary, a small figure under an immense blue sky. And of walking through Green Park afterwards seeing figures from that memorable pageant of her life in various stages of removing their costumes and uniforms, gulping refreshment and chattering excitedly. They knew, as did we, that something special had happened in our otherwise fraught and fairly self-centered existence. For a moment, the rest of the world had stopped, nothing else mattered, as an old lady looked back over her century and O so fondly smiled at her grandson as he rode beside her.

## A LOYAL SISTER

We are glad that we paid full tribute to Princess Margaret in these pages not many years ago when she was alive, and fairly well, and celebrating her 70th birthday. Hers was a life full of incident, perhaps more like our own in its ups and downs reflecting the restless shifting of norms in the second half of a century which proved a polar opposite to the five decades preceding. It may be that Margaret, in common with some of her generation and many of the next, never quite succeeded in reconciling the opposing pulls of these two worlds. Nonetheless, three constants remained to the end. She was loyal – to her Sister and Realm and friends in deed and in word. She raised and loved and was deeply loved by two happy, successful children. She worshiped God and sought His strength in the Sacraments of her Church. In the final analysis, would we not be content if such could be said of us?



## MICHAEL: THE QUEEN'S MAN IN CANADA

His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent is a man of many accomplishments. From January 1998 to the end of February 2002, he undertook 699 charitable and non-commercial engagements, in the process making 46 trips to 26 different countries including 11 to Russia alone, his passion springing out of the heritage of his bloodlines as he strives to assist her to regain the engine of enterprise and thus her traditional place amongst the family of western powers.



What a Royal troupier is this Prince! Here in Canada he crossed seven time zones, undertook nearly three-score engagements, boarded 13 flights, visited nine communities in four provinces and made about 19 speeches not to mention a clutch more of "few wordses," as in, "Your Royal Highness, would you just say a few words?" – in 12 days! For all this – just as for those 699 engagements – he receives not a penny from either the Civil List or the Privy Purse or the host organizations.

It is one thing to have "done" such a tour. We have all seen the great and good go through the motions, cold of demeanour, consciousness light years distant. We even saw Diana in this mode on a few occasions. It must be enormously tiring – and more than occasionally tiresome – to be piped into countless rooms, to dine with different strangers every night, to receive gifts of all sizes and shapes and portabilities – and, above all, to be the focus of every human eye. Not to mention the relentless camera just waiting for a shot suitable for the front page of London tabloids whose appetite for the embarrassing is as great as their acquaintance with journalism and truth is slight.

What so moved us about Prince Michael was his genuinely selfless devotion to The Queen and her Throne. This was reflected as much in his attitude and demeanour as in the warm words he spoke of his Royal Cousin. A gentleman, reserved, stylish but still conservative in dress; whimsically funny, acutely obser-

vant; forgiving of mistakes by those trying to serve him; ready to laugh at the inevitable absurd moments; genuinely moved by the warmth of the loyal and the excitement of the many young people he met; willing to do anything for the Crown consistent with an innate aura of dignity that surrounds him – and modest despite all fuss and ceremony.

It was an enormous privilege for Canadians to reacquire themselves with His Royal Highness. During every one of a fairly exhausting twelve days he could have been taking his ease; perhaps he should have been earning his living. Instead – he served Her Majesty. We do not doubt that she – and all of us whose lives he touched if but briefly, this wonderful exemplar of the spirit of Jubilee Year – do indeed stand in his debt and respect him most deeply for the great gift of himself.

## HILARY WESTON: THE QUEEN'S CHAMPION

"Thank you for taking on a job some would describe as thankless, or redundant, or anachronistic, and proving that it can be meaningful, progressive and make a real difference." So spoke the ever-eloquent John Fraser, Master of Toronto's Massey College, at its Corporation High Table which dined out the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario just prior to her leaving office. Hilary Weston came to her task having been excoriated by a media skeptical of her background of privilege. She left with even her harshest critics admitting in headlines they had been dead wrong.

We are privileged to have first-hand exposure to most of the Lieutenant Governors, and to admire their often-unheralded work on behalf of the Canadian Crown. Usually, theirs is not the stuff of headlines in the national media, but of the columns in community weeklies. But the ceaseless round of community visits and charitable endeavours – Mrs Weston attended over 1300 events, delivered over 600 speeches and visited some 90 communities in five years – knits together a great deal of the fabric of this land, and is enormously appreciated by all whom it touches.

In public duty as in private station, Mrs Weston brought a gimlet eye for detail, a determination to serve, to make a difference, to open her Office to those who perhaps before had not thought of it as their own, or as mattering to their concerns. Whether in hugging a battered woman at a shelter, making a midnight visit to Toronto's homeless on the streets and under the expressways, creating career vistas for youth or delivering speeches in a voice at once most gentle and yet most commanding of attention, Her Honour embraced us all.

It is also under her aegis that the Monarchist League Summer Intern programme began: six have had the priceless



opportunity to serve her at Queen's Park; and even as a seventh works for her successor this year, the reach of the programme has grown to assist vice-regal offices in British Columbia and Nova Scotia, as well.

With her husband Galen, who took enormous pride in Her Honour's accomplishments, and in turn gave generous support and time to assist her despite his own considerable responsibilities, Her Honour twice greeted the Heir to the Throne on Canadian soil. Twice the Westons made sure that Charles received an exposure – to skiing in the Rockies with his boys, to meeting diverse figures in the Canadian arts scene – and we to our next King, that government could not have effected. That is not the least of Their Honours' services on a stage beyond any one province's concerns. For many of her colleague Lieutenant Governors felt enormously inspired by her spirit and example.

We hope Hilary Weston feels the satisfaction of knowing how deeply she is loved, how profoundly respected. We wish her fair winds, fresh seas, fascinating harbours – and fond love.

## BRAVO SHEILA!



Whatever the convergence of movement towards the Monarchy in the polls and jockeying for position in some future leadership race and genuine affection for the Sovereign and close political calculus, there can be no doubt of a sea change in some of official Ottawa in respect of views about the Crown – or at least a willingness to celebrate the Golden Jubilee and to recognize that, as constitutional reality dictates, if the Crown is going to be around a very long time Canada might as well make the best use of it!

However, Sheila Copps' spearheading the Jubilee celebration with far more than token courtesy but real imagination and flare strikes us as a more genuine phenomenon. Criticize her judgement, chuckle at her exuberant style, step back a pace as she welcomes Charles with a kiss – but never question her loyalty, her resilience, her sincerity.

It would have been easy for the feds to have sloughed off the Golden Jubilee with a token coin, a scholarship fund and a three-day visit by The Queen to Ottawa-Hull. Public opinion would have resented it; but loyalty to the Crown mercifully is not the stuff of election issues or sustained Parliamentary debate. They could have "got away with it" as they did in '77 for the Silver Jubilee.


That they did not reflects, yes, the deep bonds between Queen and Maple Realm; yes, the hard work of the various Loyal Societies including The Monarchist League – but also the persistence and good judgment and loyal heart of Sheila Copps. Bravo, Sheila!

# CROWNS & MACES

## WITH LEAGUE INQUIRIES


**CROWN & MACES FOR ROYAL CANADIAN MINT • HALIFAX MEDIA, MLA GANG UP ON LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
• ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY: DEFEATISM IN ESSAY COMPETITION**

### PARLIAMENT


 **CROWN to Senator Lowell Murray** whose swift action forced newly-appointed Senator Raymond Lavigne to retake his oath of office in the Clerk's Chamber because he added the words "and to Canada" to the end of the Oath prescribed in the Constitution Act. Sen. Murray objected, saying the new senator was creating a precedent that might be taken advantage of by Quebec separatists who might want to add their own choice of words in the future. "Another honourable senator might decide to swear allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and to his or her spouse and children, or to the republic of Madawaska or to Opus Dei," said Murray. Lavigne claimed that he had added the words to further establish his credentials as a federalist. The rooky Senator clearly needs a crash course in civics as he is confounding his worthy intention with behaviour suggesting that he feels his wishes should run roughshod over the law. As well, he needs to understand how in swearing allegiance to The Queen, the embodiment of Canada, he does demonstrate his loyalty to Canada!



### THE PROVINCES


 **MACE to Nova Scotia Opposition Leader Darrell Dexter**, who in opposing the singing of The Royal Anthem in the Legislative Assembly, wrote, "The Royal Anthem is not appropriate in a legislative chamber whose constitutional purpose is to assert people's democratic right to govern themselves rather than be ruled by a monarch... God Save The Queen was replaced by O Canada as Canada's national anthem as a sign that the colonial era had truly ended... It was needlessly divisive to try and ignore our constitutional conventions and bring the royal anthem [sic] into the chamber." Stuff and nonsense! Loyalty to the Crown has often been proclaimed by MP's and MLA's as a reflection that Canada is a Monarchy, to which there is no "constitutional" objection whatsoever, witness the singing of the Royal Anthem in the House of Commons on Accession Day.

### THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT


 **CROWN to the Royal Canadian Mint** for its enthusiastic celebration of The Queen's Golden Jubilee in television advertising, in producing the



crowned effigy of HM on the most attractive Jubilee 50-cent coin and for organizing not only a children's web site but also a series of Jubilee Teas to provide regional launches for the circulating half-dollar. Our enthusiasm is tempered, however, by two MACES.

 **MACE to the Royal Canadian Mint** for part of its Communications Officer's astonishing reply to a member's suggestion it consider producing a coin in honour of The Queen Mother: "At the present time, there are no plans to mint a coin to celebrate the life of HM The Queen Mother, as this theme is more appropriate

to the British Royal Mint." We have no difficulty accepting that the Mint, as any commercial operation, needs to assess its programme, and might or might not be in a position to craft and market such a coin – though we wish it would. But the astonishing suggestion that a Queen Mother coin is more appropriate to Britain is as perverse as it is wrong. The Queen Mother was Queen Consort of CANADA, the first Queen to visit CANADA, deeply beloved by and affectionate to CANADIANS – and to do her honour is every bit as appropriate for the ROYAL Canadian Mint as for the British Royal Mint. Apparently Australia is indeed issuing such a coin – Australia! The hypocrisy of the RCM's reply is underscored as its Spring catalogue reveals it is issuing a 50-cent sterling coin as "a tribute to Princess Juliana." We respect and admire Princess Juliana – but how on earth is she a more worthy subject for a Canadian coin than our own Queen Mother? A complaint is issuing to the Master of the Mint.

 **Another MACE to the RCM** for its press release announcing the Silver Dollar Jubilee coin – to be sure an attractive item worthy of our Mint's worldwide reputation – which stated "not since Her Majesty Queen Victoria has a British monarch reigned for 50 years," as for the arrogance of its PR flack's response to the Dominion Chairman's objection that surely the Royal CANADIAN Mint celebrating the Golden Jubilee of The Queen of CANADA with a CANADIAN coin should denominate The Queen as Sovereign of CANADA – or as logically call HM "Queen of Papua New Guinea" or "Queen of Barbados." Which provoked a reply from one "Phil Taylor, Communications" as follows: "The sentence to which your query refers is both semantically and grammatically accurate." Hardly the point!

### FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS


 **CROWN to Canada Post** for recognizing the difficulty in stocking adequate supplies of the  of The Queen, and remedying it by ordering a reprint and ordering all postal outlets to carry it. This almost overcomes the tap of the Mace we had earlier reserved for CPC as a result of a December 3rd press release in which it described The Queen of Canada as "the fourth British Monarch" to attain her Golden Jubilee. True, but wouldn't "second Canadian Monarch" have been more helpful and to the point?

 **CROWN to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police**, whose Protective Services Unit provided security throughout Prince Michael's visit. The Dominion Chairman wrote Cpl. Pierre LeBlanc at RCMP Headquarters as follows: "I wanted to let you know, as a Canadian, how I felt both very proud of and grateful for the assistance of the RCMP Protective Services during His Royal Highness' tour just ended. I knew the Officers would be well trained




professionals; but I did not realize that each would prove to be so delightfully personable and helpful human beings, in addition. They were endlessly helpful, resourceful and patient – willing to go well beyond the call of duty, pick up a spare bag, give a lift, be visible when wanted and invisible when not – and I must especially mention Trevor here in Toronto in that respect. However, they were all wonderful people, and made my job – and more importantly, the Prince's passage through Canada – much smoother and more enjoyable. Please accept my thanks, and pass my appreciation on to all the Officers concerned: they rule!"

### THE MEDIA

 **CROWN to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation** for outstanding and complete live coverage and film presentations on The Golden Jubilee. The CBC's web site has also offered excellent comprehensive information on the subject. We should expect no less of our national broadcaster; but the acknowledgement of the role of Canada's Crown, and the popularity of the Monarchy amongst viewers, was not a feature of the Corporation's programming in the 70's and 80's.




 **MACE to the Halifax Daily News**, other elements of the Halifax media and a self-aggrandizing, unknown but ambitious MLA, **Bill Estabrooks**, for their relentless and *ad hominem* attacks on Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman. The character assassins of the Bluenose Province now focus their gimlet eyes on items such as




- expensive repair bills for Government House (the oldest Government House in the Commonwealth and thus a precious historic building where even the smallest wiring change is indeed costly);
- the cost of outside Christmas lighting decorations (the House is situated in the heart of Halifax – moreover, Her Honour's assisting downtown merchants and city fathers in celebration of a holiday not her own might better be considered civic boosterism, broad-minded and ecumenical);
- Her Honour's absence from services for Canadian casualties in Afghanistan (Her Honour was fully represented by the Administrator as is provided for in the Constitution while she undertook a long-planned trip to China which the cost of canceling and securing an immediate return would have provoked howls from the same quarters);
- Her Honour's not attending the 10th anniversary observance of the Westray mine disaster (Mrs Freeman was entertaining The King and Queen of Norway, a visit long planned and minutely arranged by the federal government, a diplomatic courtesy over which she had no control or choice whatsoever. Moreover, she was not invited to the disaster vigil);
- Her Honour's supposedly "Martha Stewart" style – simply a tribute to a Lieutenant Governor who tries to make sure that every Nova Scotian feels welcome in an elegant Vice-Regal home, which is no more "her mansion" than the White House


is George Bush's.

Those who make it their business in life to denigrate the best (and occasionally flawed) efforts of others must have hurt Mrs Freeman's feelings, perhaps even her standing amongst some elements of the population – mud sticks. But more Nova Scotians, we feel confident, admire her inclusivity in bringing so many and so diverse people and events to Government House, her ceaseless travels around the Province and her evident loyalty to The Queen, concern for the Office and the populace. Stick to your duty, Your Honour – and don't let the nay-sayers get you down!


 **CROWN to the seniors' periodical Forever Young**, which celebrated the Jubilee in its March issue and placed a beautiful portrait of Her Majesty on its front cover.

### CORPORATE CANADA

 **CROWN to Raymond Leach**, Catering Services Manager of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, who coordinated the innumerable details of HRH Prince Michael's accommodation during the Prince's five days in the GTA, as well as the Dominion Banquet tendered by the League. Mr Leach and his team were unflappable, courteous, professional and sophisticated – and it was a delight dealing with him and the Hotel, from the Doorman who retrieved the keys locked inside the Dominion Chairman's automobile to the bell and room service staff for whom nothing was too much trouble! Thank you!

 **MACE to The Great West Life Insurance Company** whose Winnipeg Headquarters – unlike nearly every other property-owner in the country – refused to lower the National Flag during the period of National Mourning for The Queen Mother, doing so only on the day of the Funeral.

### THE LOYAL (?) SOCIETIES

 **MACE to The Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition organizers in Great Britain** for ignoring the Golden Jubilee in its essay competition of many years' standing entered by children throughout the Commonwealth, and for its supine response to the Monarchist League of Canada's constructive criticism and suggested remedy. Chairman John Aimers wrote the Director-General at RCS Headquarters in London:

"...It seems incredible to me that the Royal Commonwealth Society, with its "Royal" designation, its Royal Patrons and its distinguished record of service to Crown and Commonwealth, would have completely ignored the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen as affording a rich field of potential essay ideas about which both HM's young subjects in the Realms, and those who live in the Commonwealth republics, could profitably have written. Indeed, the only "Royal" reference is to conducting Prince William on a tour of one's country – not a bad topic as far as it goes – but one not at all linked to the Jubilee but rather to the Prince's well-known "star" qualities.



"With the Jubilee's themes of celebration, service and community involvement providing a host of potential essay topics directly linked to The Queen's 50 years of giving to the Commonwealth and incarnating the Crown in all its diverse senses and roles, it does seem to me that the RCS has sadly missed the boat. It is a failure which both puzzles and deeply disappoints me. I shall await your explanation with interest and concern, and hope that, even now, you might issue a supplementary list of topics à la your "Commonwealth" topic which could be quickly distributed and promoted."

After consulting the Chief Examiner of the Competition, the Society's Director-General, Stuart Mole, replied:


"...At the outset, I ought to make clear that the Royal Commonwealth Society intends to mark the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen in a number of highly significant ways, including through a special publication "Commonwealth of Nations" which will be distributed extensively around the Commonwealth. Apart from the Commonwealth Day celebrations (and the multi-faith Observance which The Queen will attend), other activities and initiatives are planned to express the Society's profound appreciation to Her Majesty for her role both as our Patron and as Head of the Commonwealth. That said, not all the activities of the RCS are necessarily appropriate mechanisms for celebrating the Golden Jubilee, and this is the view we took of the Commonwealth Essay Competition, for two reasons.

First, the examiners have found through past experience that, by and large, questions about the Royal Family have not been successful in generating entries or encouraging writing which is creative and informed. The question for 2002 on Prince William was crafted with this consideration in mind. Second, one of the principal purposes of the Competition is to promote the modern Commonwealth, its principles and its programmes. It is a regrettable fact that, almost universally, there is little public understanding of the distinction between The Queen's role as Head of the Commonwealth and her duties as Queen of her various realms. In some countries – such as Australia, and to an extent Canada – where there is any kind of domestic debate about the constitutional position of The Queen as the Head of State, there is room for misunderstanding and confusion unless the distinction is made very clear. In our view, the Essay Competition is not a suitable channel for seeking to clarify this distinction, which is why we decided not to include a question on the Golden Jubilee..."


If indeed there is "little public understanding" or even "misunderstanding and confusion" about any of The Queen's roles vis a vis Commonwealth and Realms, one would have imagined that the Royal Commonwealth Society, operating throughout the Commonwealth, would have been precisely the organization to rectify the situation via the supporting material accompanying an educational venture such as a world-wide essay competition for students, rather than resort to the reductionist argument, above, which merely serves to perpetuate the unhappy situation, and casts a shadow of valueless defeatism over a hitherto-proud organization. God help us if such is to be the attitude of "loyal societies."

While the Canadian RCS, with which the League enjoys frequent positive contacts, has not taken any public stand on the controversy, its President Dr. Peter Meinecke did contact the Dominion Chairman and courteously offer to bring forward the matter to Headquarters' attention.

MACE to elements in the IODE who as the result of the ever-pernicious recommendations of that tool of modern marketing and vacuity of principle "the focus group," have managed to inveigle the venerable and loyal charitable women's organization remove an affirmation of Loyalty to the Sovereign from its practice and ritual. Societies which seek to adjust their raison d'être to become more "relevant" generally lose the hard-won credibility built up – in the case of IODE – since 1900. It is no secret that the group has been hemorrhaging members (IODE's membership has fallen from 38,000 in its heyday to only 7,000 today), as rural populations shrink, along with the class of full-time women volunteers who used to be the backbone of so many voluntary societies. But the revival of a definite mission and sticking to founding ideals is more apt to produce a strengthened membership than this lamentable abandonment of loyalty passed at the National AGM on a 3/5ths vote by fewer than 200 of the remaining members.

 CROWN to Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children's Dr E.T. Barker, who graciously acknowledged a number of donations made to the organization in memory of Princess Margaret by writing Her Majesty – the Princess was Patron of the equivalent group in the UK.


#### LOYAL CANADIANS

 CROWN to Pierre Trepanier, an Ottawa member of The Monarchist League of Canada, who established the Golden Jubilee exhibition depicted [below] in the display case of Devonshire Community Public School attended by one of his children. If every Canadian



sought out a school in which to mount a similar commemoration this Fall, the effect on HM's youngest subjects would be incalculably good.

#### ACADEME

 MACE to the University of British Columbia, which refuses to sing The Royal Anthem at Convocation on the basis of "protocol" advice that it is correctly sung in Canada in the presence of members of The Royal Family. Silly UBC! Protocol merely dictates what should be done in official circumstances; it does not proscribe anything! By UBC's application of cold logic, "God Save the Queen" would be seldom sung in the Dominion – not, for instance, sung at all during the nationwide chain of memorial services for The Queen Mother; not once during the countless Jubilee observances stretching coast to coast to coast prior to The Queen's arrival; never at school assemblies. The University's position is patent nonsense and reductionist republicanism of a low order. The Royal Anthem is *correctly* sung in Canada whenever and wherever loyal souls gather and wish to sing it. A pox on such pseudo-academic babble!



### Canadian Astronaut Presents Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock with Saskatchewan Flag from Shuttle Mission

On Wednesday, April 10, 2002, Canadian Astronaut Dr. Dafydd (Dave) Williams visited Regina to present Lieutenant Governor Haverstock with the Saskatchewan Flag that he took on his 1998 Shuttle Mission. Former Lieutenant Governor Wiebe gave Dr. Williams the flag on a previous visit to Saskatchewan.

