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Canadians Hail Jubilee

Poll Shows Record Support for Crown

Editorial Comment:

A Happy Jubilee: Our Diamond Queen

February 6, Accession Day, is one The Queen usually spends quietly, remembering our late King, her beloved father, George VI. Some of his personality is reflected in the movie so many of us enjoyed, *The King's Speech*. As for most humans, there is no doubt that our Monarch's personality was formed by her parents; so we might pause to think with gratitude and affection of George and Elizabeth, Queen Consort and Queen Mother. What a gift they gave to the Commonwealth in the character of their daughter!

Inevitably, too, the Jubilee impels many of us to look back at the times we have, if we are lucky, met The Queen in a walk-about or in a formal setting; or, more likely, when we stood in crowds to cheer her during her Canadian homecomings; and most probably, when we have watched her on television and online. These special moments, both individual and collective, mark important events in the life of individuals as of Canada. Thus

Elizabeth's times mark our own.

Each of us has a special Canadian memory. Perhaps it is when in her Golden Jubilee year The Queen dropped the puck at an NHL game in Vancouver, or in 2010 when hundreds of thousands shared Canada Day with her on Parliament Hill. Perhaps when she visited Expo '67 in Montréal, or toured the Gaspé in 1984. Perhaps when she joined General Eisenhower to open the St Lawrence Seaway, or returned to the scene of Canadian valour on Juneau Beach or at Vimy to re-dedicate its monument to our fallen. Perhaps the occasion she visited Iqaluit for the first time, or when she whistle-stopped through small Prairie towns, her train halting 5 minutes at one, 10 at another – sufficient for a greeting from the Mayor and local worthies, and brief encounters with us and ours, who make the stuff at the heart of Canada, such as the old Nun from a francophone convent in rural Alberta, who clutched her Sovereign's hand

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À notre Reine de diamants

Comme à son habitude, la Reine se recueille le 6 février consacrée à la mémoire de notre regretté Roi, son père bien-aimé, Georges VI. Le film que tant d'entre nous avons tellement aimé, *The King's Speech*, laisse apercevoir un peu du caractère de celui-ci. Comme c'est le cas pour la plupart des êtres humains, nul doute que le caractère de notre Monarque fut formé par ses parents. C'est pourquoi il convient de prendre le temps de réfléchir, avec gratitude et affection, sur le rôle de Georges et de sa femme, Élisabeth, la Reine-Mère. C'est tout un cadeau qu'ils ont fait au Canada en le caractère de leur fille.

Inévitablement, pour beaucoup d'entre nous, ce sera également une occasion de nous remémorer, si nous avons eu de la chance, les occasions où nous avons pu rencontrer la Reine, lors d'un bain de foule ou plus formellement. Ou

peut-être, ce qui est plus probable, que nous avons fait partie de la foule qui saluait