In April 1998, Dr. Williams participated in STS-90 as Mission Specialist 3 aboard Space Shuttle *Columbia*. During the 16-day flight, called Neurolab, the seven- person crew served as both experiment subjects and operators for 26 individual life science experiments. Dr. Williams was appointed director of the Space and Life Sciences Directorate at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas in July 1998. He is the first non-American to hold a senior management position with NASA.

Courtesy Government House, Regina

## COLOUR LITHO PORTRAITS OF QUEEN AVAILABLE

### FREE OFFER TO LEAGUE MEMBERS KINDNESS SHEILA COPPS

Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps has kindly made available to the Monarchist League of Canada 5,000 copies of the Golden Jubilee photographic portrait poster of Her Majesty The Queen. The League is asking members to request copies, and then – according to one's means and the needs of the receiving organization – to have them framed or foam-core mounted, and present them to your local community centre, fire hall, school, place of worship, Legion Hall, hospital, library – anywhere where they will be visible! (*Remember, in Provinces participating in the federal Jubilee programme, all schools will be receiving copies from their provincial governments. Make sure that your principal displays the photo visibly and that it is not "lost."*)

POSTERS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. The modest cost of postage and mailing tubes is being partly subsidized by the League. Like the Minister, and no doubt, our members and readers, we hope that this portrait will receive the widest possible distribution, and hang for many years not only as a remembrance of the Jubilee but also as a reminder of Canada's status as a constitutional monarchy. *At this point, we are limiting distribution to five per member.* Please request only the number that you feel certain you can place visibly in your community.

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# Royal Round-up

**QUEEN COLLECTS CANADIAN WATERCOLOURS... MIXED VIEWS ON FREUD PAINTING OF QUEEN... SAUL BOOK CONTROVERSY... STEWARD RECEIVES ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL... FORCES MAY TINKER WITH LOGO... WESSEXES TO FULL-TIME ROYAL DUTIES...ANDREW ADMITS WAR TERROR... NEW PORTRAIT OF QUEEN... BARBADOS REFERENDUM NIXED... QUEEN VOWS TO CONTINUE... DAUGHTER FOR LINLEYS**

HALIFAX, November 21 – Nova Scotia became the latest Province to unveil its Honours System, the Order of Nova Scotia. At a Government House ceremony, the Lieutenant Governor and Premier unveiled the



The Order of Nova Scotia is unveiled by the Lieutenant Governor with Premier Hamm and Minister MacDonald

insignia of the medal recipients will receive. The medal's insignia depicts the province's symbols, including the Shield of Arms, the mayflower – the province's floral symbol – and the St. Edward's Crown.

"We are fortunate to have so many citizens who have distinguished themselves and brought honour and prestige to our province in many fields of endeavour," said Tourism & Culture Minister Rodney MacDonald. "Given the endless list of possible candidates, we have not established specific categories in the selection process, and the only path to an Order of Nova Scotia will be through merit." An non-partisan Advisory Committee has been established to review all nominations and recommend the appointment of members. In the first year, 10 Nova Scotians will be awarded the medal, and up to five annually thereafter.

SCHLIERSEE, BAVARIA, November 24 – Princess George of Hanover, last surviving sister of The Duke of



Prince Andrew of Greece, Princess Alice and their children. Princess George stands behind her father.

Edinburgh, died in a nursing home near the Austro-German border. Godmother to the Earl of Wessex and a frequent visitor to Royal homes in the UK, the Princess often spent summers at Balmoral. With her husband, Prince George, grandson of the Kaiser, she attended The Golden Wedding Service for The Queen and Prince Philip at Westminster Abbey in 1997. Born Princess Sophie, she remained close to her brother, and in 1994 she accompanied him to Jerusalem to witness their Mother Princess Alice of Battenberg being honoured as Righteous for having hid a Jewish family in her Athens flat during World War II.



LONDON, December 6-10 – After being evacuated by air from Bagshot Park, The Countess of Wessex underwent an emergency operation for an ectopic pregnancy at King Edward VII Hospital. An ectopic pregnancy occurs when the foetus develops in a fallopian tube rather than the womb. As a result, both Mother and child are at risk. In a state-

ment from her bed, Sophie said "I am obviously very sad. But it was just not meant to be. There will be other chances." The Earl remained at Buckingham Palace to be close to his wife's side throughout the painful ordeal.



LONDON, December 12-15 new Canadian watercolours were added to The Queen's collection to be displayed at Windsor Castle. They were chosen by a jury of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour, and accepted by The Prince of Wales at Canada House on the Queen's behalf. Amongst artists represented are Alice Reed of Antigonish, NS; Ron Hazell of Brookside, NS; and Toronto artist Ross Monk. The Queen now owns some 75 Canadian watercolours. "It gradually dawned on me, what makes it so interesting is that it records the minutiae of people's lives," the Prince said. "This makes it so special."

OTTAWA, December 13 – The Prime Minister defended HE John Ralston Saul from criticism by the Canadian Alliance of views expressed in his new book *On Equilibrium*. Acting Opposition Leader John Reynolds had criticized Mr Saul for suggesting the West was partially responsible for the September 11 attacks, and for characterizing President Bush's initial response as "frail and weak." M. Chretien told reporters that His Excellency "is not the Governor General and he has the freedom of speaking... He is not a member of the Cabinet and has a right to express himself the way he wants." He went on to observe "No doubt about it, he is a controversial person at times. But we have Madame Clarkson – she is the Governor General and she is doing a very excellent job." Writing on December 20th in *The Globe & Mail*, Professor Andrew Cohen explained attacks on the Governor General and her spouse as actuated by "the scribbling accountants of envy," and he extolled their work as having made the vice-regal office "a fulcrum of creativity and an emblem of pride... Thoughtful people can differ over the appropriate role of the spouse of a governor-general. In this case, the Prime Minister, the leader of the Conservative Party and the head of the Monarchist League supported Mr Saul. That seemed lost in the spirited assault on Mr Saul." In the same newspaper, columnist Hugh Winsor responded to Monarchist Chairman John Aimers' defence of Saul by observing "It must certainly be a turning point in the arcane dialogue about the status of the vice-regal consort when even the Monarchist League ignores the spluttering."



TORONTO, December 16 – Pauline McGibbon, first woman vice-regal representative in the Commonwealth when she was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in 1974, died in Toronto aged 91. The native of Sarnia was a dedicated volunteer, who returned to the Treasury 95% of her annual salary as Queen's representative.

LONDON, December 16 – The British Royal Mint unveiled a £5 coin to honour The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Crown features an equestrian portrait of HM on one side, with a "reflective" contemporary profile on the other. The inscription reads *Amor Populae Praesidium Reg* – "The Love of the People is The Queen's Protection." The circulating version of the coin will be released in May 2002.

LONDON, December 21 – Lucian Freud's tiny but striking new portrait of The Queen provoked strong reactions as it was unveiled in the run-up to the Jubilee. The Daily Telegraph agreed that it was "extremely un-



flattering" but went on to observe "this is a picture of a woman who takes her duty extremely seriously, who has suffered but who is determined not to allow her suffering to get the better of her," and to conclude that people will argue about the work as they did when the now-classic Annigoni portrait was first displayed – saying that the Freud one is "every bit as good." *National Post* editorialized that "Freud has brilliantly captured fundamental elements of The Queen's character: her strength and authority, her stoicism and the marks of long life's cares... a reservoir of knowledge and understanding." By no means the most ringing dissenting opinion came from the Editor of *The British Art Journal*, who remarked "It makes her look like one of the Royal corgis which has suffered a stroke." Monarchist League Dominion Chairman John Aimers commented to the media in verse:

*"Now Lucian Freud's 'painted' The Queen  
Whom we know for visage serene;  
His horror says less  
About Royal stress  
Than it does of court artists: vain, mean."*

KENSINGTON PALACE, December 25 – Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, widow of Prince Henry of Gloucester, who was fourth in line to the Throne at the time of their Marriage in 1935, marked her 100th Birthday. The Royal Family had celebrated the occasion at Kensington Palace on December 12. The Dowager Duchess is described as physically well but afflicted by difficulties with her memory.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE, January 1 – The Queen's New Year's Honours List named Ernest Dennis, Chief Steward to Ontario's Lieutenant Governors for 20 years, as recipient of The Royal Victorian Medal (Silver). Ernie, as he is known to staff and frequent visitors to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, retired in February coincident with the



departure from the vice-regal office of Hilary Weston. The Royal Victorian Order and Medals, instituted by Queen Victoria, are in the personal gift of The Queen, and awarded to those who serve the Crown directly.



LONDON, January 1 – In a listener poll to determine Britain's greatest monarch, conducted by Radio 4's Today programme, the 10,000 voters gave Elizabeth I top place with 31%; Elizabeth II finished just behind at 27%. The remaining finalists included Alfred The Great (26%), Henry II (9%) and Victoria (7%).



Nineteen-year-old Princess Madeleine could not cope with the attentions of the paparazzi.

LONDON, January 9 – It was announced that Princess Madeleine of Sweden, third in line to the Throne, quit her English studies in London and returned to Stockholm because of incessant harassment by paparazzi.

SANDRINGHAM, January 13 – The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster became the first member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy since the Reformation to preach at the invitation of the Sovereign. Cardinal Murphy O'Connor delivered the Sermon today during Matins at Sandringham Parish Church on the Norfolk estate of The Queen.

RIDEAU HALL, January 14 – The Governor General announced 96 appointments to The Order of Canada. Former federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent was named a Companion, while amongst the new Members were hockey great "Red" Kelly, communications guru Phil Lind and artist Ken Danby.

WINDSOR, January 24 – In honour of the Golden Jubilee, a new landscape garden is to be created at Windsor Castle, the first to be made there in 200 years. Due to be completed in June, the garden will stretch from the main gates to St George's Gates on Castle Hill, familiar to visitors as their entrance point. Centrepiece will be a bandstand of English stone, which will provide the setting for regular performances by the Bands of the Household Division.



Victor Williamson and his Royal Warrant

SANDRINGHAM, January 31 – The Queen granted a unique Royal Warrant – "By Appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Mole Controller" to Victor Williamson, who spends three days a week trying to control moles on the Sovereign's 20,000-acre estate.



AMSTERDAM, February 2 – A quarter million lined the streets to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Willem-Alexander to Maxima Zorreguieta. Polls reported a threefold increase in support for the nuptials, originally clouded by media focus on the bride's father, a Minister in the former Argentinian Junta who did not attend the wedding.



Existing CF logo top; one of proposed new ones, bottom

OTTAWA, February 4 – Only the reaction of "focus groups" saved the word "Canadian" and the Royal Crown on the Canadian Forces logo, says a Department of National Defence report. DND had considered dropping these elements from its logo, considering them "stodgy" and "outdated," and the Crown "a major irritant" making some respondents wonder if Canada was "subservient to Britain," in favour of one word "Forces," with the "O" being turned into a Crest or Maple Leaf. Further redesign proposals remain under consideration.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, February 13 – The Queen presented former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, "for services after the September 11th

tragedy." Her Majesty and Mr Giuliani chatted for several minutes; afterwards he paid tribute to The Queen's "tremendous support" and said "We have no better friends than Great Britain."

LONDON, February 13 – Historian John Keegan warned that there remain only 18 living holders of the Victoria Cross (of whom but one is Canadian, Ernest "Smokey" Smith) and that the pre-eminent decoration for supreme bravery in the face of the enemy may be at risk of dying out.

DUBLIN, February 14 – The Prince of Wales presented New Year's Honours to five citizens of Ireland, the first time such honours have been presented by a member of the Royal Family in the Republic since partition and creation of the Irish Free State in 1922.



The late "Bud" Olson

EDMONTON, February 14 – The death was announced of the Hon. H.A. "Bud" Olson, one of Alberta's most unhappy choices as Lieutenant Governor. A former Cabinet Minister and Senator, Mr Olson undertook few engagements during his time as HM's representative in the Province, and engaged in an unseemly public row with his predecessor about the location and funding of the annual New Year's Levee.



The Queen in ceremonial cloak of kiwi feathers to meet Maoris

CHRISTCHURCH & AUCKLAND, February 25-27 – The Queen renewed her acquaintance with Sir Edmund Hillary, and was also greeted by cheering Maoris during her New Zealand tour, when she paid a visit to the Ngai Tahu Meeting House. The staunchly-royalist indigenous peoples make up 16% of the population. Prime Minister Helen Clark, who has called republican status "inevitable" for the Island Realm, not only absented herself from The Queen's arrival, but sat down before the playing of *God Save The Queen* at the State Banquet in the Queen's honour, springing to her feet as the standing Queen cast her a sideways glance.



His Excellency John Ralston Saul in the wine cellars of Rideau Hall

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, February 28 – Continuing his profiling of Canadian Wines, HE John Ralston Saul led an ambassadorial delegation for a three-day visit to this principal wine region of Ontario. Calling this "a watershed moment" for the national wine industry, Mr Saul said "the real possibility of a serious export market is at hand."



LONDON, March 2 – The Earl and Countess of Wessex announced that they will relinquish their careers in order to take up Royal duties on a full-time basis. In informing a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Conference of their decision, Prince Edward said that "It is quite obvious in this year, the Golden Jubilee, we are required, more than ever, to support The Queen and to help my family shoulder some of the increasing responsibilities and workload into the future."



Accompanied by The Governor General of Australia, The Queen & Prince Philip are welcomed to Adelaide by Aboriginal dancers

BRISBANE, March 3 – In ending her second Australian tour in three years, during which the warmth of her reception in Adelaide, Cairns and Brisbane is said to have "amazed and excited" her, The Queen addressed over 30,000 gathered in the rain on Queensland's "People Day." The Queen is said to have especially enjoyed her rail trip on the Barossa Wine Train, where 12,000 – of a



Enthusiastic Brisbane walkabout welcome – The Queen "amazed"



Australian champagne quenches Royal thirst

population of 18,000 – greeted her alighting at Gawler – and enjoyed the rare spectacle of the Monarch drinking a glass of the local sparkling wine. During a Garden Party at Government House, Adelaide, HM revealed to members of the Adelaide Hills Kennel Club that after years of experimenting she had been successful in breeding tri-coloured Corgi pups.



Premier Mike Harris looks on as James Bartleman takes the Oath to become Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

QUEEN'S PARK, March 7 – A diplomat with First Nations roots, most recently Canada's Ambassador to the European Union, James Bartleman was sworn in as Ontario's 41st vice-regal representative. The 62-year old Lieutenant

Governor told the audience at his Installation "As a Canadian with aboriginal as well as white roots, I bring a particular regard for the positive role which the Crown has played in aboriginal affairs over the centuries." In addition to raising the profile of Aboriginal issues, Mr Bartleman is expected to champion mental health causes: he has suffered from Depression since he was robbed and beaten while representing Canada in South Africa. "A message of inclusion in the halls of power," ran an editorial in the Orillia Packet & Times welcoming the appointment.



The Prince of Wales and his sons at start of March skiing holiday

LONDON, March 11 – In a speech to editors marking the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first daily national newspaper, The Prince of Wales thanked them for the way they had treated his sons. "I do want to underline my own very real gratitude and, indeed, surprise, for the manner in which all newspapers have sought to give my two sons, William and Harry, as much privacy as is possible in their position: a position which is, of course, not one they have chosen for themselves. Growing up is not easy – When was it, I wonder? – but I suspect our modern world makes it even more difficult and they, along with others, have been through times of immense difficulty and tragedy. But they have been able to do so much of the time in relative privacy, and they, and I, continue to be very grateful that they have been allowed a measure of peace."



MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, March 12 – A new portrait of the Queen has been unveiled by Commonwealth Secretary-General Don McKinnon. The monarch's full-length, vibrantly coloured likeness was commissioned by the Commonwealth in celebration of HM's Golden Jubilee. The Queen, dressed in royal blue, is depicted standing against a backdrop of images from Commonwealth



nations – Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, the Taj Mahal in India, the Houses of Parliament in London, Montego Bay in Jamaica and a totem pole from British Columbia in Canada. The Nigerian-born artist, Chinwe Chukwuogo-Roy, lives in Suffolk. *“The Queen is a great communicator,”* she said. *“She’s observant, humorous, interesting and generous with her time. I hope I have succeeded in capturing some of these qualities in my painting.”*

OTTAWA, March 19 – After discussion on the issue spanning 19 years, The Senate by voice vote passed Bill S-34, to amend the way by which The Royal Assent is given in The Queen’s Name, allowing for a declaration of Assent by The Governor General, and prescribing at least two traditional in-Chamber ceremony in each calendar year, including the first Appropriation Bill to be passed by Parliament. The Bill was first amended on the suggestion of Sen Grafstein to permit at least one member of each House to be present when Her Excellency gave private Assent. The Bill received Second Reading in the House of Commons on April 19th with all parties speaking in support. Peter MacKay (PC-Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough) speaking for the Tories, acknowledged the Monarchist League’s opposition to the Bill. It was then referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. That Committee reported the Bill to the House of Commons on May 9th, where, after brief debate, it passed, subsequently receiving The Royal Assent on May 31st. [Ed – See ‘From Parliament Hill,’ p. 20]



general notice when in 1994 his daughter, Pooh, mysteriously disappeared during a walk at Balmoral.

ST ANDREW’S UNIVERSITY, March 28 – Due to Prince William’s attendance, it was reported by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council that applications to the Scottish University have shot up by 44% last year, *“with many of the approaches coming from American women.”* A dramatic increase in local housing prices was also attributed to the Prince’s presence in the Fife community.



KLOSTERS, March 30 – The Prince of Wales joshed with his two sons and a party of friends at the start of a Swiss skiing holiday subsequently cut short by news of The Queen Mother’s death. Prince William, 19, told media he was finding university life *“very good fun,”* and that he would be trying snowboarding for the first time, to which Charles observed *“I know when I’m too old for something.”*

LONDON, March 30 – In an interview marking the 20th Anniversary of the Argentine Invasion of the Falklands, The Duke of York said that his war experiences had given him a deep understanding of courage, sacrifice and camaraderie. *“It was dirty; it was exhausting; it was monotonous; people really bled and death might be a consequence,”* he wrote. *“It was nearly 99 per cent routine business and one per cent sheer terror. I suffered the same feelings of fear and uncertainty as did the rest of my colleagues.”*

LONDON, April 9 – Asked, in French, while in London for The Funeral of The Queen Mother about the Monarchy’s role in Canada, the Prime Minister replied: *“It’s not a problem now because we have a governor-general who is named by the prime minister and is a citizen of Canada ... The system works well. Perhaps from a theoretical point of view, [there is] a problem, but not from a practical viewpoint.”*



BALMORAL, April 14 – Camilla Parker Bowles joined the Prince of Wales and Royal Family for the first time at Divine Worship at Crathie Parish Church. Mrs Bowles had also attended The Queen Mother’s Funeral, although she was not seated with the Prince.

OTTAWA, April 15 – In an interview with The Hill Times, Government House Leader Ralph Goodale suggested that the current Session of Parliament might be prorogued in the Fall, with a Speech from The Throne being delivered by The Queen during her Jubilee Homecoming to Canada.

WINDSOR CASTLE, April 17 – As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Dinner Party for the Governors-General of Her Majesty’s Realms, at which The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, The Earl & Countess of Wessex and The Princess Royal & Commodore Timothy Laurence, RN, were present. The vice-regal guests subsequently joined The Royal Family on April 18th at the Memorial Service for Princess Margaret.



KABUL, April 18 – Former King Mohammad Zahir Shah returned to Afghanistan after 29 years in exile. The Shah, under heavy guard, will assist in the summoning and debate of a *loya jirga*, an assembly of all tribes in the war-torn country, in an attempt to build new leadership and governance structures



LONDON, April 18 – On hearing the news of the tragic deaths and injuries to members of HM Canadian Forces serving in Afghanistan, Her Excellency The Governor General immediately issued a statement in which she said, *“We know that our soldiers are courageous and prepared for the trial and risks of conflict... The impact of the deaths and severe wounding of our soldiers touches us all in a personal way. I know from meeting and talking with them how much military families sacrifice and endure for the sake of service to our country. With all Canadians, my heart goes out to them and their regiment at this terrible time, as together, we all mourn.”* Their Excellencies then flew to Germany to comfort the wounded soldiers at Ramstein.

CAMBERLEY, April 20 – The Countess of Wessex carried out her first solo official engagement as a Member of the Royal Family when she visited with teachers and children at a community nursery’s Spring Fair in this Surrey town.



LONDON, April 24 – A set of memorial stamps honouring The Queen Mother went on sale today at the British Post Office.

EDMONTON, April 28 – The Governor General delivered the eulogy at the Memorial Ceremony for the Fallen Dead of 3PPCLI. *“They have given their lives for us, for our way of life, for our peaceable kingdom. They have given their lives in a far away land for people they did not know. They have written their names in our hearts. That is what they have given us... that monument which stays with us is more enduring than stone, greater than the place in which their bodies lie. We know that heroes have the whole earth for their tomb. We have brought them home. They will be part of our future, not our past.”*



LONDON, April 29-30 – The Queen dined at 10 Downing Street with the living Prime Ministers and family members of deceased Prime Ministers who have served her during her Reign. The following day she opened official Golden Jubilee celebrations by addressing Parliament in a ceremony at Westminster Hall.

Nixing speculation of abdication in favour of The Prince of Wales, HM said: *“I would like above all to declare my resolve to continue, with the support of my family, to serve the people of this great nation of ours to the best of my ability through the changing times ahead.”*



OTTAWA, April 30 – Former Private Secretary to Governors General Hnatyshyn, LeBlanc and Clarkson, Judith LaRocque, currently Associate Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage, was appointed Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage.

THE BARBADOS, May 1 – Prime Minister Owen Arthur announced that in the face of public opposition, plans to hold a referendum about abolishing the Monarchy had been dropped.

HALIFAX, May 8 – The Government of Nova Scotia announced that a new course in Canadian History, in development for several years, will become compulsory for all students wish to attain high school graduation, and be introduced in September 2002.

LONDON, May 8 – A Corporate Edge survey shows that Britons under 30 much prefer the symbols of “Old” Britain such as the Royal Family and Buckingham Palace to the trappings of “Cool Britannia.” 75% want The Queen’s head to remain on stamps, and Prince William was by far the first choice as the best ambassador for Britain. Asked to name *“an icon of nationhood,”* two-thirds responded Buckingham

Palace. A Lion and Ali G outdistanced Tony Blair as choice for depiction on stamps as alternative to HM.

LONDON, May 12 – Mayor Ken Livingstone announced that a committee appointed by him does not recommend that the London memorial to The Queen Mother occupy the vacant fourth plinth at Trafalgar Square, the subject of much debate over the years. It prefers a changing display of contemporary art on the site. The East End – as tribute to her and the King's courage during the War years – or Clarence House her London residence into which The Prince of Wales is expected to move – are now favoured locations for the memorial.

LONDON, May 14 – The Royal Family celebrated The Queen's becoming a great-aunt as Viscountess Linley gave birth to a baby girl at Portland Hospital. The child, 13th in line to the Throne, would have been Princess Margaret's grand-daughter as her father is David – Viscount Linley – the respected cabinet maker.

RIDEAU HALL, May 17 – The Governor General presided at the inaugural investiture of three Commanders, six Officers and 14 Members of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. The Order was created by The Queen in 2000 in order to recognize "conspicuous merit and exceptional service" amongst Canadian police.

LONDON, May 22 – *The Daily Telegraph* reported that Princess Michael of Kent had expressed to its reporter he bitterness over media treatment of Prince Michael and her son Frederick, who it had been widely reported, had held a raucous party at Kensington Palace amidst the Lying in State of The Queen Mother. In fact, said the Princess, Lord Frederick had canceled a previously-scheduled party out of respect for Queen Elizabeth and instead invited a few friends for a spaghetti dinner.

## E-Mail Addresses Requested!

The Dominion Chairman communicates regularly with nearly 1400 Monarchist League members whose e-mail addresses are on file. However, there must be many more members who possess e-mail access, but whose addresses are unknown to Mr. Aimers. This is an effective way to provide Monarchists with breaking news, requests for action as in the Manley attack on the Crown and advance or updated information on League events. As well, only League e-mail addresses will be able to chat with their fellow Monarchists on the League's Bulletin Board, recently launched.

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IT TO THE DOMINION  
CHAIRMAN:  
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### AN EXPLANATION FROM THE MINT RE OMISSION OF "D.G.REGINA"

Following up on an article in the previous CMN revealing that the 2001 ten-cent piece lacked the customary wording "D.G. Regina" a Communications Officer of the Mint advised that "on occasion, traditional designs are amended to accommodate special commemorative coins whose designs may require additional art space. The 2001 ten-cent piece design was amended from the traditional schooner design in order to commemorate the United Nations declaration of the International Year of Volunteers. Please note that the traditional design will return to its previous configuration as of 2002."

## MONARCHIST LEAGUE MEMBERS ATTEND ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

*Geoff Little, a former League Intern to Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, studied for a year at the University of Birmingham. When not engaged in pushing vicars and pensioners out of the way, he attends Trinity College, University of Toronto. Geoff kindly supplied the text of his exciting afternoon at the Palace, while Windsor members Dick and Donald Robarts shared with CMN their photo recollecting the memorable event.*

...the queue outside the Palace gates was rather long. I got there at about 2.30 and chatted with some rather nice New Zealanders. The gates opened at 3 pm and the queue moved into the palace quadrangle then into a long entrance room on the ground floor then into a sort of reception room that went into the gardens. To use the term gardens, however, would be an understatement since they covered the area of a large park. Coming out of the Palace into the gardens, there was a huge tea tent on the left (for regular invitees) and two smaller ones on the right (Royal and diplomatic). There were also two military bands playing, oddly enough show tunes. In my opinion, too much Les Miz, too little Oliver but I'm not complaining. I wandered around for about 20 minutes until they started serving tea. And boy did they serve tea. Cakes, sandwiches, fruit cake, ice cream, lemonade. It was rather hot for tea but I had some anyway, just to say I did. As I was finishing my second cup, I noticed that people were forming a sort of lane in the middle of the garden. Being keen, I decided to join it since I thought (correctly) that the Queen would eventually pass that way. I had to push several vicars and pensioners out of the way, but I got to the front in the end. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were scheduled to arrive at 4pm so I stood in a hot and testy line for about half and hour. I did have a chat with one of the Queen's equerries (in charge of keeping the lanes under control). He told me he'd been to Canada in 1965 and enjoyed it no end. He even had a hot dog in Montreal. We shared a nervous laugh. At 4, that magical hour, the band suddenly started playing the (British) National Anthem, and the Queen and the Duke appeared at the top of the garden steps. Slowly, she made her way down the laneway, stopping to talk to members of the diplomatic corps who were standing in the middle of the laneway waiting to be presented. I did see the Queen and, to my delight, HM asked my section of the lane if we were having a nice time. We all told her we were, God bless her. Her Majesty is very small and tiny even

in high heeled shoes. She had on a royal blue dress with a coat and a blue and white hat (I feel like a writer for a 50s film star magazine but I'm sure you're all hanging on my every word). It was about 30 degrees in the sun as well. To be honest, it really was a wonderful moment. You see her on tv and in the papers and she looks exactly the same, but there's something magical about seeing her in person. I suppose it also has to do with the concept of monarchy in general, the idea that you're seeing YOUR queen. After she passed my section of the lane I went back to the tea tent for some well deserved refreshment. Was that the end of my magical day, you ask? Oh, no. I was walking around, humming along with the band (then playing Georgie Girl) when an equerry approached me and asked me, out of the blue, if I wanted to meet Princess Alexandra. Did I? Oh, yes. So, he took down my name and details and what not and I waited for a few minutes until the Princess (for those who don't know, the Queen's cousin and quite a hard worker) came over and we had a chat about Canada and Birmingham and so on. Delightful! I also saw the Duke of Edinburgh (Prince Philip) and the Duke of Kent (Princess Alexandra's brother and the Queen's cousin). Prince Andrew was supposedly there but I didn't see him and I did try. While the Royal Family was having tea in the Royal Tent I strolled around the grounds, smelling roses and listening in to other people's conversations. I lined up again to see the Queen leave and I joined in a hearty 'hurray' to see her off. I also stole a teaspoon from the tea tent as a souvenir. Don't tell anyone. I left



the way I came, through the large room leading into the entrance room, through the quad, then out the front gates. I had my photograph taken (for 20 pounds, rip off. Cameras aren't allowed in the Palace) so I expect to see myself wearing a top hat and dopey smile on 8"x10" glossies soon. I will autograph them and give them out as Christmas gifts. If I had been hit by a car the minute I left the palace I would have died a happy death and would have been able to delight God with the story I just told you.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL HOSTS FIRST YOUTH FORUM

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Canadian Governors General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and His Excellency John Ralston Saul brought together over 100 Canadian high school students to Rideau Hall from February 12 to 17, 2002 for the first-ever Governor General's Youth Forum.

"As we have traveled the country over the past two years, John Ralston Saul and I have been awe-struck by the young people we have met. Whether in schools, 4-H clubs or volunteering in countless organizations, Canada's youth bring incredible energy, new ideas and impressive engagement to their communities and to the challenges they face," said the Governor General in announcing the forum. "We want to tap into that, share it among young people from all over Canada."

The four-day forum included youth delegates from every part of the country, from high schools in small, rural towns and reserves to large urban cities. The students were chosen based on their demonstration of community involvement, their leadership qualities, a passion for one or more community activities and their reasons for attending the forum.

The goal of the forum was to hear what today's youth has to say about building and encouraging community involvement in their hometowns. They spoke with the Governor General and His Excellency John Ralston Saul about what community means to them, sharing their own experiences about the contributions they have already made in their communities, identifying challenges they have faced and exchanging ideas for solutions to getting more young people involved.

In a panel discussion with CBC Radio's Anthony Germain, some of the forum delegates presented their own stories, which were heard on *The House*. Vanessa Reid of Montreal's Santropol Roulant was invited to speak about the unique intergenerational approach that her organization takes in providing community service.

On the last day of the forum, the Ballroom at Rideau Hall became the location of a Town Hall discussion among delegates, led by the Governor General and John Ralston Saul. The delegates reviewed some of the key concepts that came about at the forum, and how they could be applied to communities throughout Canada. The hour-and-a-half discussion was broadcast live on CBC Newsworld.

The Governor General will build on the Forum discussions by involving delegates in the organization of activities and roundtables in their communities which coincide with the Governor General's regional visits. The forum was part of the yearlong celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the appointment of the first Canadian Governor General, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey.

*Courtesy Rideau Hall*



# From Parliament Hill

**BLOC JOINS IN JUBILEE GREETINGS TO QUEEN – HOUSE SINGS ROYAL ANTHEM**

**“QUEEN ELIZABETH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE” – MacKay**

**BLOC FORCES DIVISION ON QUEEN MOTHER CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**REYNOLDS QUESTIONS COMMITTEE RE ROYAL ASSENT BILL**



## Extracts from Hansard

**Accession Day,  
Wednesday, February 6, 2002**

*Rob Anders (CA – Calgary West)*

Today Canada and the entire Commonwealth will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ascent to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II... Throughout her reign Her Majesty has demonstrated the dignity and grace that the Monarchy represents for Canadians. She stands for the peace, order and good government that many cherish, and as a strength for our nation. The stability which the Monarchy brings... is an effective safeguard and a welcome tradition. We pay tribute to a great Sovereign. May her reign continue for many years to come. God Save the Queen. (*Whereupon Members rose and sang God Save The Queen*)

*Peter Goldring  
(CA – Edmonton Centre-East)*

...today we honour our Queen of 50 years. Royal has shaped our rich heritage, our present culture and will continue to guide our future... Today we wish our gracious Queen a long reign, that the Royal Family be well and that the Princess Pat's and all who serve Canada, Godspeed.

*Michel Guimond (Bloc Quebecois –  
Beauport-Montmorency-Cote de  
Beaupre-Ile d'Orleans)*

...The Bloc Quebecois would therefore like to take this opportunity to salute The Queen and Prince Philip, who are today celebrating the Golden Jubilee of her accession to the Throne... The respect and sometimes profound attachment felt by certain Canadians to the Crown is owed recognition. Other peoples and other individuals throughout the world have attachments as well to the British Crown and to the Monarch. To all those for whom this event holds significance, the Bloc Quebecois wishes a joyous celebration.

*Jason Kenny (CA – Calgary Southeast)*

“We as members of this place will come and go depending on the political fashions of the day. But the Crown goes on as the ultimate symbol of order and continuity in our constitutional monarchy. Queen Elizabeth's 50 years of selfless service has personified our Crown with dignity and grace. Long may she reign. God save the Queen. Vive la reine.

*Judy Sgro (L-York West)*

...It was 50 years ago today that Princess Elizabeth became Queen of Canada, and a relationship with our country that was already close and personal became one of personal devotion; it is a relationship that continues... Her

Majesty has been present for many of our defining moments and has championed our most cherished Canadian values...

*Hon Ralph Goodale, Leader of The  
Government in the House of Commons*

...Hon. members will know that this must be a bittersweet day for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen of Canada... Her Majesty is the 40th Monarch of her line, going back to William the Conqueror. Only four of her predecessors reigned longer than she now has. We look forward to many more happy years of her reign.

*Bill Blaikie (NDP-Winnipeg-Transcona)*

...on behalf of the NDP caucus, best wishes to Her Majesty... She has presided over the Commonwealth with great dignity, enjoys much affection from Canadians and symbolizes for many the merits of a constitutional monarchy in which the head of state, or in Canada's case, her representative, is separate and apart from the ongoing political struggles of the day.

*Peter MacKay  
(PC – Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough)*

...In my lifetime, and for a majority of Canadians, we have known only one person as our sovereign. Queen Elizabeth has always been there. There has been constitutional stability and we have grown up in a peaceable kingdom. Too often we take things for granted or because they are familiar. We fail to notice them... She has remained faithful to us in her duty and we thank her.

***The House Remembers The Queen  
Mother: Bloc Proposes Amendment  
to Condolence Motion – April 9,  
2002***

**The Speaker:** Order, please. As today is a day of national mourning, I would ask that hon. members rise for a minute of silence in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

[*Editor's Note: The House stood in silence*]  
**Hon. Sheila Copps (for the Prime Minister)** moved:

That a humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the following words:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT  
MAJESTY:  
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with the expression of our deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

We mourn the loss of Her Majesty whose kindness, graciousness and influence for good over so many years won the love, respect and admiration of us all, and there has come to each of us a sense

of personal bereavement which, we say with all possible respect and duty, makes Your Majesty's sorrow our own.

We pray that the God of consolation may comfort Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family in your bereavement, and that Your Majesty may long be spared to continue the eminent public services of your great predecessors.

That the said Address be engrossed; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honours that this House has passed the said Address and requesting their Honours to unite with this House therein.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, spanned the entire 20th century, a century of immense upheaval and great change. That entire time, the Queen Mother has been a symbol of courage, stability and dignity, and of constant devotion to her loyal subjects. Not only did she live through so much of our modern history, she was also a key figure in it... The Canadian crown has lost a part of itself and the Canadian family now mourns one of our own. Canadians are deeply saddened by the loss of Her Majesty. In an ever changing world, she was truly a symbol of enduring strength and stability and service to humankind. We shall miss her.

**Ms. Francine Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to read it at the beginning, out of respect for this assembly, so that my speech would be understood. My motion is:

That the motion be amended by replacing everything after the words “the following words” by the following:

“We, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, wish to extend to Her our condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, who, with her husband, King George VI, was able to rally the British nation, particularly during the dark days of World War II.”

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Calgary Centre, PC/DR):**

If the House may allow one personal recollection, in May 1979 one of those rare and extraordinary events occurred in Canada. A general election actually changed the Government of Canada. The Queen Mother had an event in Halifax to which invitations had been issued well before election day. To say that the invitation list did not reflect the election result would be to understate the case.

My spouse, Maureen McTeer, attended the Queen Mother's reception and events on my behalf. That was a time when Maureen McTeer's own use of her own name was not universally approved. Several of the guests at the luncheon, coming from both another party and another time, delighted in referring to Maureen consistently as Mrs. Clark. Not

the Queen Mother. As Maureen walked her to her car, the Queen Mother touched her arm and said “I always tell my grandchildren that they must be themselves and do what they believe is best in life. Just be yourself”. Then she said “Don't let them get you down, Ms. McTeer”.

The Queen Mother was a powerful and courageous symbol. She was a wonderful and sensitive person. We extend to the Royal Family our most sincere sympathies and our prayers during this time of sadness.

*The amendment failed 19-144 and the Main Motion passed 145-19 in what must be the first occasion in Canadian Parliamentary history on which such a matter has been the subject of a recorded vote.*

***A Tribute to The Queen Mother –  
April 12, 2002***

*Julian Reed (L – Halton)*

...One of the greatest satisfactions of my early life was to earn the title ‘Queen's Scout’ the highest earned award in Scouting. It meant that I was ready to serve my Queen and country. Her steadfast commitment to public duty had remained with me during my years in public life. The power of singing at services in her honour was a fitting tribute to her strength and dignity, and we will always hold The Queen Mother in a special place in our hearts and memories.

## The Royal Assent Bill

***From Proceedings of the Standing  
Committee of the House of  
Commons on Procedure and House  
Affairs – May 9, 2002***

**Mr. John Reynolds (West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast, Canadian Alliance):**

I won't hold up very long. I really have just one question. The summary prepared by our researcher points out that many details are still missing in the bill. For example, it's unknown whether representatives of the government and the opposition in both the Senate and the House could be in attendance when the bill is presented to the Governor General, and whether the ceremony would be in public. There are also suggestions that the Prime Minister could be in attendance. We want to know about holding these ceremonies outside of Ottawa and inviting school children to attend, or things like that. That's being considered. Are any of the details worked out, or are they still all up in the air? Who will decide those things once the bill is passed?

**Mr. Ron Wall (Director, Parliamentary Operations, Legislation and House Planning, Privy Council Office):** The government has had informal discussions with the Table, in the House and in the Senate, and with the Governor Gen-



eral's office about this. The attendance would be subject to the importance of the bill, if there were a written procedure ceremony. The bill provides for attendance by members of the House and of the Senate.

The details of the ceremony would be subject to the importance of the bill, the interests of Parliament, of the government, and of the Governor General. If a written procedure ceremony were to be desired, it's certainly possible; at the same time, if a bill were of great significance, the case was made in the Senate that it would probably be an opportunity for the usual traditional ceremony to be used.

The Prime Minister's attendance was raised at the committee stage in the Senate, as was the participation of the Governor General, and the leader of the government in the House and in the Senate made undertakings to the com-

mittee that every effort would be made to encourage the attendance of ministers, including the Prime Minister, the Governor General, and members of Parliament. By having longer-term planning for traditional ceremonies, we would be able to promote that.

**Mr. John Reynolds:** My only point is it would be a very good idea, if you had a bill that had significance in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, or Atlantic Canada, that you might want to do it there, just to bring Parliament a little closer to the people. As long as it's being done in a way that's equitable – not just the Prime Minister or the Governor General going off to do a political show, but members from all parties being there to see a bill passed – I think it would be very good.

**The Chair:** Can I ask, is that possible?

**A voice:** Yes.

**The Chair:** Yes? That's good; thank you.

## REPRINTED WITHOUT COMMENT

"It's not the holder of the office who is significant, but the office itself. The worse thing that any Lieutenant Governor can do is to identify personally with the honours and respect that are accorded the office. This is no place for self-aggrandizement or private hobby-horses. In fact, despite its historic roots and symbolic importance, this is a fragile institution, constantly threatened by misunderstanding, outdatedness, or mockery. But preserving it does not mean pickling it. On the contrary, the best way to maintain the authority and dignity of the office is to keep it responsive and relevant." *Speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto by Hon Hilary M. Weston, Dec. 10, 2001*

"Your Honour, you have ennobled the office you held. You have raised it in public esteem... Through your warmth, your caring, your drive, you have served us with honour and distinction. Quite simply, you've helped to make our province a better place to live." *Dalton McGuinty, Leader of the Opposition, in Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Dec. 12, 2001*

"This year, 2002, is The Queen's Golden Jubilee Year and the 50th anniversary of Canadian Governors General. We are fortunate to live in a constitutional monarchy which has worked for us throughout our history as a democratic country." *New Year's Message from The Governor General of Canada, The Rt Hon Adrienne Clarkson*

"In a 21st-century, postmodern, multicultural, immigrant nation with floating global citizens and melted borders, having super-celebrity Elizabeth II as the head of state is funky. Charles as head of state with be funkier, more cool... The Canadian monarchy irritates the political, academic and journalistic elites. Good. If ever a country was overwhelmed by tedious... elites in need of irritation, it's this one... In a world ruled by widget-sellers and moneychangers, Canada has a head of state from the realms of fairy tales and imagination. Lucky us... Elizabeth rules OK." *Michael Valpy, writing in the Globe and Mail, Feb. 2, 2002*

"...[The Queen] represents a Commonwealth of nations, a group of countries, that with the odd exceptions like Zimbabwe, has shared remarkable

political stability, democracy, and a legal system that is second to none. As an example to the world, you could do a lot worse... I don't really see much wrong with keeping the Monarchy around. It's a bit like your aunt's fine china; it's on display in a glass case whenever you want to look at it, but it's rarely, if ever, used. And fine china is kind of nice to have in a world where more and more stuff is plastic and disposable, where we don't remember where we came from, where tradition is a word one rarely hears any more... So let's mark tomorrow's Golden Jubilee with pomp and circumstance. The monarchy may be a curious spectacle in this day and age. But it's a part of us." *Peter Hadekel, writing in The Gazette, Montreal, Feb 5, 2002*

"In good years and bad, Elizabeth has been a symbol of unity and an exemplar of duty... She commands our respect, and deserves our good wishes. God Save the Queen of Canada." *Editorial in Toronto Star, Accession Day 2002*

"Despite the sometimes roller-coaster ride that goes along with being a member of the Royal Family, Queen Elizabeth II has risen above the murky. She has maintained an image that is ever looking to the future with hope and promise." *Editorial in Fredericton Daily Gleaner, Feb 8, 2002*

"Sharing The Queen with other Commonwealth members is a mark of maturity, not emotional or political underdevelopment. It would be more logical to invite the United States to join the Commonwealth than to further Americanize our system of government." *Hereward Senior, Professor of History, McGill University and former Chairman, Montreal Branch, Monarchist League of Canada, Letter to the Editor, Montreal Gazette, Feb 13, 2002*

"I've just come back from meeting the Canadian Finance Minister, Paul Martin, who says that they'll be keeping The Queen on their dollars, whatever we do." *Richard Balfé, MEP, in reference to Britain's possible adoption of the Euro and the likely subsequent disappearance of The Queen's image from much of the currency, quoted in Daily Telegraph "Peterborough" column, Feb 26, 2002*

## A MEMBER'S MEMORY – HOW I RECEIVED ROYAL CLEMENCY

by Capt (N) Peter Traves, ret'd.

Peter and Lucy Traves are the League's Contacts in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley

When Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Canada in 1951, I was a very new Midshipman serving in the cruiser, HMCS Ontario. We had sailed from Esquimalt, BC to escort the Princess and the Duke from Charlottetown to St. Johns, Newfoundland via Sydney, NS. The night before the Princess arrived in Charlottetown the Midshipmen had been at a dance at the Yacht Club. As we came back on board the Officer of the Watch informed us that our leave was stopped for a month by the Captain. On enquiring as to what we had done to receive such a terrible punishment we were told that it was because we were seen necking on the dance floor!! The Captain's definition of necking was dancing cheek to cheek!

I was appointed the Duke's "Doggie". My duties were to stand on guard outside the cabin and run any messages the Duke or the Princess required. As I stood there my best friend Midshipman Campbell came up to me and whis-



The author aboard ship circa 1951

pered "had I heard of Royal clemency"? I said "No". He explained that the King could get you off hanging through Royal clemency and that perhaps the Princess could get us off "stoppage of leave". I said "don't be crazy!". Off he went but he arrived back about 20 minutes later and walked right by me and up to the Princess and the Duke who were sitting on the sofa and said, "Ma'am, Your Royal Highness, I would like to request Royal clemency for 9 midshipmen who are under stoppage of leave for necking in Charlottetown." The Princess looked somewhat taken aback and turned to the Duke who said "Snotty, if Royal clemency were granted to the Midshipman it would have to be granted to all the officers and men under punishment in HMCS Ontario. Go away and we will think about it".

The next day over the ship's broadcast system it was announced that the Princess in the name of the King was pleased to grant Royal clemency to all Officers and men under punishment in HMCS Ontario. A cheer went up through the ship at this good news.

On another occasion the Princess and the Duke toured the ship visiting the Chief and Petty Officers and men's messes. The Princess was at the head of the touring party with the Duke behind. As the tour was ending the Duke was passing the Wardroom and said he would like to try a Canadian beer. So in he went. The Princess in the meantime proceeded on to the Quarterdeck which had no cover, and there was a light drizzle. She stood at the hatch going down to her cabin waiting for the Duke. In the meantime the Duke told me to take a message to the Princess that he had been unavoidably detained. I marched off and as I approached the Princess she knew I had a message from the Duke, and she had a very icy look in her eye. I gave her the message, and she stared at me and stamped her foot and said, "Isn't that just like a man" and rapidly descended to her cabin.

The next day Lt. Cdr. Parker, RN, ADC to the Princess stepped from her cabin and said "Here is a history-making message." It read:

*From Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth: His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased that I should signal his Royal Canadian Navy "SPICE THE MAIN BRACE"*

Which of course meant a double tot of rum for all on board. Nor surprisingly the ship's company gave the Royal couple three rousing cheers as they left the ship to return to the UK via the *Empress of Scotland*.

# GOVERNOR GENERAL HONOURS GOLDEN JUBILEE

*ATTENDS SERVICE, MONARCHIST LEAGUE RECEPTION ON ACCESSION SUNDAY*



*The Dominion Chairman greets Her Excellency at St James' Cathedral*



*Rt Hon John Turner gave the Address at Cathedral Service*



*The Governor General reads The Second Lesson*

Sunday February 3rd brought Their Excellencies The Governor General & John Ralston Saul to Toronto for the traditional Accession Evensong at St James' Cathedral, followed by a Reception tendered by the Monarchist League of Canada across King Street at the Albany Club.

The Choral Evensong was made special in this Golden Jubilee year by a packed Cathedral, with the hearty congregational singing and choral music augmented by a brass quartet. The Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League, John Aimers, read the First Lesson, while Her Excellency Mme Clarkson read the Second

Lesson; and the address was given by former Prime Minister John Turner.

At the post-service Reception, attended by League members and representatives of many Loyal Societies, Mme Clarkson *extempore* spoke warmly of The Queen and of the special nature of the Golden Jubilee year. In reply, Mr Aimers paid a warm tribute to the work of The Queen's Representative, expressing Monarchists' delight at the first visit to the League by a Governor General in Office. Their Excellencies then spent about 40 minutes meeting and conversing with nearly every one of the some-300 guests.



*John Aimers reads the First Lesson*



*The Dean of Toronto shows Their Excellencies to their places*



*Their Excellencies walk across King Street to the Monarchist League Reception*



*Former Toronto Chairman Rosemary Campbell with Her Excellency*



*Impassioned words of loyalty on Accession Sunday*

## AIMERS' REMARKS EXTOL GOVERNOR GENERAL

There is so much to thank you for, Your Excellency. You have been a wonderful friend to the Crown and to the League – and we all think the world of you. You personally helped to bring about the issuance of The Queen Mother's 100th birthday stamp; the vice-regal Lion is restored to its traditional strength, friendly and protective; you have been clear as to the dignity and efficacy of your role as The Queen's Representative following as you do 50 years of distinguished Canadian Governors General; and you have blazed fresh trails from re-energized State Visits, to journeys of compassion and concern such as you made to Labrador, to cross-country Levys – all making the Office of Governor General more visible, more potent, more inclusive, more dynamic.

One of the many reasons Canadians hold you and your Office in such renewed and deep esteem, Your Excellency, is your recalling to us, amidst discussion of

so many continental influences of trade and common borders and common currency and common defence, those things that, surmounted by the Crown, identify and celebrate and distinguish our nationhood. And in no area has that been more evident than in your and His Excellency's sharing with us your passion for and knowledge of Canada as a Northern Land, and your concern for the First Nations with whom we share its space.

One of your eminent predecessors, Your Excellency, was Lord Tweedsmuir, better remembered perhaps as the novelist John Buchan. Though not a Canadian, he loved and understood this country no less deeply than you. In one of his semi-autobiographical Leithen novels, *Sickheart River*, Buchan encounters death and yet redemption in the Western Arctic lands, reflecting Canadians' struggle to understand our place amidst what he called "*the cold infernal north*." He writes that "*here in the north*



*The Dominion Chairman's Tribute*





*Mme Clarkson meets MPP Dominic Agostino (L-Hamilton) as Ottawa Chairman Rafal Heydel-Mankoo observes*



*John Geiger, loyal editorial writer for National Post, is presented to Mme Clarkson*



*Her Excellency greets her former Herald, Darrel Kennedy of Guelph*



*Cambridge student Leith Coghlin shares a word with Mme Clarkson*



*The Governor General of Canada speaks to a throng of loyal monarchists*



*Some young monarchists with their Governor General*



*Their Excellencies greet Toronto Branch Chairman Richard Fiennes-Clinton as Trust Chairman Kirk Howard looks on*

life had always been on sufferance, its pale slender shoots fighting a hard battle against the Elder Ice." And in "the great solitude," his survivor reflects, "I have made my peace with the North, faced up to it... and so won its blessing..."

I mentioned Your Excellencies' having blazed fresh trails for your Office. In the coming year, we are invited by you to physically walk with you through many parts of the land. You thus help us understand the land, make our peace with it, and never run away from its challenges be they steep peaks of aspiration, or currents of misunderstanding or rock-strewn valleys of dissension and intolerance.

In the same spirit I want to assure you that your friends here in this room, and all members of this organization, will continue to walk with you in spirit, to rebuke the sensational elements in the media who try to create political controversy and constitutional crisis where none exist, to share with fellow Canadians the rational case for loyalty to this oldest of our Institutions and to continue to feel only the greatest of admiration and may I say affection for yourself and His Excellency, as you both lead and inspire and walk with us on our collective journey through this ancient land towards that river "the streams whereof make glad the city of God."



*A Vice-Regal greeting...*



*and joke....*



*National & Vice-Regal Flags flank Mme Clarkson*



*Time to leave...*



*The Dominion Chairman takes leave of Their Excellencies*



# PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA



Prince Michael greets Fred Weston, husband and assistant to Dominion Secretary Winifred Weston after Mass at St Thomas's Church, Toronto



Robert Oldham, flanked by sons Aubery and Allan, share a few words with HRH after Church

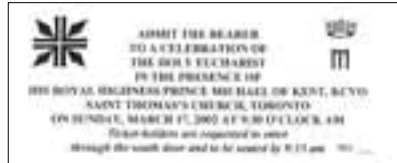


A word with a loyal soldier at the Mewburn Veterans Centre, Edmonton. Looking on is ADC and League member Cap Troy Steele



Calgary Cadet Parade organizer Dick Westbury presents Hon Life Membership in the Royal Alberta United Services Institute to Prince Michael

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monwealth Chairman and a noon-time business speeches to the Canadian and Empire Clubs in Toronto (with a chance to promote The Queen's Jubilee Baton Relay as the symbol of the Commonwealth Games criss-crossed Canada) and a similar audience in Vancouver; to a Civic Visit to Oakville, Ontario; an address to the Alberta Legislature; a Jubilee Review of over 700 Cadets in Calgary; and Monarchist League Golden Jubilee Banquets and awards presentations in three cities.



A measure of the respect accorded Prince Michael was made clear as in addition to his being in residence at Government House while in Victoria and Halifax, he also shared events with the Lieutenant Governor of each province visited. Thus a Luncheon at Queen's Park was tendered by Ontario's newly-installed James Bartleman; in Alberta Prince



The Lieutenant Governor and His Honour Mr Freeman with Scott Burke, Halifax Chairman, at Government House Dinner for Prince Michael



Prince Michael with Victoria Branch Chairman Bruce Hallors



HRH thanks his volunteer chauffeur in Toronto, William, son of League member David Hamilton



Fr David Newlands, who celebrated Mass attended by HRH



A patient Prince – HRH posed with each of the several dozen Cadet units on parade in Calgary, and is wearing his Canadian uniform as Colonel-in-Chief of the Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment



Some of the 750 Cadets on parade at the Golden Jubilee Cadet Review, Calgary



A Treasure of St Thomas's Church behind the Prince – with artist and League member Dr Suan-See Foo (l) and benefactor Fr Brian Freeland (r)



The Prince en route to the SALTS training ship, outside Victoria Harbour, accompanied by Branch Chairman Bruce Hallors (c) and Monarchist League and SALTS Board member Bill Wolferstan (r)



HRH addresses the Alberta Legislature

## PRINCE MICHAEL SPEAKS TO CANADIANS

### **Extracts from His Royal Highness' addresses across Canada**

*From Address to the Monarchist League of Canada Golden Jubilee Banquet, Toronto, March 15*

Tennyson wrote of how in the path of duty lay the way to glory. Her Majesty has never sought any glory for herself: but in her unstinting round of duty and self-sacrifice she has achieved the love of her peoples and the respect of countless millions around the world. By her commitment to the Commonwealth, by her upholding of basic Christian values shared by humans of all backgrounds and religions, by her being herself in all seasons and circumstances, The Queen has become a part of our lives...

In a world often focused on self-indulgence, on "my" desires and "my" priorities and "my" agenda, The Queen's focus on the "we" and the "us" and on tolerance and getting along with each other, and on the needs and interests of others, has served as antidote, example and inspiration.

And that is why, ladies and gentlemen, from the uplands of Papua New Guinea to the jungles of Belize; from Stewart Island in New Zealand to the beaches of Jamaica; and most certainly from those living within the sound of Big Ben's chimes to the prairie farms, huts of the tundra and teeming cities of this Dominion; in countless tongues, from peoples of many different complexions and faiths and backgrounds; and from hearts full of respect and gratitude and deep affection, a common cry will echo and a common toast be raised in this year of Golden Jubilee: God Save The Queen!

*From Address to the Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment, Windsor, March 16*

The soldiers of this community fought with valour during World War II. A good number of those initial recruits saw service at Dieppe, and were numbered among the lost, captured, wounded or killed during that raid whose fearful cost nonetheless taught us valuable lessons about the conduct of future operations leading up to the Liberation of Europe. The memory of the brave who died at Dieppe is perpetuated at the Memorial not far distant from where we are today, where it was my privilege to lay a wreath earlier this afternoon.

*Semper Paratus* – always ready – is our Regimental motto. This is no idle boast. For today as in times past, the Regiment continues to exist within, and to support and reflect the nature of the communities of Southwestern Ontario. You who are its past and present serving members are very much aware of the heritage and sacrifices of those who have gone before, just as its citizen soldiers represent our communities with a pride that always stands ready to serve, one which characterizes our individual and collective responses to the new challenges that always lie ahead.

Some of the spirit of willingness to meet those challenges expresses itself in the geography of this rugged northern land of Canada; much is reflected in its military traditions of which I have been speaking; and of course that same good spirit resonates in its civilian population as the country celebrates its 135th anniversary of Confederation this July 1st. Both soldiers and civilians alike have been loyal to the Throne – for even before Confederation, Canada's history has been inextricably linked to the Crown, under which it has flourished. Thus I am especially happy to be traveling across the Dominion during the year of The Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Queen exemplifies service to others. My Regiment serves Queen and nation. And so it is that I look forward to being of service to you through my association with this distinguished Regiment and its extended Regimental Family for many, many years to come.

*From Speech to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Edmonton, March 18*

The distinct evolution of the Canadian Crown points to the capacity of the constitutional monarchy to be a system of government that is infinitely adaptable. In this federal system, the Crown is actually an eleven-fold diadem, assuring the provinces that they are as fully sovereign in their areas of jurisdiction as is the national government in its own compass of responsibility.

The Golden Jubilee, then, is not only a time to pay tribute to The Queen to whom you and I are proud to give our allegiance. It also offers an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the way nation and province are governed, and so to bolster patriotic sentiment with a grounded knowledge of the basis of Canadian parliamentary democracy, institutions and symbols.

With identity rooted in knowledge, and heartened by the beauty of mountains, prairies and lakes, "*Fortis et liber*" – strong and free, as the Alberta motto reads, will surely continue to be the proud and true boast of this energetic and loyal Province.

*From Speech to the Monarchist League of Canada Golden Jubilee Luncheon, Victoria, March 20*

I am very glad to return to the Maple Kingdom, this great northern land of broad skies and unlimited opportunity, a nation of gathered peoples who have achieved a remarkable unity, and so, have lived together and prospered; a country which today is seen around the world as a model of toleration, inclusiveness and democratic freedoms.

We do well to recall, in this year of Jubilee, that from her first days, Canada's history has been inextricably linked to the Crown, under which it has flourished. The earliest European explorers and settlers were colonists whose enterprises were often chartered by the Kings and Queens of France and Britain. On these shores and fields they met the native peoples, with their own varying experience of tribal chieftains. Together with immigrants who subsequently arrived from many lands across the globe, they built a country "*strong and free*," and they affirmed the desire expressed by Sir John A MacDonald to Queen Victoria, the Mother of Confederation, "*to live under the sovereignty of Your Majesty and your family for ever*."

*From Reply to the Lieutenant Governor's Remarks at Government House, Victoria, March 20*

The Governor General, for the entire country, and Your Honour and your colleague Lieutenant Governors, in each province, form a garland of respected authority, dedicated service and communitarian encouragement which grace and support the Maple Crown; a human element in a political world which often seems frighteningly complex and distant; a reconciling force in a climate of strident partisanship; an unselfish element in a society where the ego and the importance of the "I" and the "me" frequently appear to drown out the "we" and the "our" and those shared values the importance of which in reality so outweighs the things about which we may disagree...

...that allegiance expressed of old, thriving today and guarantor for the future of a free and independent and distinct populace, leads me to the motto of your Coat of Arms. Its words are surmounted by its

shield depicting a golden sun of promise rising over this most beautiful province set between the high Rockies and the boundless Pacific, in language reflecting both nature's glories and the pride of a free people: "*splendor sine occasu – splendour without diminishment*." Such, I am sure, is your hope for British Columbia. It is most certainly my fond wish and expectation.



*A Gentleman Prince: His Royal Highness and her Aide-de-Camp assist The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta down the Legislature steps after the Prince had addressed the Assembly*

*From Reply to the Remarks of The Lieutenant Governor, Government House, Halifax, March 22*

Who better than Charles Dickens to remind us that – amidst all "*the changes and chances of this earthly life*," human character and human foibles remain constant; and that a sense of humour can carry us a long way towards preserving our equanimity amidst constant change.

Writing on January 20th, 1842, while en route to Boston, Dickens slipped off his ship at Halifax, and by chance found himself at Province House, where a new Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature was opening. He described the scene thus:

*"It happened to be the opening of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, at which ceremonial the forms observed on the commencement of a new Session of Parliament in England were so closely copied, and so gravely presented on a small scale, that it was like looking at Westminster through the wrong end of a telescope. The Governor, as her Majesty's representative, delivered what may be called the Speech from the Throne. He said what he had to say manfully and well. The military band outside the building struck up "God Save the Queen" with great vigour before his Excellency had quite finished; the people shouted; the in's rubbed their hands; the out's shook their heads; the Government party said there never was such a good speech; the opposition declared there never was such a bad one; the Speaker and members of the House of Assembly withdrew from the bar to say a great deal among themselves and do a little: and, in short, everything went on, and promised to go on, just as it does at home upon the like occasions."*

Your Honour, may you always say what you have to say "manfully and well;" may the Government and Opposition ever freely debate; may the bands ever strike up the Royal Anthem – hopefully without interrupting you! and long may everything go on, and promise to go on, with the fierce pride and loyalty characteristic of this remarkable Province of Nova Scotia, to which I will most certainly "*ever heave a sigh and a wish*" to return.

# PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA

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Michael dined with Lois Hole one evening as guests of The Monarchist League of Canada and participated with Her Honour the next day in a RLSS Awards Ceremony at Government House; in British Columbia Iona Campagnola held a dinner for HRH and joined him in a Scouts Canada Investiture; while in Halifax Her Honour Mrs Freeman attended all but one of the Prince's public engagements as well as hosting a dinner, at which the Premier was also present, to welcome him to Nova Scotia.

The enormous detail associated with any Royal Homecoming, as well as much of the variety of the Prince's programme, was made possible by the efforts of volunteer coordinators and their committees in each community visited. These individu-



*Built by the Duke of Kent 1803, the restored Round Church of St George, Halifax receives its latest Royal visitor*

als, many of whom are members of the Monarchist League of Canada, included Regimental CO LCol Phil Berthiaume in Windsor; Town Clerk Cathie Best and member Alan Wardle in Oakville; longtime Monarchist Richard Westbury in Calgary; Legislative Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms Col Brian Hodgson in Ed-



*A relaxing evening with Prince Michael – Alice Sanders with John Aimers (r); HRH's Private Secretary Nicholas Chance, host Alex Paton, BC Lt-Gov Private Secretary Herb LeRoy (l)*

monton together with computer expert Capt. Troy Steele who served as ADC; businessmen Sterling Lyon and Grant Smith in Vancouver; Monarchist League Branch Chairman Bruce Hallsor in Victoria; and a second Branch Chairman, Scott Burke, in Halifax.

His Royal Highness asked Mr Aimers

to express his thanks to "the countless individuals behind the scenes who master-minded this splendid adventure." The Prince, joined by Princess Michael, returned to Canada in mid-June when Their Royal Highnesses attended the Queen's Plate as guests of the Ontario Jockey Club.

## A RIGHT ROYAL BANQUET

Friday March 15th was an historic day in the life of the Monarchist League of Canada: a member of Canada's Royal Family, HRH Prince Michael of Kent KCVO, attended the League's Dominion Golden Jubilee Banquet, held, appropriately, in the Dominion Ballroom at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto. Over 230 guests attended, greeted by some 24 Young Monarchist volunteers whose unsupervised assistance with tasks from ticket taking to ushering made the event flow most smoothly.

After the Dominion Chairman, John Aimers, had entertained special guests including past Provincial Protocol Deputy John Latimer and Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle as well as former Newfoundlander Mary Mills Dunea and presented them to the Prince at a champagne reception in his Suite, the Royal Party then proceeded to the Long Bar Room, where Sustaining Patrons and Patrons were gathered, and graciously received by Prince Michael. Shortly it was time for Dinner. The Dominion Chairman escorted His Royal Highness into the Dining Room to a Fanfare played by the Concert Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards which under the direction of Capt. Frank Merlo also provided music for the Anthems and during the meal. After the singing of O Canada, Grace was offered by League member The Very Revd Walter Raymond, Dean of Quebec.

Seated at the circular head table – not raised on the dais so as to allow the Royal Guest some rare privacy – were, in addition to HRH and John Aimers, the Dominion Chairman's sister, Mrs David Bierk of Peterborough; League Vice-Chairman Arthur Bousfield; Mayor Gastle; Senator Anne Cools and her husband Rolf Calhoun; Prince Alexis Troubetzkoy; St George's Society of Toronto Executive Director Frances Somerville; author and historian Fr Jacques Monet, sj; and Richard Berthelsen, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. During dinner His Royal Highness had the opportunity, as well, to renew his acquaintance with London members Jim and Anna Rowcliffe, whose daughter had been Nanny to Prince and Princess Michael's children Gabriella and Frederick.

A generous Toast to the League was offered by Fr Monet, and the Loyal Toast was given before dessert by



*HRH with Ont Lieutenant Governor's Private Secretary Richard Berthelsen (l) and Fr Jacques Monet (c)*

Aaron Campbell, one of the League's former vice-regal Interns. After the cappuccino mousse had been consumed, a phalanx of youth members distributed a photographic portrait of The Queen to all guests. This was the popular gift of The Hon Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage; the lithos had been rolled and suitably beribboned by Seneca College student Rowan D'Eath.

Introduced by the Dominion Chairman – as "a member of our Royal Family who is loyal to his Queen, committed to his work and representative of the best of the traditional and yet ever-progressive institution of Monarchy," and thanked by Prince Troubetzkoy, His Royal Highness' ringing tribute to his Royal Cousin The Queen and to the Maple

Crown was the highlight of the evening, which closed with presentation of League Honours, a personal assessment of The Sovereign's gifts to Canada by John Aimers, and a rousingly-sung four verses of The Royal Anthem. Despite HRH's busy and fatiguing list of engagements, he then repaired to the Long Bar Room where the Youth Volunteers and other young members had gathered. The Prince engaged each of the thrilled young people in conversation, and then posed very patiently for many photographs.

At the conclusion of the evening, all present felt they had been privileged to share in a most Royal yet essentially relaxed and enjoyable occasion – marking yet another step in the "coming of age" of The Monarchist League of Canada – and a wonderful centrepiece of Golden Jubilee Year!



*The Prince shares a joke with Banquet attendees Neil & Marie Fraser*



*Aide to the Speaker of Ontario Legislature Alex Roman and wife Tanya with Prince Michael; Uof Guelph student Keith Roy looks on*



*A gracious curtsy from Viola Woodford greets the Prince. Husband Reginald stands right. The Woodfords traveled from St John's for the Banquet.*



*The Dean of Quebec offered Grace before the meal was served*



*The Dominion Chairman's special guests meet Prince Michael prior to Toronto Banquet*



*Prince Michael chats with young monarchist Borden Rhodes*



*The Prince and John Aimers with the youth volunteers who made the Banquet so successful*



# PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA

## MONARCHIST MEMBERS FROM ST JOHN'S TO VICTORIA RECEIVE LEAGUE HONOURS FROM PRINCE MICHAEL

The first visit by a member of The Royal Family to the Monarchist League of Canada was made doubly special as His Royal Highness presented Honorary Life Memberships and Badges of Service to long-time League volunteers and eminent Monarchist supporters at the Dominion Golden Jubilee Banquet in Toronto; the Victoria Branch Jubilee Luncheon and a special ceremony at the Mewata Armoury in Calgary.

League Honours were established in 1980 to mark the organization's 10th Anniversary. They have normally been presented either by a visiting dignitary (King Michael of Romania, Countess Mountbatten of Burma), a Lieutenant Governor or the Dominion Chairman. They are awarded on major Royal Anniversaries and significant anniversaries of the League's Founding. The Dominion Chairman consults Dominion Officers, past and serving Branch Chairmen and special Friends of the League in determining the recipients. Awards are neither announced nor given *in absentia*.

Gold Badges – limited to 10 – are awarded for outstanding service at a Dominion level. These Badges are returned on the death of their holder and in time, presented to new deserving recipients, so forming a fellowship of continued dedication and loyalty down the years. Silver Badges mark outstanding service at a Branch level. Honorary Life Memberships may recognize public support for the Crown, or honour some particular service to the League's endeavours.

The 2002 Golden Jubilee Honours presented by His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, together with the Citations read to mark each honoree's service, are as follows:

### TORONTO

*Presented at League Golden Jubilee Banquet, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Dominion Ballroom – March 15, 2002*

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

#### ROSEMARY CAMPBELL

Branch Secretary in its tumultuous founding days during the 1970's, and



subsequently honoured with the League's Silver Badge of Service, this ardent Monarchist has never left the League's fold. Twenty years later, amidst a leadership vacuum, despite existing commitments to Clan Campbell and her busy professional life ranging from bookseller to ladies companion, she returned to service as Branch Chairman and steered the Toronto Branch through a very difficult period with resolution of purpose. A stickler for etiquette, she leavens her sense of propriety with a warm heart, a generous spirit and witty appraisals of everyone she meets. For her lifetime of

continuing devotion to our work, I ask Your Royal Highness to present an Honorary Life Membership to our friend ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, of Toronto.

#### THE HONOURABLE ANNE COOLS

Born in Barbados a subject of The Queen, this extraordinary public servant



founded one of the first shelters for battered women in our country, and served a term as a member of the National Parole Board before she was summoned to the Senate of Canada in 1984. Frequently in the news and never a particular respecter of "the party line," her independent stance on issues ranging from divorce laws to the Clarity Act often tests her colleagues' patience, but brings a sharp focus to debates and enhances the reputation of the Senate as a body for close examination of and considered second thought about legislation. A feisty Monarchist, she defends staunchly the prerogatives of the Crown and regularly brings matters of monarchical interest to the attention of Parliament. Impassioned speaker and devoted Churchwoman, she – and all of us – can look forward to 16 more years' service in the Senate before she faces compulsory retirement. For her questioning of received wisdom, loyalty of purpose and largeness of heart, I ask Your Royal Highness to present an Honorary Life Membership to our friend SENATOR ANNE COOLS, of Ottawa.

#### ROBERT MORROW

As six-term Mayor of one of Ontario's largest and most diverse cities, this long-



time League member lost no opportunity to bring to his municipality a consciousness of Canada's Crown, and indeed members of The Royal Family themselves, most notably those of HRH Princess Margaret, HRH The Princess Royal and HRH The Prince of Wales who received one of the most tumultuous welcomes of his public life at a packed Copps Coliseum in 1996. A rare elected official who both knows and reveres history, he also led public observance of Sir John A Macdonald's birthday in the community. Missed in Hamilton for his well-known open-door policy as Mayor, this avid Monarchist and dynamic speaker is a man of many talents, as he is also a keen church organist. For his avid loyalty

throughout a career of public service that many suspect is not yet finished, I ask Your Royal Highness to present an Honorary Life Membership to our friend ROBERT MORROW, of Hamilton.

#### JOHN WILKES

A generous supporter of the Monarchy, this engineer is respected in his



field and sits on disciplinary panels which regulate his profession. Most well known as a Heraldist, his contributions to Canadian Heraldry include his bringing to fruition a heraldic primer to popularize and make more accessible this ancient honour from the Crown now enjoying great popularity in Canada under an indigenous Heraldic Authority established by The Queen. An executive member and writer on behalf of our fellow Loyal Society, The Heraldry Society of Canada, we have come to know him as a man of integrity, good judgement and enormous capacity. For his decades of service to Crown and community, I ask Your Royal Highness to present an Honorary Life Membership to our member and friend JOHN WILKES, of Toronto.

#### SILVER BADGE OF SERVICE

#### JAMES ALLAN

For many years a member of the Toronto Branch Executive, he has helped



the Branch maintain continuity in its programmes throughout changes of leadership by his steadily volunteering to undertake whatever tasks needed doing. These included carting large packages of sales and other supplies to and from the Branch's regular meetings. An accountant by profession, he brings an acute mind and determined spirit to his loyalty to the Crown as in all his endeavours. Accordingly, Your Royal Highness, I ask you to present a Silver Badge of Service to JAMES ALLAN, of Toronto.

#### KENT JACKSON

Chairman of the League's Toronto Branch for three years, and Programme Director for a considerable period prior to taking the chair, this loyal member's involvement in Branch work continues as a respected conciliatory leader, and a counsellor and assistant to the current Chairman. Whether organizing book



sales at his church to benefit the Branch treasury, or a gala cruise to celebrate The Queen Mother's centenary, all he undertakes is done with a positive spirit and a focus on others rather than himself. Rejoicing at his having overcome a number of health issues, and looking forward to many more years of his continuing fellowship and service, I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to KENT JACKSON, of Toronto.

#### JEAN LEWIS

This member succeeded as Newfoundland Chairman an incumbent of more



than twenty years service. With tact, determination and no small self-sacrifice, she wrenched the Branch into conformity with Dominion programmes, organized a number of successful events and succeeded in bringing a new and positive atmosphere and public image into its undertakings. A devoted churchwoman and a talented and creative doll-maker, this self-effacing woman has won the admiration of members throughout Newfoundland. Accordingly, Your Royal Highness, I ask you to present a Silver Badge of Service to JEAN LEWIS, of St John's.

#### PAULINE O'CONNOR

This extraordinarily devoted member was Chairman of the League's Hamilton Branch for nearly a decade. During this



time its membership grew, and the range of and media publicity given to its imaginative activities steadily increased. Self-effacing, she possesses the rare instinctive touch of natural leadership which encourages others, and senses exactly the right degree of formality and friendliness to bring to each occasion. A traveler with a keen sense of humour, we value her ongoing commitment to our cause. So, Your Royal Highness, I ask you to present a Silver Badge of Service to PAULINE O'CONNOR, of Hamilton.

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# PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA

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## CALGARY

Presented at the Mewata Armoury –  
March 17, 2002

### LYNNE BELL

A Royal writer and free-lancer with flare and imagination, this long-time



Calgary member contributed many articles to *Monarchy Canada* magazine when it was the League's periodical in the 1970's and 1980's. The Editors of this periodical nominated her for recognition in that era, but the League was never able to arrange for a convenient time to present the award, which we now ask you to remedy, Your Royal Highness, by presenting a Silver Badge of Service to LYNNE BELL, of Calgary.

### GORDON and BEV CRANCH

Avid collectors of Royal material with an entire room of their residence devoted



to their memorabilia, this couple first became active in the League's affairs in

Regina, where Bev presided over the Sales Table while Gordon served as Treasurer, then Vice Chairman and Chairman. Moving to Yellowknife in 1990, they helped to welcome Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh to their Church in 1994. 1996 brought them to Calgary, where they have been pillars of the revived local Branch, again serving as Treasurer and Sales Secretary, respectively. Active in their Churches and avid travelers, they have given over 20 years' important, good humoured and creative service to the League in three different communities, and so I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service, jointly, to GORDON AND BEV CRANCH, of Calgary.

## VICTORIA

Presented at the Victoria Branch's Golden Jubilee Banquet – March 20, 2002

### ELAINE CURRIE

A committed member of the Victoria Branch for many years, and a member of



the Executive Committee, this ardent fan of the Royal Family also volunteers as a tour guide at Government House. Imaginative in assisting with programme planning, invariably cheerful, this retired nurse sets a standard of voluntary service and energetic activity which inspire others. For her devoted loyalty and positive spirit, I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to ELAINE CURRIE, of Victoria.

## GENE FEDDERLY

An eloquent advocate of the Crown in his media appearances, this Naval Lieu-



tenant assumed the Victoria Branch Chairmanship at a difficult point in its life, as it sought for a new identity after a long incumbency and a period of relative inactivity. At once self-effacing and superbly conciliatory, he surrounded himself with a team of capable volunteers who transformed the Branch into one of the League's most successful. Not only holding The Queen's Commission but also raising a young family, he continues to assist the League by coordinating its Provincial Golden Jubilee activities. For his dedicated service during many years, I ask your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to GENE FEDDERLY, of Victoria.

## BILL LEE

Wise and understated in approach, loyal and resolute in action, this member



assumed the Chairmanship of the League's Central Vancouver Island Branch and continued its activities with spirit and grace, without which it would probably have dissolved. Though desirous of retirement, he maintained his leadership, thereby reflecting a sustained commitment which has brought others to the cause and maintained the League's profile on the fast-growing Sunshine Coast of Vancouver Island. For his cheerfulness and self-sacrifice, I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to BILL LEE, of Qualicum Beach.

## A QUEBEC PERSPECTIVE ON THE PRINCE MICHAEL BANQUET

Dîner d'apparat donné à l'occasion des cinquante années de règne de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, reine du Canada, en présence de son cousin, Son Altesse Royale le prince Michel de Kent

Par René le Clère

Un dîner d'apparat a été donné, le vendredi 15 mars 2002, à Toronto, à l'occasion des cinquante années de règne de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, reine du Canada, par la Ligue monarchique du Canada, avec le concours de sociétés loyalistes de l'Ontario.

Ce dîner de gala s'est tenu dans la Salle des banquets du Centre Sheraton, que rehaussait de sa présence Son Altesse Royale le prince Michel de Kent.

Parmi les quelque cent-cinquante convives se remarmaient de nombreux invités de marque, des généraux, femmes et hommes en habit de soirée, avec kilt pour certains, et des aînés arborant de nombreuses décorations et médailles colorées.

Le dîner, très élaboré, comptait quatre services, et le dessert a été une surprise, chacune des assiettes étant une œuvre d'art.

À la table d'honneur, autour du prince royal, étaient réunis M. John Aimers, président-fondateur de la Ligue monarchique du Canada; le prince Alexis Troubetskoï; l'historien Jacques Monet, S.J.; et d'autres personnalités encore.

Le déroulement de la soirée a été ponctué par le bénédicité récité par le Révérend Walter Raymond, O.G.S., recteur de l'église-cathédrale de la Sainte-Trinité et doyen du diocèse de

Québec. Un toast fut porté à la reine et un autre à la Ligue monarchique du Canada.

En fin de dîner, le prince royal a été présenté, avec humour, par M. John Aimers, et remercié par le prince Alexis Troubetskoï.

L'allocution de S.A.R. le prince Michel de Kent, fort appréciée, a été saluée par de longs applaudissements.

Avant et durant le dîner, des pièces musicales légères – jouées en sourdine – ont été interprétées par la fanfare de la Garde à cheval du gouverneur général.

La soirée s'est terminée par la remise de témoignages de reconnaissance à l'endroit de quelques personnes en remerciement de leurs activités en faveur de la monarchie.

La soirée qui avait débuté par le chant de l'hymne national Ô Canada se termina par l'Hymne royal.

Rappelons ici que S.A.R. le prince Michel de Kent, né en 1942, est le frère cadet du prince Georges, deuxième duc de Kent, né en 1935, lequel est le fils aîné de S.A.R. le prince Georges, premier duc de Kent, frère cadet de Sa Majesté le roi Édouard VIII (ultérieurement duc de Windsor) et de Sa Majesté le roi Georges VI – ce dernier monarque est le père de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, reine du Canada, qui viendra en visite officielle au Canada en octobre.

Le dimanche 17 mars, le prince royal assista à un office religieux célébré en l'église anglicane Saint-Thomas, au cœur de Toronto. La cérémonie fut suivie d'une rencontre où le prince fort aimablement s'entretint avec chacune des personnes présentes.

## MEDIA REPORTING ON THE PRINCE'S TOUR

"...yesterday, Prince Michael of Kent was guest of honour at an Empire Club of Canada and Canadian Club of Toronto lunch. Eighteen-year-old Shelly Wu... was at the head table at the Royal York as the Prince talked about the importance of the "SME" – small-medium enterprise; businesses that employ fewer than 250 people – both in Canada and the emerging economy of Russia..." *It was interesting to hear the Prince and to be introduced to him," she said. "He was very nice, very warm."* Metro Today, March 15

"Prince Michael is without a doubt the most royal-looking member of the royal family... he does, by his mere presence, have the curious effect of evoking some latent mystical bond to royalty... an easy charm and a self-deprecating humour are evident. He is on the most extensive private royal tour ever conducted in Canada. It is, he told the National Post, a "rich" visit. *"When the Queen comes to Canada, she always regards it very much as a homecoming, and of course she is coming here in October. This trip is unofficial, and for that reason I am very surprised and very excited by the amount of attention that it has attracted."* John Geiger, National Post, March 16

"Looking relaxed and rested, Prince Michael of Kent spoke warmly Saturday about his 12-day cross-Canada trip..." *I am very touched by the warm reception that the people of Canada have given me..."* He arrived in Halifax on Friday and attended a concert by Symphony Nova Scotia and the Men of the Deepes, *"a body of splendid miners, who in common with all miners have amazing voices in spite of the coal dust which must be in their lungs."* On Saturday morning he toured the cardiac and burn units at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre..." *I know that here in Canada you do have some lead thinkers on the subject [of cardiac care]," he said, "and I'm always interested to try and make contact around the world with leading practitioners in this particular type of medicine and type of research in hope that we can spread some good and find some common ground."* Sunday Herald (Halifax, NS), March 24

# PRINCE MICHAEL ACCLAIMED ACROSS CANADA

## MARGARET MACE

A dynamo of energy who finds and inspires happiness in all she undertakes,



this long-time member has for years served the Victoria Branch as its Sales Secretary. Imaginative in seeking out new products for members, and a natural marketer of her finds, her table has welcomed members to every meeting, and proved an important source of revenue to the Branch. For her positive spirit and long-standing commitment to the work

of the League, I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to MARGARET MACE, of Sidney.

## ALEX PATON

Generous with his time as with his substance, this retired Chief Financial



Officer has brought a sustained vision of outreach, professionalism and team-building to the Victoria Branch, as Treasurer being more instrumental than

any other single individual in its many successes and great growth of recent years particularly through an advertising project. Quick-witted and always able to defuse a tense situation with humour, and self-deprecating, quick to give others the credit, he has been and continues a wise counsellor and good friend to the Dominion and Branch Chairmen. For his outstanding contributions to the League in many ways, I ask Your Royal Highness to present a Silver Badge of Service to ALEX PATON, of Victoria.

## GRAEME SORLEY

Retired to Victoria after a long career in the oil industry, this member has served on the Executive of the Victoria Branch where he is a powerful influence for organized outreach and action. He brought to fruition a major project which placed framed portraits of The Queen in more than two score postal



outlets throughout Vancouver Island, and a second which led the Branch to experiment in recruitment advertising through community weekly newspapers which enhanced its profile. A former Trustee of the Maritime Museum of BC, this is a volunteer who makes a significant contribution to the League's operations, and so, Your Royal Highness, I ask you to present a Silver Badge of Service to GRAEME SORLEY of Victoria.

## THE CANADIAN AND THE CROWN:

*How John Buchan paved the way for Vincent Massey, the first non-British governor general.*

by J. William Galbraith

(Ed: Bill Galbraith is a long-serving member of the Monarchist League's Ottawa Branch Executive, and has written extensively on Lord Tweedsmuir – John Buchan)

Fifty years ago this month, Vincent Massey, the first Canadian-born governor general, moved into Rideau Hall. His appointment is generally considered to be the transition to Canadianizing the office of the governor general. It was, however, really only the achievement of a transition that seriously began 67 years ago, with the last governor general before the Second World War.



John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir: author, passionate about Canada

Mr. Massey, as a well-known anglophile, was a compromise for those who doubted or mistrusted the Canadianization of this tradition-bound office. He also happened to be close to the Liberals and had been chairman of the Liberal party during the 1930s.

As governor general, Mr. Massey looked to one of his predecessors as a model, a man he had known since the 1920s. He wrote that he "greatly admired" Lord Tweedsmuir's work as governor general and "learnt much from it." Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsefield was John Buchan, member of the British Parliament, novelist, historian and publisher, when he was appointed governor general of Canada in March 1935.

The appointment of plain Mr. Buchan sparked a nation-wide debate about who should be governor general. Canadians were used to lords, if not members of the Royal Family itself. The break with tradition was a difficult one. Some said that if a commoner was to be governor, a Canadian could be just as good as any commoner from the "old country." It was ground prepared by the 1931 Statute of Westminster that gave the Dominions such as Canada equal status with Britain within the Empire, or Commonwealth, as it was also being called then.

On the day of the announcement, the Senate debated who should be filling the position of governor general itself. Seventy-year-old Raoul Dandurand, Liberal leader in the Senate, picked up the 1931 statute theme, pointing out that a Canadian being nominated as governor general would be in keeping with Canada's new status "of absolute equality." His colleague, Rodolphe Lemieux, remarked that the idea of having "a full-blooded Canadian as governor general" was one that had been in the public mind for some time already. They were expressing an opinion heard in French-Canada and by pacifists in the rest of the country that a Canadian-born governor would be less likely to involve Canada in a European conflict, which was becoming more and more a distinct possibility. The senators were quick to note, however, that these views in no way detracted from the qualities of the highly respected popular novelist himself.

Similar views were reflected in some Quebec newspapers and voiced by individuals from Ontario through the Prairies to British Columbia, as well as by chapters of a nationalist group called the Native Sons of Canada. Others were content to reflect on the significance of Mr. Buchan's appointment. The Globe in Toronto suggested: "Canadians will have reason to count themselves fortunate if the unadorned name of John Buchan is added to the list of Canadian governor general." "Fortunate" because he was a self-made man of many talents and accomplishments, not someone appointed simply because of a title. This was a view that Mackenzie King, then leader of the opposition and who knew Mr. Buchan, shared but did not voice at that time. He publicly noted only that he regarded the appointment "an excellent one."

But the unadorned name was not to remain so for long. Two months after the appointment, King George V granted Mr. Buchan a barony. This action assuaged somewhat the still very strong imperialist current in the Dominion. Many were now left disappointed, first that a peer had not been appointed, still



The first Canadian Governor General, Vincent Massey looked to Buchan as role model

others that it was not plain John Buchan who would be governor general. His arrival in November 1935, shortly after Mackenzie King's Liberals were elected into power once again, provoked widespread debate. In the end, however, the vast majority welcomed this unique governor general.

Tweedsmuir brought less formality to Rideau Hall. His approach to the job was to see as much of Canada as possible, drawing Canadians' attention to other parts of their country and, in particular, the North, all with a view to minimizing the regionalism he witnessed. His speeches, written himself and generally delivered without notes, inspired his many and varied audiences. He promoted a strong sovereign Canada because he believed the Commonwealth could not be strong if its component parts were not. This was also a strategic question, as war clouds gathered over Europe.

John Buchan's appointment, then his work as governor general Lord Tweedsmuir, acted as catalysts to Canadianizing the Crown. Vincent Massey carried on that work. But contrary to many contemporary Canadianizers, the Crown was central to both Lord Tweedsmuir's and Mr. Massey's vision for Canada.

If Mr. Massey was the most British of our Canadian governors general, Lord Tweedsmuir was the most Canadian of our British governors. These two individuals constitute the transition to the

Canadianization of the post; albeit a transition interrupted by the war, during which ties to Britain and the Empire were practically and emotionally strengthened. The transition was completed in a wonderfully symbolic way, with Mr. Massey using Lord Tweedsmuir's Windsor uniform that had been sent over by Lady Tweedsmuir. Mr. Massey was very similar in stature to Lady Tweedsmuir's late husband, who had died while still in office, in February 1940, after a fall in which he struck his head.

As we reflect on 50 years of Canadian governors general, we should focus on the Tweedsmuir-Massey transition and on their approach and vision for inspiration to strengthen our distinctiveness, while still knowing properly where in the world we belong.



Vincent Massey walking with HM & Prince Philip on the grounds of Rideau Hall



# LEAGUE SUMMER INTERNS TO SERVE THREE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

## NOVA SCOTIAN JOINS ONTARIO & BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS

As the Monarchist League of Canada's seventh Summer Intern takes up his work in the office of Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, and another gets set to serve British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor for the second summer of the programme, the first such Intern will assist Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor during the summer of 2002. The Honourable Myra Freeman enthusiastically acquiesced this Spring to the Dominion Chairman's suggestion that a young League member serve the Crown at Government House, Halifax. Thus this significant opportunity for League youth now expands to three positions, financed by the generosity of League members.

The appointees for Golden Jubilee Summer are as follows:



**Government House, HALIFAX** – **Matthew Godwin**, 18, of Lower Sackville. League member for two years. Profiled in *Canadian Monarchist News*. Completed first year Arts at Dalhousie University. Keen history buff, actor and speaker, Sigma Chi Fraternity Brother. Works part-time at Staples.



**Queen's Park, TORONTO** – **Keith Roy**, 20, of Guelph. League member for two years, and frequent volunteer at special events. Completed third year Arts, major in Political Science, University of Guelph. Re-elected Ombudsman of University Food Services. Intern on MP's staff in House of Commons Summer '01.



**Government House, VICTORIA** – **Antony Dobrzensky**, 18, of Vancouver. League member for two years. Entering senior year at Upper Canada College, Toronto. Prize-winning member of Canadian Public Speaking Team at World Championships, South Africa. Top-rated debater. Actor, runner.

## MY VICE-REGAL SUMMER

by Aaron Campbell

Last summer I had the great privilege of serving the Canadian Crown in the capacity of intern to the Hon Hilary M. Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. It proved a most memorable and informative experience, providing me

with the opportunity to gain insight at first-hand into the inner workings of government to which the role of the Monarchy is integral. The sheer volume of work produced by Her Honour's staff and the almost-constant demands upon her time are testimony to the esteem and affection in which the Monarchy is held.

During my all-too-brief tenure, I was kept busy with a number of projects and responsibilities: research, collating Her Honour's speeches, scheduling and acting as general inquiries clerk. I had the special privilege of attending the Speech from the Throne opening the 2nd Session of Ontario's 37th Parliament as well as the swearing-in of a new Cabinet Minister.

It was also an honour to participate in some events with the First Connections Programme, Her Honour's personal initiative, in which she brings young people from all walks of life and introduces them to possible careers in areas of their interest, securing them placements in business and industry – just one of Her Honour's many good works.

I was greatly impressed by Mrs Weston's generosity of spirit, by the pleasure she took in her daily dealings with Ontarians and by her clear commitment to duty, the hallmark of the Monarchy. I would like to thank Her Honour, Private Secretary Richard Berthelsen and all the staff and the members of the League who so generously sponsored me for giving me the chance to participate in this excellent internship programme, one which serves to emphasize to young people the vital role played by the Monarchy in the uniqueness of Canada's culture and identity.



*The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario bids Aaron goodbye at end of his Summer Internship*

# FIRST VICE-REGAL INTERN IN BC: REPORT

by Dustin Dahle

This past summer I had the honour to serve as the Monarchist League's first intern at Government House, Victoria, two months that I will never forget.

My first activity was the Canada Day citizenship ceremony. This was the first time I had to get to Government House on my own, and I had not yet become familiar with the bus schedule nor perfected my timing. Consequently, I arrived uncomfortably hot from my bus stop to front door dash, just as the ceremony started. The first thing I noticed as I took my place on the balcony was the enormous diversity of the new Canadians. People of different backgrounds had come together as one; unified in the desire for a better life, and in the oath of allegiance to our Sovereign. I too took this oath, and I have never been so proud to be Canadian.

After the long weekend I began my first day of work. I was given a tour of the house and introduced to the staff. The rest of the day, however, was somewhat less than glamorous. I was given the task of identifying files by applying small stickers. In the weeks to come, I would become all too familiar with this task. I spent the following days with various members of the staff, doing whatever needed to be done. Many of these odd jobs were leading up to Confederation Day. To celebrate British Columbia's entrance into Confederation, Government House is opened to the public. As one can imagine, planning an event to accommodate thousands of people requires much work and organisation. I know the day was hectic for a lot of the staff, but for me it was one of the highlights of my summer. I enjoyed everything from working in the information booth outside, to the bands and entertainers, to helping with the tours of the house.

My next task was compiling a manual giving the tour docents complete information. This was by no means an easy

task. One problem that needed to be overcome was the format of the manual. Once a decision was made, I was able to start gathering bits of information to be added. I then began to take digital photographs of interesting furniture and objets d'art. With the gracious help of League member and volunteer tour docent, Elaine Currie, I was able to generate notes regarding procedure, and thanks to former operations manager David Rowbottom I was able to include a section of anecdotes concerning Royal visits.

One of the more glamorous memories I have of the summer was the night of the annual Premiers conference dinner. That night I ate one of the best meals of my life, besides dining in the same room as the provincial leaders, which has a certain appeal of its own. I am very fortunate to have been able to participate. This was the last major event to take place in Government House whilst I was there.

Unfortunately, my summer passed very quickly. Before I knew it I was heading to work for the very last time. This was a sad day for me as the summer I spent at Government House was one of the most memorable of my life. For that I am grateful to all those who made it possible. I should like to thank the Monarchist League of Canada and all those kind members whose generous support made my experience possible. In addition, my thanks go to Their Honours Private Secretary Herb LeRoy, Operations Manager Christine Diemer, and all the other staff members and volunteers at Government House.



Summer Interns – another programme of The Monarchist League of Canada



*During Aaron Campbell's summer at Queen's Park. Their Honours kindly invited former Interns to attend the final reunion of the First Connection Programme, the career opportunities initiative Mrs Weston established partially from her vice-regal compensation. Those able to attend the function held at The Royal Canadian Yacht Club were (l-r): Martin Green (also Dominion Webmaster), Aaron Campbell, Sean Palmer and Chris Lucki.*

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## BOOKS BRIEFLY NOTED

[Ed: These books are not available through the League, but may easily be ordered from any reputable bookseller, or on line direct from Waterstone's in the UK at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)]



**Alexandra: A Life of the Last Tsarina**  
by Carolly Erickson  
Constable, £14.99

Plotted against by her Mother-in-Law, condemned as a German hausfrau by Court and public, and tormented by migraines and other psychosomatic illnesses, Alexandra's deep unhappiness led to her taking up Rasputin, with the consequences for the dynasty that followed. Based on secondary sources, reviewers felt the book too narrowly focused on this "not very appealing victim of history, and of bad luck."

**Diana: A Cultural History**  
by Jude Davies  
Palgrave, £45.00

Psycho-babble leaves the Diana story and the reason for her popularity as elusive as ever.

**Diana: Story of a Princess**  
by Tim Clayton and Phil Craig  
Hodder & Stoughton, £18.99

A portrait of the troubled Princess based on the ITV series – called "convincing and moving."

**The Duchess of Kent**  
by Mary Ruddekk, Pan £7.99

Life has had its ups and downs for this most prominent member of the Royal Family to convert to Rome: marriage, her popularity from public duties and her nervous breakdown are all chronicled with what one reviewer called "a finely judged sympathy."

**Elizabeth: the Woman and the Queen**  
by Graham Turner  
MacMillan, £18.99

An impeccably sourced book, expanded from a series of incisive articles Turner wrote for *The Daily Telegraph*. Critics suggest this is the work which most accurately profiles The Queen as she is today, and the influences which make her at once so intriguing and elusive.



**God Save The Queen: The Spiritual Dimension of Monarchy**  
by Ian Bradley  
Darton, Longman & Todd, £14.95

In a recent opinion piece, the author states his conviction that "The Queen is a considerably more devout and faithful Christian than the vast majority of her subjects." Reviewers enjoyed this book's "illuminating dissection" of the Coronation service, which the author doubts will ever be seen again in its 1953 form. He traces minutely the relationship between church and state since the time of Henry VIII, and gives a general appraisal of the current Royal Family's churchmanship. Some critics have assailed the work as "reactionary."

**The Monarchy: An Oral Biography of Elizabeth II**  
by Deborah & Gerald Strober  
Hutchinson, £20.00

Illuminating portrait of The Queen by those who have come into direct contact

with her over the years.

**A Peerage for Trade: A History of the Royal Warrant**  
by Tim Heald  
Sinclair-Stevenson, £26.00

The record of suppliers to the Royal Household stretches back to 1300, and numbers one William Caxton in the 15th century, Henry VIII's "laundresse" and the Pork-in-Ordinary (otherwise known as a sausage maker) to Victoria, not to mention, until recently, the odious El-Fayed of Harrods fame. A "jolly good



read," says the *Telegraph* review.

**Henry & Mary Ponsonby: Life at the Court of Queen Victoria**  
by William Kuhn  
Duckworth, £20.00

Victoria's Private Secretary and his wife lived for 25 years within the precincts of Windsor Castle. Their lives and letters reveal a fascinating tale of Court Life, with lessons for the modern Monarchy, as well. An English review said the work reads like a good historical novel.

**The Importance of Being Edward: King in Waiting 1841-1901**  
by Stanley Weintraub



Murray, £25.00

**Maria Fitzherbert: The Secret Wife of George IV**  
by James Munson  
Constable, £20.00

The future George IV's marriage to a twice-widowed Catholic broke at least three laws. Had it been known at the time, it could have brought down the Monarchy. Apparently, the wealthy widow genuinely loved the Prince, and the Establishment protected his secret even when in 1794 he took an "official" wife. However, Maria was abandoned a second and final time in 1809. Munson calls her "an ordinary woman who found herself in a most extraordinary situation."

**Queen and Country**  
by William Shawcross  
BBC, £18.99

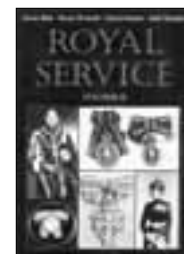
A tie-in with the much-praised series and very positively-oriented BBC Jubilee series on The Queen, to be aired July 2-3 by CBC, Shawcross' richly-illustrated book is judged "stylish and intelligent" by British critics.

**The Queen: Elizabeth II and the Monarchy**  
by Ben Pimlott  
Harper Collins, £24.00

Pimlott, a prominent British socialist, has augmented his generally sympathetic 1996 biography with over 200 new pages of material, including a gripping account of how The Queen's Private Secretary, Sir Robert (now Lord) Fellowes, Diana's brother-in-law, played a key and hitherto-unsung role in holding together the Monarchy in its moment of maximum peril during the week after her death.

**Royal: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**  
by Robert Lacey  
Little, Brown, £20.00

The well-known biographer has updated his Silver Jubilee appraisal of The Queen, *Majesty*. But some British reviewers found the additional material – for which he interviewed 129 sources – as "hefty but insubstantial," arguing that Graham Turner's profile of The Queen in *The Daily Telegraph* was much more illuminating.



**Royal Service: Vols II & III**  
by James Risk, Henry Pownall, David Stanley & John Tamplin (Vol II) and David Stanley (Vol III)

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**Royal Subjects: A Biographer's Encounters**  
by Theo Aronson  
Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.99

Absorbing encounters of the Royal biographer with his subjects and their entourages.

**Saskatchewan Politics: Into the Twenty-First Century**

This collection of essays includes a paper on the Lieutenant Governor's position by Michael Jackson. Available from Canadian Plains Research Centre, University of Regina, Regina, SK S4S 0A2 – \$29.95 plus taxes.

## Monarchist Videos

Nearly 50 different videos of Monarchical interest are available for free loan to Canadian members. Please see Spring 1998 issue for a listing, or request a listing from the Dominion Secretary.

# LEAGUE NOTES

## THE QUEEN'S THANKS FOR THE LEAGUE'S JUBILEE CONGRATULATIONS



## THE GOVERNOR GENERAL RESPONDS TO THE LEAGUE'S SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF HER FATHER

Rideau Hall, March 26

"The Governor General was deeply touched by the many messages of condolence she received after the death of her father, William Poy. Her Excellency would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending her a message of comfort at this time of great sadness."

Barbara Uteck,  
Secretary to the Governor General

## LEAGUE CELEBRATES 32nd ANNIVERSARY OF INCEPTION FEB 23rd

### GREETING RECEIVED FROM FIRST NATION BAND IN MANITOBA

Of all the kind messages sent by members on Founding Day, the following most touched The Dominion Chairman:

Happy Anniversary, and God bless you for your work! I will fire off a fireworks grenade (safely) in honor of the event. I do this on special occasions such as this, over the majestic Winnipeg River where so many of our loyal subjects traveled in the days after arriving in our great land! On behalf of the Anishnabay at the Sagkeeng First Nation, Happy Anniversary and bravo!! – Myreleene Ranville, Sagkeeng First Nation

Mr Aimers will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of his service as Dominion Chairman on September 22nd (DV).

## NEW BILINGUAL PAMPHLET BEING PREPARED FOR JUBILEE

As part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, the League is preparing a bilingual pamphlet, revised significantly from the one of some years ago. The text of the document has now been prepared by Vice-Chairman Paul Benoit, and picture research is underway. The League hopes to forward a copy of the new pamphlet to every member with the next issue of *Canadian Monarchist News*. Major sponsors of the cost of translating, printing and designing the pamphlet come from generous donations from the League's Ottawa Branch and from Montreal

member Bill Schleihau as well as from the league's Annual Appeal.

## THE DOMINION CHAIRMAN

...represented the League at the Memorial Service for Hon Pauline McGibbon... addressed the University of Western Ontario Senior Alumni... had a farewell audience of The Hon. Hilary M. Weston... represented the League at the Installation of The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario... expressed the sympathy of League members to Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Colonel-in-Chief of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light In-



London members Al Boyd (l) and Dr John Foreman (r) with The Dominion Chairman at UWO Senior Alumni address



John Aimers debates Michael Bliss on Global Sunday

fantry, on the casualties sustained by the brave men of her Regiment in Afghanistan... addressed the Markham Jubilee celebration at Markville Shopping Centre... represented the League at the Memorial Evensong for The Queen Mother at Toronto... spoke at the Hamilton Branch's Jubilee Banquet at Liuna Station, accompanied by some 16 young Monarchists from around SW Ontario... delivered the address at a Golden Jubilee Thanksgiving Evensong held at Trinity Church, Cambridge... addressed the Rotary Club of Toronto on the eve of Jubilee Weekend in the UK...attended the Opening of Parliament at Queen's Park as a guest of The Lieutenant Governor... gave the address in the presence of The Lieutenant Governor at the Golden Jubilee Evensong, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Quebec City... as of press time, had undertaken 139 media appearances or interviews in the calendar year, including debating Historian and republican Michael Bliss on *Global Sunday*, and a first-ever interview on *The Voice of America*.

## AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION BECOMES CORPORATE MEMBER

A most generous cheque and very kind letter provided warmth to the League this winter as the Air Force Association of Canada became a corporate member. James Owens, National President, wrote



with justifiable pride to John Aimers that his organization's Royal Patronage is somewhat unique, having been extended first in 1951 by Princess Elizabeth, who subsequently confirmed it as Queen. On behalf of the 20,000 regular and associate members, Mr Owens wished the League "continued success in all its endeavours." For which we say a hearty thank you – and how honoured we are to number in our ranks the brave men and women who dare the eagle's flight in defence of the Realm.

## RED BOXES INFLUENCE YOUNG CANADIANS

### A TEACHER'S THANKS

Under the leadership of Coordinator Richard Fiennes-Clinton, the League's RED BOXES of educational material continue to flow to schools and youth groups across the land. The return on members' considerable investment (for the Boxes are distributed gratis) is made clear when the post brings a letter such as this, from dedicated teacher James Brown of Norwood, Ontario:

"I would like to thank your organisation for supplying my classroom with a Red Box. The students have been able to make good use of the materials. It has been a pleasure planning and implementing interesting activities to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. In the autumn, we planted yellow daffodil bulbs in order to have a golden display of petals this spring. The students have decorated our classroom in the Jubilee colours of purple, gold and white. At New Year's, each student sent The Queen a poem wishing her best wishes for the coming year. To honour Accession Day we took a class trip. In the morning we participated in science projects at the local museum and in the afternoon we toured the historic home of Sir Sandford Fleming. Following our lunch at school, we enjoyed a specially prepared Accession Day Cake decorated in the Jubilee colours. The students have participated in the Internet Programme 'Commonlink With The Commonwealth' in order to develop an understanding of The Commonwealth. I have arranged a pen-pal relationship with a class in the UK so my students can enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations from a British perspective. Later this year, we will be presenting a musical concert to honour The Queen's Golden Jubilee. At Christmas time, we will decorate a tree in the Jubilee colours for a local charity auction."

## LEAGUE TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ASSENT

Members wishing to read copies of the November 20th Testimony of John Aimers, Vice-Chairman Paul Benoit and Professor David Smith, University of Saskatoon, before the Senate Rules, Procedures & Rights of Parliament Committee on the Royal Assent Bill, S-34 [Ed – see article "From Parliament Hill p. 20] may either access it directly via the Parliamentary Internet, or request copies in English or French from the Dominion Secretary.

## MILTON STUDENT MONARCHIST ASSISTS WITH ROYAL VISIT

On October 21st at 1:30 PM, HRH. the Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Lorne Scots Regiment visited Remem-



Mayor Kathy Gastle (l) and League member Mark Rowe (r) in conversation with the Duke of Kent

brance Park in Georgetown, ON. His trip to Canada was planned to coincide with the 135th Anniversary of the Lorne Scots. The event in Georgetown was planned by Mayor Kathy Gastle and Monarchist League Member Matthew Rowe. Guests included Local, Regional and Federal politicians, Members of the Legion and Students from Park School. HRH laid a wreath at the cenotaph, then chatted with veterans before giving a speech and receiving his official gift from the Mayor. Matthew, a student at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, also managed to attend a Government House Reception and Concert in Halifax during March for HRH Prince Michael of Kent.

## WALKING TOURS OF ROYAL TORONTO

Long-time member, Red Box Co-ordinator, outgoing Toronto Branch Chairman and history buff Richard Fiennes-Clinton has developed a second career – as a tour conductor and *raconteur par excellence* of Royal Toronto. This Summer he will offer three walking tours – in which long-time residents and visitors alike will learn answers to such questions as which Prince of Wales converted an insane asylum into the legislative assembly, which Governor General had a premonition of his own death and why Toronto was originally called York. In addition, the tours explore the histories of such distinguished Toronto denizens as John Graves Simcoe, Sir Isaac Brock and The Queen's Park cannon. The two-hour tours will be offered at 1:00 and 4:00 pm on three holiday Mondays: Canada Day, July 1st; Simcoe Day, August 5th; and Labour Day, September 2nd. They depart from the Statue of Queen Victoria just east of the front steps of Queen's Park, and are extremely reasonably priced. Reservations and information: (416) 449-0356 or e-mail: muddy\_york@hotmail.com

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Student member Will Hughes of Bear River, NS, who caused his local Pizza Delight to hang a picture of The Queen... Kasra Nejatian, student at Queen's University, who has been appointed National Youth Coordinator by the Canadian Alliance Party... Edmonton member Jack Morrow whose importuning caused his local postal outlet to follow regulations and carry definitive stamps of The Queen... Toronto member, original designer of the League Website



## LEAGUE NOTES...

and first League intern to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario **Martin Green** on his graduation from Duke University and appointment to the staff of a US Congressional Oversight Committee... Niagara Contact Group Chairman **Calvin Arnt** and his wife **Nicole** on the birth of their first child **Amaris Secord Arnt**... Montreal member (and Aurora native) **Robert Leckey** on being appointed Clerk to a Supreme Court Justice for the forthcoming year... **Alan Wardle**, of Oakville, who initiated the visit of Prince Michael of Kent to the Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre of which he is a Board member... Hamilton activist **Loretta Ray** for writing Canada Post Chairman Andre Ouellet urging that the Corporation sell Queen's head definitive stamps in convenient booklets in the same way as the Flag definitive is sold... UNB student member **Bryan Cheron** who used League materials in formulating a rebuttal letter to the editor to counter a republican article in the University student newspaper "the Brunswickan"... Montreal member (and Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese) **Ven Peter Hannen** who celebrated High Mass on Accession Day at St John the Evangelist Church and organized ecumenical Choral Evensong of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee at Christ Church Cathedral on June 2... Another long-time Montreal member, human rights activist and Haitian elections observer **Rene LeClere**, who frequently undertakes media interviews on the League's behalf, and sends League material to media contacts in the area. Rene translated the League's Golden Jubilee web site in one week's time and even broadcast in English on CTV!... **Sandra Barker**, of London, for her particularly-persistent dealings with Canada Post to assure a supply of Queen's stamps at her local outlet... **Marilyn Morden**, a Sarnia member, who constantly recruits others to join the League... **Richard Toporoski**, of



Toronto, who wrote to the Minister of Finance suggesting the issuance of a \$50 banknote to commemorate The Golden Jubilee... Former Manitoba and Saskatchewan Chairman **John Hendricks**, now retired in Victoria, whose mathematical research is a major subject in the recent work by science author Dr Clifford A. Pickover, *The Zen of Magic Squares, Circles, and Stars*... Graduating York University student and former League Intern to the Ontario Lt Gov, **Sean Palmer**, for his remarkable essay *Equality, Stability, and Security: Constitutional Monarchy and Democracy in the Commonwealth Realms* from which CMN hopes to publish extracts in a future issue... Winnipeg member **Prof Geoffrey Lambert** who undertook a number of helpful media interviews during Royal events of recent months... Newmarket District HS student and Asst Dominion Webmaster **Brock Weir, Jr.**, whose influence resulted in the School Library's increasing its Royal book holdings by 70% and mounting a display of pictures of The Queen at the check-out desk, for which he won Student of the Month Award... **Capt (N) Michael Axford** who has been coordinating distribution of



Capt (N) Michael Axford

HM's new official portrait in the Owen Sound area with the local newspaper and radio station being first takers... **Neal Moogk-Soulis** and his Mother **Carol** of Waterloo, who undertook Accession Day and Royal bereavement interviews with CKCO TV and other local media on behalf of the League, which boasts some excellent husband & wife teams working on its behalf, but this is the first featuring mother-son monarchists!... Toronto teacher member **Michael Da Costa**, who presented a framed picture of The Queen to hang in the foyer of his school, the prestigious Brebeuf College... Hamilton member **Shawn Pudsey** who suggested to the Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, that it display HM's famous Maple Leaf dress as part of a Jubilee exhibit... **Olive Pastor**, Pictou Co NS member, who presented framed portraits of The Queen to replace outdated ones in the Post Offices of Pictou and New Glasgow... **John LeBlancq**, who offered to purchase advertising for the League in his local newspaper in Gananoque, Ontario... Surrey, BC member **Brian Marlatt**, whose letter to the editor with reference to the Commonwealth and republican presidentialism was published in four Canadian newspapers... **Ross Bateman** of Langton, Ontario, who reminded his County School Boards of correct Flag protocol upon The Queen Mother's death, as did Toronto members **John Stephenson** when he saw the Flag improperly displayed at his daughter's school and **Chris Smith** who made sure the Flag was half-staffed at Ryerson University... **Robert Marsters** of Halifax who suggested to Sympatico that they feature the League's web site in its magazine as well as that of a republican group... UNB student **Matt Rowe**, one of two young Canadians selected for the Team Canada Mission in Bombay,



Prince Michael greets Nathan Tidridge

India... **Nathan Tidridge** of Ancaster who is leading his church youth group to travel to London for Jubilee week – the Sir Wilfred Laurier University student was commissioned by the *Hamilton Spectator* to write his impressions from the scene! He also wrote a moving tribute to The Queen Mother which was published in the student newspaper at WLU... former Kingston Contact Group Chairman **Christopher McCreery**, whose article on the new Police Services Order appeared in *The Blazon*, publication of The Heraldry Society of BC... long-time Montreal member **Gerald Iles**, profiled in a *Westmount Examiner* article focusing on his career as a naturalist. Now 90, Gerald pioneered the first whale-watching trips up the St Lawrence River... St John's member **Barbara Barrett**, who wrote and directed a play *Eleven Coronets*

and a Crown, in honour of the Golden Jubilee. The play tells the story of eleven Royal Princesses, from Victoria's first-born to Anne, and was presented in different Newfoundland locations by the Phoenix Theatre Group.

### GANANOQUE MAN IS 1000th E-MAIL MEMBER



Ted Sanders #1000!

Ted Sanders was the 1000th League member to provide his e-mail address to Dominion HQ – the list has been growing quickly as use of the Internet moves beyond younger males to encompass all sectors of society. It allows the League to communicate quickly breaking news, urgent requests for assistance and event announcements.

The Dominion Chairman surprised Ted with a telephone call announcing the gift of a Life Membership. Ted retired from HM Canadian Forces in 1995, having served in the Royal Canadian Artillery and Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (prosaically renamed the Administration Branch) across Canada and in Germany, Washington DC, Cyprus, Egypt, Syria and Israel. A volunteer with his Legion Branch and Services to Assist Independent Living (SAIL), he enjoys being "Mr Mom" to his six-year old daughter Sarah – and with his wife Salome finds pleasure in hiking, canoeing and yard saleing. Congratulations, Ted!

### LEAGUE E-MEMBERS EFFECTIVE: WEB SITE HITS SOAR

If readers spend any time at all on the Web these days, they are familiar the proliferation of instant on-line polls conducted by many news outlets from *The Globe and Mail* to local radio stations. These soundings do not pretend to be "scientific," but their results are reported, and can be trumpeted by the republican opposition if they go in their favour. The power of the League's "e-team" was demonstrated in February when CTV mounted such a poll about whether participants support the Monarchy. Initial results were running 53-47% against; then the Dominion Chairman had his attention drawn to the survey, and asked members to register their opinions, so the outcome turned around to a 63-37% victory!

A sign of the huge interest in the Monarchy during Jubilee Year, sadly bolstered by the extensive coverage of the deaths of The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, has been reflected in a surge in the number of unduplicated "hits" on the League's two web sites (as well as a multifold increase in recruitment through its trial member offer). As of mid-June, the volume on the main League site [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca) was running 47,000 annually, with the new Jubilee site [www.goldenjubilee.ca](http://www.goldenjubilee.ca) running at 16,500 per annum and surging.

### BULLETIN BOARD

The League's Bulletin Board, developed in the Summer of 2001 by Toronto students Alan Palmer and Ben Sheridan, has now been functioning for over half a year. Designed for members and friends of the League, the site has attracted several thousand postings (automatically

deleted at 600), in a variety of quality, ranging from the informational to the arcane; but certainly debates on a great many items of monarchical interest consume chief attention – these include whether Canada should have its own Crown Jewels, the design of the Royal Arms of Canada, exactly what is a "default monarchist," and the teaching of Canadian History. Sadly, some republican trouble-makers bent on conducting personal "flame wars" along with anonymous posters peddling pornography and other – idiosyncratic – posts make the Moderator's job sometimes a difficult one. However, as in all developing forums, a modus vivendi for civil discourse is developing, which, it is hoped, will obviate the need for a pre-approved membership-type board. Those who have not yet discovered this Monarchical Wild West of the Internet are directed to the following URL: <http://members.boardhost.com/monarchist>

### THREE ROYAL BOOKS PUBLISHED BY LEAGUE AUTHORS

And they could not be more delightfully different.

The first is entitled *Saving the King: An Alternative Novel of World War Two*, and is self-published by long-time Hamilton Branch activist Robert Oldham. 168 pages, spiral bound, illustrated, maps, glossary – \$19.95 post-paid to Canadian addresses. **Order from:** Raven Press 266 Aberdeen Ave. Hamilton, ON – (905) 577-0587

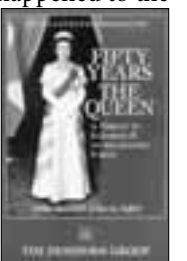
*Imperial Legend: The Disappearance of Tsar Alexander I*, by Alexis Troubetzkoy, is published by Thomas Allen & Son at \$34.95. The League member familiar to many for his Royal anecdotes deals with the mysterious death of the Tsar, who



Prince Troubetzkoy in conversation with Prince Michael at League Banquet as Liz Bierk, the Dominion Chairman's sister, listens

supposedly died at 48, the most powerful man in Europe. Legends persisted that in fact he had not died – but become a *starets* – a wandering penitent seeking alms and praying for others in the Orthodox tradition – who moved about Siberia. Part history, part detective story, Prince Troubetzkoy unravels the complex tale, separates gossip from fact and offers a solution to what really happened to the Tsar.

*Fifty Years The Queen: A Tribute to Elizabeth II on Her Golden Jubilee*, by well-known Royal commentators Arthur Bousfield and Garry Toffoli, is published by Dundurn Press at \$24.99 and repeats the successful format of their best-selling volume *The Queen Mother and Her Century*: many pictures and a well-spaced text with a Canadian emphasis.



## LEAGUE HOSTS FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ONTARIO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



*Her Honour enters the Imperial Room, accompanied by The Dominion Chairman*

Together with Bill Laidlaw, President of the Empire Club of Canada, the Dominion Chairman chaired a Farewell Reception for outgoing Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hilary M. Weston and her husband Galen at the Imperial Room of The Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on December 7th, 2001. Some 450 guests attended, including representatives of the 20-odd co-sponsoring Loyal Societies. Decorated with Christmas Trees, the former supper club took on a festive air as attendees chatted to the music of The Governor General's Horse Guards Concert Band. The Westons, escorted by Messrs Aimers and Laidlaw, entered the room led by four pipers from the Cadet Corps of St Andrew's College, Aurora, one of whom was League member Hugh Dowell. John Aimers paid tribute to the Westons' outstanding service to the Crown, after which Mr Laidlaw



*Mrs Weston greets League member Gerald Pratley, CM*



*Vice-Regal Salute*



*Her Honour chats with some of the pipers*



*Two Generals – Bruce Legge (l) and Reg Lewis (centre) greet Hilary Weston*

### EXTRACT FROM JOHN AIMERS' TRIBUTE TO HER HONOUR

In your Convocation Address at the University of Toronto, Your Honour, you talked about the elusive quality of "honour," which is both

on to advise: "Don't confuse honour with medals and awards. Don't mistake it for titles and riches. Don't pump yourself up or oppress others in its name. Seek it, instead, where peace, generosity, and love abide – in the wisdom and quiet of your soul. "

You could have been speaking of yourself, Your Honour: for in your focus on others rather than on yourself, in your own sense of peace; in the abundant generosity of your person; and in the apparent wisdom and quiet of your soul, you have left your proudest legacy: by being yourself, and sharing yourself with us, you have made an indelible impression, and challenged us all, and each of us, to be better and kinder and gentler. And in doing all these things of which I have spoken, you have become a key contributing element to the new paradigm of the Crown, that part of our heritage that flourishes in contemporary Canada. Your role has even won over a certain reporter from a well-known republican newspaper which headlined last Saturday, "I confess, Hilary won me over." It certainly didn't take us 5 years, Your Honour!

The first Elizabeth spoke to her Parliament almost 400 years ago, saying that "Though God hath raised me high, yet this do I count the glory of my Crown – that I have reigned with your loves." You, Your Honour, in serving the second Elizabeth, have "reigned with our loves." And will always there be found.



*John Aimers pays tribute to Her Honour*

title and characteristic you bear. In that compelling speech, you spoke of your discovering honour in giving service to others – and that it resided, "whenever ordinary people have expressed a desire to give energetic, imaginative, joyful expression to their innate sense of compassion." You went

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Allan Tonks, MP, with Her Honour

announced a gift to honour them – flowers to be presented in the next five Christmas seasons to all women resident in shelters visited by Her Honour during her time as Queen's Representative. Mrs Weston then spoke, after which she and His Honour spent an hour mingling with guests, before departing to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" sung by the crowd with orchestral accompaniment.

Amongst the congratulatory messages received was a particularly gracious letter from Ontario NDP Leader Howard Hampton: "Has it really been five years since you took on the all-important role as Her Majesty's representative in the Province of Ontario? The time has flown, in part, because your fulfillment of the role of Lieutenant Governor seemed so natural and so fitting...[Ontarians] watched your grace and style emanate in meetings with countless groups and individuals from all different backgrounds and walks of life. They applauded your advocacy and involvement in a wide range of concerns from disabilities to seniors. Most of all, they saw you enjoying your duties and putting everything you had into them... You modernized the scope of the office and set a new standard for those who will follow you."

### EXTRACT FROM HER HONOUR'S REMARKS

*"I feel that I have been on an amazing journey these last five years – a journey which has taken me much further than I ever expected. And I have been sustained along the way by the unwavering allegiance of the Loyal Societies. In so many ways, I have found that I could count on you to support my efforts to make this office more accessible to all Ontarians. You have opened doors for me in your communities... Robertson Davies, who sometimes poked gentle fun at the office of Lieutenant Governor, described the Crown, in all seriousness, as "the consecrated spirit of Canada." So it is, and shall continue. In the name of the Queen, and on behalf of all Ontarians, I thank the members of the Loyal Societies for your tremendous dedication to that spirit.*



Time to say goodbye: Galen Weston is escorted by Empire Club Chairman Bill Laidlaw

### JOHN BERTRAM BONATHAN, PRIEST, RIP

Canon Bonathan died peacefully in his 100th year at a Surrey, BC, nursing home. He spent 35 years as Rector of a parish in suburban Montreal, beginning and ending his active ministry with a 6-year curacy and 21-year honorary assistantship at that city's famous Anglo-Catholic shrine, the Church of St John the Evangelist. The Dominion Chairman has never forgotten the example of encountering the Canon on a bus and attempting to engage him in conversation – but that holy priest pointed to his chest and put a finger on his lips, indicating that he was carrying The Blessed Sacrament to the sick, and so would not speak idly. Rich in the life of prayer, a loyal Monarchist, John Bonathan lived and died in the faith of Holy Church. May he rest in peace. JLA



### C.D. (KIT) MAINGUY, RIP

Monarchists in Victoria were saddened by the news of Kit Mainguy's death on April 4th. Kit had joined the League in its earliest days, in Montreal, together with his wife Dene – a Silver Badge of Service holder, and Executive member in the Vancouver and Victoria Branches. A Hotel Manager by profession, Kit exuded an enthusiasm for life tempered by the professional sang-froid acquired from decades of experience dealing with the vicissitudes of life and the varying temperaments of guests found at The Queen Elizabeth Hotel and the Hotel Vancouver. When the Mainguy's moved to Victoria, they purchased and refurbished a marvelous Victorian house, *The Crow's Nest*, in which for over a decade they ran a bed and breakfast establishment. They dispensed generous hospitality, with Kit taking particular pride in his gourmet specialty breakfast dishes which he would offer guests, showing his career *manqué* as chef par excellence! Devoted to his Sovereign, his wife and son; a gentle, kind man with shrewd judgment and a dry sense of humour, Kit was large in spirit as he was in frame – and we will miss him very much indeed. JLA *The Dominion Chairman sent flowers to Dene with the love and sympathy of all members who will remember Kit with fondness.*

### JACQUELINE BARLOW, RIP

With the death of Jacqueline Barlow on Good Friday 2002 in St John's, one of the most colourful figures of the first decade of The Monarchist League of Canada vanished from the scene. Chairman of the League's Newfoundland Branch from 1975 to 1991, Lady Barlow was known for her unique blend of loyalty, eccentricity and determination as well as her hearty, direct approach to people and issues.

As a descendant of the explorer de La Salle, Jacqueline Claire de Marigny, daughter of John Edmund Audley of Chester, though not born in Canada had authentic Canadian roots. It was her marriage in 1952 to Sir Christopher Barlow, 7th Bart, however, that took her to Newfoundland where she was to spend most of her life. Going from Eton to study architecture at McGill University in Montreal, Sir Christopher subsequently set up in practice at St John's. The Barlows were an old family which had been honoured with a baronetcy from King George III for services to the Crown in India.

Lady Barlow's sixteen years as Newfoundland Chairman of the League were characterized by a formidable, compelling style. It was not in character for her to toil at creating a viable branch by building a strong membership and establishing effective institutional structures. Quite the contrary. Jacqueline Barlow had a very different idea of what the League should do to make the public aware that a solid core of the Canadian population loved and supported its Queen. It was the bold, headline-catching public relations stroke she felt would best accomplish this. Two years after becoming Chairman she found and realized just such an opportunity.

It was 1977, the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Lady Barlow decided to get up a Declaration of Loyalty for her fellow Newfoundlanders to sign to express their fidelity to the Sovereign for the occasion. The title Declaration of Loyalty was an intentional allusion to the Canadian alternative to that other famous Declaration, the Declaration of Independence. Her project developed slowly at first. Then she hit on the brilliant idea of enlisting the help of the post mistresses of the province. In Newfoundland and Labrador post offices are a major channel of government communication with the



Declaration of Loyalty 1977 – Lady Barlow obtained signatures from 4/5ths of Newfoundland's population!



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Jacqueline Barlow with Sandringham Chive

people. So when Newfoundlanders visited the post office to collect a cheque or buy a money order they found the Declaration of Loyalty awaiting them and signed it in droves. By the time it was finalised, over 300,000 signatures were affixed to its pages, signatures comprising four fifths of the population of the province. Tied up in red, white and blue ribbons, the Declaration of Loyalty was presented to Her Majesty at Balmoral Castle in September 1977, having been taken to the United Kingdom by Newfoundland war veterans.

Next year when the Queen was in the province, Her Majesty said in her televised speech at the provincial dinner in St John's: "I was deeply moved by the Declaration of Loyalty signed by three hundred thousand Newfoundlanders in my Silver Jubilee Year". Lady Barlow of course was presented to Her Majesty. The Queen asked if there was anything she could do to show her gratitude. Jacqueline, never slow to seize an opportunity, promptly asked her for a golden labrador puppy from the Sandringham estate. The Queen agreed. Labradors were another of Lady Barlow's major interests.

All this activity provided a much needed public and positive face for the Monarchist League in Newfoundland. Lady Barlow's efforts in other areas of her Branch were less successful. Her unilateral institution of dollar memberships for the League in Newfoundland – she maintained ordinary people there could not afford its regular membership – endangered the organization's need to have a standard national fee and caused friction with the Dominion office and other branches. More important, it failed to produce many new members. Such considerations however were of secondary importance to Lady Barlow's vision of what the League should be in her province.

She continued to seek new PR opportunities. Though never again hitting on anything as sensational as the Declaration of Loyalty, she chalked up other successes. In 1979 she helped secure the approval of the Cabinet in Ottawa for the designation 'Royal' bestowed on the Newfoundland Constabulary, one of the oldest police forces in North America, by Her Majesty The Queen on 7 June that year. Four years later Lady Barlow raised \$1,300 to pay for the Colour for the force. The Colour was dedicated in a

widely publicized ecumenical service and presented by Jacqueline herself in great style. In 1986 she organized celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Prince William, later King William IV, in Newfoundland in 1786. Prince William, third son of King George III, was the first member of the Royal Family to come to Canada, so the Prince William Bicentenary also had a national dimension. For the celebration, the Newfoundland Branch commissioned New York artist Louise Topping to paint a portrait of Prince William for St Luke's Church in Placentia, the historic town on the island's south coast where the Prince spent the summer of 1786 and later paid for the erection of a church, endowing it with silver Communion Plate. (The painting and plate are now in the Parks Canada museum on Castle Hill, Placentia.) Though the exact day of Prince William's arrival in June 1786 is not known, Lady Barlow also made an attempt to have June 19, the most likely date, popularly recognized as "Prince William Day".

As Branch Chairman she was indefatigable, visiting junior high schools to talk about the Monarchy, promoting essay contests, writing letters and lobbying officials. She also visited other Branches and made lasting friendships with League members in different parts of the country. At times her strong personality prevented her from realizing the full possibility of official and social relations with Government House in St John's, though she enlisted the support of various former viceregal representatives for her many projects. Her attitude towards her adopted province was that of a loving critic. Some Toronto League members, after being treated to a diatribe by her against the iniquities of the "Newfie joke", were amazed when she suddenly broken off to say "But, have you heard this one?" and launched into a classic example of what she had just been inveighing against. In other ways she reflected local provincialism which often fitted her own conservative outlook on life.

A turning point in her years as League Branch Chairman was the arrival of the promised labrador retriever bred at the royal kennels and named appropriately Sandringham Chive. Lady Barlow doted on him. Everyone – the Queen in particular – was kept informed of the dog's growth and development. His portrait was painted and presented to the Sovereign and he was brought out on royal occasions such as the visits of the Prince of Wales, Princess Royal and Earl of Wessex (then Prince Edward). Sandringham's death in September 1993 at 14 was a great sadness for Jacqueline. By then she had retired as Branch Chairman. At the Queen's Ruby Jubilee Banquet in Toronto in 1992, she was awarded a Silver Badge of Service for her League work. She received it from the hands of the guest of honour, His Majesty King Michael I of Romania. The citation read aloud at the presentation noted that Lady Barlow had "raised the Monarchy's profile in Newfoundland and Labrador by her unstinting efforts at promoting the League's causes in diverse ways" and praised her "fierce loyalty and unmistakable personal style". Poor health in the years that followed severely reduced her involvement in League work but nothing could diminish her loyalty to her Queen.

Tall and distinguished in appearance,

Lady Barlow had a hearty, jolly manner, and was a rapid, enthusiastic talker who could also listen. She was good fun, as ready to contribute a bottle of champagne to a restaurant party as to enliven the group with her own mirth and vivacity. The gifts of imagination and versatility that made her an effective exponent of the Monarchy of course made her at times a difficult colleague too. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband of fifty years, a son, two daughters and several grandchildren. Those in the League who knew her will remember her with gratitude and affection. – GAHB *On behalf of all League members, the Dominion Chairman arranged to have flowers placed on the High Altar of the Cathedral at Saint John's in Jac's memory.*

### LEAGUE MEMBERS REBUKE SIMPSON

Great credit to the following League members who sent rebukes to *Globe & Mail* columnist Geoffrey Simpson for his article attacking the Monarchy in the wake of Princess Margaret's death, with especially offensive personal references to HRH: Chris Blackman, Bryan Cheron, Stuart Eagleson, Tim Lemieux, Andrew Mason, Christopher Mackie, Kasra Nejatian, Borden Rhodes, Matthew Rowe, Benjamin Sharma, Christopher David Smith, Will Stateon, Christopher Trevelyan, Brock Weir, Ryan Whibbs.

#### Sean McCarron's rebuttal (and rebuke) to Simpson

In your article... the monarchists of Canada have been painted with an archetypical brush often used to describe the monarchy itself – that we are aging armchair philosophers. Those who talk a lot but are slow to act.

As much as I enjoy experiencing other people's points of view and wholeheartedly support free-thought – I must disagree with you, and I'll try to explain where I'm coming from in a thoughtful and kind manner. I'm 15 years old, of Irish descent, I'm considered a "punk rocker", and I'm also a monarchist. Not cut from traditional wheat, I assure you.

In your article I was rather disappointed to find that in your attempts to put the spotlight on the monarchy's archaic uselessness, you made a personal attack on Princess Margaret. Seemingly borne from bitter randomness, you referred to her life as "aimless". In my opinion, this is besides the point of your article and unfortunate to read. I certainly wouldn't enjoy reading "Lead an aimless life" on MY tombstone just because I didn't necessarily live up to the standards and high-lives of those around me.

Also in your article, you express concerns that no Canadian "with a sense of Canada" has ever seen him or herself in the British. This is indeed a rather confusing and ambiguous statement, as why would a Canadian not be able to see him or herself in another nationality? Truly, if we are such a "multicultural" society, as we so often tout, then why are we so bent on needless ethnic division? Even if the Crown was indeed only a British possession, it would not be a fellow Canadian's place to tell anyone else where they can find their sense of nationality in a multicultural 'utopia' as it were. After all, shouldn't we be embracing all cultures, traditional and non-traditional? Let's put



aside what ethnicity the Queen Mum (a phrase coined by a Canadian journalist, I believe) was of, and look at her for who she was. She was a kind old woman that anyone who met her viewed her as just another human being – a down-to-earth grandmother with realistic thoughts and ideas. Only then can we be free from bias.

In this article also you seem to attack the media coverage of the Royal Tour of 1939 – forgive me if I'm mistaken, but you seem to be missing the historical significance of this visit. After the Statute of Westminster (1931 I believe), we were our own self-governing Dominion, free to make our own foreign policies and choices regarding wars, etc. You say the tour "was by no means the most important event of that terrible, fateful year in which the Second World War began". Keep in mind that this Royal Tour of 1939 enshrined the love of the monarchy upon the Canadian people of the time. When the British and French went to arms against Hitler on 3 September 1939, we were not automatically at war as was the case in 1914 for WWI. We had a week to stew over our decision, and in the end, on 10 September 1939, we independently declared war. The Canadian military of that time was to become truly a force to be reckoned with, and a very crucial aide in the war. The point is that our love for the monarchy and for humanitarian rights was what propelled us into Second World War – not British pressures. This Royal Tour of 1939 was in many ways the enforcer of this Canadian love of our shared monarchy – and where would the Allies have been without us?

You also seem upset that she is referred to as "One of the most amazing queens since Cleopatra". You point out that she had no real political power – an argument I always find interesting because anti-monarchists would be upset by a monarch's power or lack of power, whatever the case may be. I'm sure if she had vast power in her time then republicans such as yourself wouldn't have been terribly pleased that we allowed ourselves to be "manipulated" by a "foreign figure-head". You also seem to be forgetting how steely she was during the days of her highest fame – particularly the days of the Blitzkrieg or Lightning War on Britain by the Germans. Queen or no Queen, she willingly stepped right out into the rubble and placed herself on the same level as her self-designated "subjects", displaying that she too was human and would stand with them to the end. This boost of morale, some veterans still claim, was what helped Britons jump back into the fight and overcome German opposition, forcing the bombings to stop. The Queen Mum put herself on the line for the sake of her subjects – who were more than willing to return the favour. And, with regards to history, I think thankfully so. "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

You point out here that there has not been a tremendous showing at Parliament Hill or the Queen Mother's residence. What's important to realize is that the monarchy's influence and span is not limited to one centralized region – it is truly widespread and people from all different types embrace it. Not all of them have the ability to show up at Her Majesty's front door to lay flowers, but we can all remember her, put our flags at half-mast, and hopefully even perform acts of kindness in her remembrance. I'm

## LEAGUE NOTES...

sure republicans would groan at the “waste of time and money” if a sea of people were to travel, showing up in remembrance.

You also claim that the institution of monarchy is a British one that we lean on, and not a Canadian one, at the end. It is important to keep in mind that Queen Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of Canada on the same day she was crowned as Queen of England and Australia and what-have-you. Although the royal family themselves have permanent residence in England, the system of government which they are symbolic of is active and relevant in all regions within the Realm. The system of constitutional monarchy truly is democratic representation of all people as the monarch soars above and beyond politics. The Queen’s duty as Head of State is to represent her subjects, while not belonging to any particular political leaning. In this, unlike a President (for lack of a better compari-

son), all of her decisions would be made entirely based on what is best for her people – and not what is best for the political party she’s affixed to. This is important to me as a citizen because knowing that we have that security in place is a comfortable feeling to me. To know that when it comes right down to it, the people truly are in charge of the government, not the government in charge of the people. Keep in mind that within a constitutional monarchy, all of Her Majesty’s decisions must be made within the legal confinements of the nation she governs. Further, if ever her power were to be abused (a highly unlikely situation), it would be within the subject’s capabilities to throw her out and disregard her decisions, should worse come to worse. Ultimately, it is entirely within Canadians’ power to feel secure and safe within our government.

The monarchy is relevant and important to me. That is all. A very gracious

thank-you for all of your time. I understand you must be very busy but I wanted to at least tell you where this 15 year-old stands.

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SASKATCHEWAN – Erection of the Equestrian Statue of The Queen on the grounds of the Legislative Assembly, an undertaking partially funded by government and partially by public subscription.

ONTARIO – Subsidizing scholarships in honour of the Golden Jubilee for two teenaged students to attend the Royal Canadian College of Organists Pipe Organ Week Course to be held in Hamilton during July.

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## BY THEIR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

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



Ronald Roy Anger, Toronto, Ontario  
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Walter Heslop Bilbrough, Toronto, Ontario  
Kenneth Connolly, Stoney Creek, Ontario  
Francis William Dollman, Victoria, British Columbia  
William Vernon Goodfellow, Hamilton, Ontario  
Ronald Powell Graham, Hamilton, Ontario  
Reginald Gordon Harris, Kelowna, British Columbia  
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James Milton MacDonald, Toronto, Ontario  
Eileen Evelyn Parker, Calgary, Alberta  
Natalie Platner, Markham, Ontario  
Helen Ralston, Toronto, Ontario  
Daniel Edward Sage, Corbeil, Ontario  
Grace Smith, Toronto, Ontario  
Murray W. Waterman, Calgary, Alberta  
Elsie Wight, Ottawa & Toronto, Ontario



A prominent League member and benefactor, Mr. Alex Paton of Victoria, BC, has written a letter on the subject of wills, which he kindly gave permission for the League to circulate in any way that might be helpful. The Dominion Chairman sent it, along with a covering letter from the League, to all Life Members and to major contributors. If you would like to receive copies of this material, Mr. Aimers would cheerfully send them to you on request. In his final paragraph, the Chairman stated, “*As I reflect on what, together, we have accomplished over this last quarter-century and more, nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to know that some of our most dedicated members will wish to help continue the work which we have endeavoured to do in life.*”

### Make Sure The Work Goes On!

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

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# BRANCH NEWS



Halifax Chairman Burke with Senator John Buchanan



Senator Buchanan with Pat McNair



Senator Buchanan with (from right) Dorothy Kelly, Helen Wyman and Sybil Carter



Scenes from Kingston Golden Jubilee Tea

✳️**Halifax-Dartmouth** Branch is in a whirlwind of activity under new Chairman *Scott Burke*. Within his first months as leader, Scott has initiated a Branch web site, issued computer-designed Branch Newsletter *Atlantic Monarchist News*, attended a Government House Golden Jubilee launch ceremony, welcomed to a Branch Meeting *Senator John Buchanan* to speak about Royal Visits to Nova Scotia during his period as the province's Premier, assisted in mounting a Jubilee display in the public areas at Government House and coordinated the NS visit of *HRH Prince Michael of Kent* – including a Government House Tea and Concert to which Their Honours graciously invited many League members. *Nigel Service*, son of long-time Monarchist *Gwen Service*, assisted graciously with transportation arrangements for the Prince.

✳️**Pictou County** Branch, NS organized an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen Mother's life at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow.



Jubilee Tea, April 6, Hampton High School. *Bev Harrison*, The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, *Mrs Marjorie Corbett*, Honourary Tea Convenor, *Richard Thorne*, President, *Kings County Historical Society*.

✳️**New Brunswick** Chairman *Marje Harrison* together with her husband, *Mr Speaker Bev Harrison*, are organizing a Golden Jubilee Banquet on June 26th at

Government House, Fredericton, at the kind invitation of *Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor*. The Dominion Chairman will speak. *Marje* and *Bev* undertook many media interviews during the Royal Mourning, and attended a packed service at the Cathedral followed by a Reception at Government House.

✳️**Quebec City** members now have their own Contact Group, organized by *Wally Raymond*, more formally known as the *Very Reverend Walter Raymond*, Dean of Quebec, who offered Grace at the Dominion Jubilee Banquet in Toronto this March, and assisted in the Eucharist attended by Prince Michael two days afterwards at St Thomas's Church. Monarchists in the Old Capital visited with *Her Honour, The Lieutenant Governor* at her Suite, at her gracious invitation, in order to express their condolences and to view an archival display of pictures of The Late Queen Mother. The Dominion Chairman delivered the Address at Holy Trinity Cathedral's Golden Jubilee Thanksgiving Evensong held on Sunday June 9 at 5:00 pm.

✳️**Montreal** Branch Chairman *Dr Douglass Dalton* arranged a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by former Dominion Officer *Ven Peter Hannen*, to be offered on Accession Day at the historic old Anglo-Catholic parish of Saint John the Evangelist. League members and parishioners were thrilled to welcome *Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor* to the service and reception which followed.

✳️**Ottawa** Branch members were delighted to hear Dominion Vice Chairman *Paul Benoit*, Branch Chairman *Rafal Heydel-Mankoo* and executive member *Joanne Nadeau* as guest panelists during a two-hour phone-in show about the Monarchy on CFRA radio. March 3rd

found members attending a Luncheon addressed by *Dr. Peter Meinecke*, National Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society, former Provost of University of Toronto and former President of the University of PEI... *Paul Benoit* and student member *Stuart Eagleson* represented the Dominion Chairman at the National Commemoration of The Queen Mother held at Christ Church Cathedral on the day of the Funeral... Members expressed their support and affection to *Strome and Jean Galloway*, who had both been unwell but were reported as recovering in good spirits.

✳️**Kingston** Contact Group held its first event in many years, as long-time member *Marlene McCracken* assumed the reins of leadership from *Chris McCreery*. *Marlene* organized a Gala Golden Jubilee Tea at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church for The Queen's Jubilee Birthday on April 21

Amongst the 90 guests were Mr Speaker *Peter Milliken*, MP; *John Gerretsen*, MPP; *Her Worship Mayor Isabel Turner*. Entertaining anecdotes were recounted by *Michael Dunn*, a former chef at Buckingham Palace with *Jane Ann McCaw* of the Belleville Branch. Present in addition to League members were other Loyal Society representatives including the UEL, the Canadian Club, the United Kingdom Dance Club, Scouts, Masons and Queen's University.

✳️**London** Branch enjoyed seeing former Chairmen *Al Boyd* and *Helen Fitzgerald* quoted in the Free Press feature article heralding Accession Day. The Branch hosted a Discussion and Tea on March 17th in celebration of the Jubilee. *Senator Anne Cools* was Guest Speaker, and well over 80 attended. Acting Chairman *Al Boyd* was assisted in organization by student members *Mark Ambrogio* and *Cyril Bagin*. *Sandra Barker* is leading a Branch effort to have the new London Arena named to honour The Jubilee – a delega-



London Jubilee Tea convenors (l-r): *Al Boyd*, *Cyril Bagin* & *Anna Rowcliffe* with Guest of Honour *Senator Anne Cools*

tion promoting this commemoration will be appearing before the Board of Control in June.

✳️**Peterborough** Contact Group held an afternoon meeting in May, featuring League Vice-Chairman *Arthur Bousfield* and his co-author *Garry Toffoli* discuss their new book on the Queen's Reign.

✳️**Toronto** Branch welcomed librarian *Noel McFerran* to its January meeting for a talk on the Stuarts in Italy. Royal Week events were well attended, with *Ann Wingfield's* bus tour and annual excursion to Woodbine Racetrack proving popular as well as a Loyal Society Luncheon at the Royal Canadian Military Institute at which *Mr Speaker Peter Milliken* was Guest Speaker. For the second consecutive year, weather dampened numbers but not spirit as the Branch participated in *Garry Toffoli's* Queen's Birthday Parade, launched by Ontario Lieutenant Governor *James Bartleman*.

✳️**Hamilton** Branch welcomed the Dominion Chairman and a busload of enthusiastic young Monarchists from Toronto at its elegant Golden



Quebec City League Contact Group members call upon Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor in her Suite to express their condolences at the death of HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Chairman and Dean of Quebec *Fr Wally Raymond* stands beside *Mme Thibault* as the Lord Bishop signs the Book of Remembrance.

Photo: Mike Reshitnyk, Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph



# BRANCH NEWS

Jubilee Banquet held at Liana Station on May 13, with over 225 members and friends present. Organized by Branch Chairman *Sylvia Cook* along with long-time devoted workers *Pauline O'Connor*, *Loretta Ray* and *Bob Finch*, and emceed with elan by *Robert Oldham*, the Banquet featured a sonorous Cadet Band, lively entertainment by a local choral group and a wonderful sense of fellowship. In recent months members have frequently see Robert on CHCH television where he represents the League's views with conviction and style!

✱**Windsor** Contact Group Chairman *Christopher Lucki* addressed the Bicentennial Branch of the United Empire



Chris Lucki at UEL Meeting

Loyalists Association on his experience as the League's Summer Intern at Queen's Park and the role of the Lieutenant Governor.

✱**Manitoba** Monarchists bade farewell to outgoing Branch Chairman *John Robins* and a warm welcome to his successor *Margaret Morlock*, who undertook many media appearances on the death of The Queen Mother.

✱**Saskatchewan** Branch and its indefatigable Chairman *Fr Derek Nicholls* maintain a high profile, with *Fr Nicholls* sitting on the Provincial Golden Jubilee Committee. It helped to organize two significant events on February 6th, the actual date of the Golden Jubilee of The Queen's Accession. First was a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, Regina, in the presence of *The Lieutenant Governor* and the *Bishop of Qu'Appelle*. The Dean preached and *Fr. Nicholls* offered prayers. The *Roman Catholic Archbishop of Regina* pronounced the Blessing. Afterwards, many members and guests attended a Golden Jubilee Dinner at Government House, arranged in cooperation with the Branch. Receiving guests with the *Nicholls*, Her Honour held a Reception prior to Dinner and graciously provided wine at table. Long-time member and Provincial Protocol Director *Michael Jackson* offered the bilingual Grace, while the Loyal Toast was offered by Dr Howard Leyton-Brown, OC, SOM. *Fr Nicholls* emceed the programme, which featured as speakers *The Lieutenant Governor*, *Assembly Speaker Myron Kowalski* and the Premier's representative *Doreen Hamilton, MLA*. April 10 brought the Branch to Luncheon at Government House where Her Honour welcomed organizations with a Royal connection, while on Victoria Day weekend the Branch held its



Calgary Branch Chairman *Fr Bob Greene*, 3rd row centre, and Calgary members welcome *John Aimers* (back row, 1 of *Fr Greene*)

own annual lunch – the speaker being *Will Chabun* of the *Regina Leader-Post*.

✱**Calgary** Branch celebrated Accession Day with a Service at St John the Evangelist Church where *Fr. Bob Greene*, Branch Chairman, is Hon Assistant, followed by a Dinner with over 100 present, at which Editor in Chief of the Calgary Herald *Peter Menzies* was the Guest Speaker. The Branch enjoyed a short visit from *John Aimers* in late summer.

✱**Edmonton** Branch Chairman *Ian*

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given the privilege of hosting *Prince Michael's* Victoria visit in the Spring. 12 new members were amongst the guests at the Branch's annual Christmas Tea, with particular joy expressed at the birth of *Elisabeth Margaret Anne Hallsor*, brand new daughter of *Bruce & Sharon Hallsor*! During *Prince Michael's* March visit, member *Bill Wolferstan* introduced His Royal Highness to SALTS, a training sailing ship for youth, during a windy sail in Victoria Harbour, while Secretary *Elaine Currie* saw the Branch was properly represented at another of the Prince's stops, the Cridge Centre. *Bruce and Sharon Hallsor* attended the *Lieutenant Governor's* Dinner for the Prince, as did *Alex & Orma Paton*. HRH's arduous overnight flight to Toronto and Halifax was gentled by a most pleasant informal evening buffet supper party graciously hosted by *Alex & Orma Paton* at their home. Present in addition to the Royal Party were *Government House Private Secretary Herb LeRoy* and his wife *Marjie*, *Graeme & Brenda Sorley* and *Alice Sanders*. Jubilee Coordinator *Gene Fedderly* is organizing a Canada Day Golden Jubilee cake-cutting at Beacon Hill Park.



The newest member of the Victoria Branch attends her first meeting! Welcome to *Elisabeth Margaret Anne Hallsor*, flanked by proud parents *Bruce and Sharon*.

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✱**Courtenay-Comox** Branch organized a well-attended Memorial for The Queen Mother, as Chairman *Brian Scott* – who also gave television, radio and newspaper interviews – and Branch Secretary *Ann Johnson* organized the Service at St John the Divine Church. Many members traveled to Victoria for the Luncheon with *Prince Michael*.

✱**Central Vancouver Island** rallied 14 of



Branch Chairman *Bruce Hallsor* and Secretary *Elaine Currie* at Christmas Tea

its members who also enjoyed their journey to Victoria to meet *Prince Michael*. Acting Chairman *Bill Lee* is planning the branch's own Golden Jubilee Banquet June 29th, at the College Inn, Qualicum, with *John Aimers* as Guest Speaker.

## THREE BRANCHES LAUNCH WEB SITES, FOURTH IN PROGRESS

As Montreal Branch prepares to launch its web site in bilingual form thanks to *Bill Schleihau's* many hours of patient work, three other Branches have entered the electronic age and mounted their own sites to allow their local outreach and programming to be accessible to all. In Ottawa, Hamilton and Halifax, *Rafal Heydel-Mankoo*, *Bob Finch* and *Scott Burke*, respectively have mounted first-class information pages done with style and flare. You can access them through the Links section on the main League web site [www.monarchist.ca](http://www.monarchist.ca)

## Jubilé d'Or de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, Reine du Canada – Célébration à Montréal

Par *René le Clère*

Le mercredi 6 février 2002, à 17 h 45, en l'église Saint-Jean-l'Évangéliste de l'avenue Président-Kennedy, à Montréal, « La petite église au toit rouge », une messe eucharistique solennelle a été célébrée en l'honneur de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, Reine du Canada, à l'occasion de son cinquantième anniversaire d'accession au trône.

Construite entre 1877 et 1878, la charmante église restée fidèle à la tradition catholique au sein de l'Église anglicane, a été le siège d'une émouvante cérémonie religieuse d'une heure et demie. Cette cérémonie rassembla des centaines de paroissiens et de monarchistes qui avaient répondu à l'appel de la *Ligue monarchique du Canada* et du révérend K.A. Schmidt, recteur de l'église, qui concélébra en compagnie d'une dizaine de confrères, dont le vénérable *Peter Hannen*, archidoyen de Montréal; le révérend *Éric E. Dyck*, pasteur de l'Église luthérienne St. John; et le révérend *Marc-Philippe Vincent* qui chanta l'évangile en français.

L'honorable *Lise Thibault*, lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec, fit son entrée précédée de son aide de camp aux accords du *God Save the Queen* interprété aux grandes orgues par le titulaire *K.M. Komisaruk*, directeur de la musique, qui dirigea aussi durant toute la cérémonie une chorale d'une douzaine de chanteurs en aubes blanches.

Du haut de la chaire, le révérend *Arlen Bonnar*, ministre de l'Église unie St. James, fit une homélie fort bien sentie au sujet de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, Reine du Canada, et de la monarchie.

L'office religieux se prolongea par une rencontre amicale au Centre communautaire, avec la présence du lieutenant-gouverneur qui prononça une allocution et qui reçut avec beaucoup de chaleur et de simplicité les hommages émus de chacune des personnes présentes. De nombreux livres et souvenirs concernant la Reine furent exposés grâce à des prêts de plusieurs fidèles.

Parmi les fidèles se reconnaissaient de nombreuses personnalités dont des hommes à la poitrine barrée de décorations. Les participants s'attardèrent fort longtemps et se quittèrent avec regrets.

Que Dieu garde la Reine !

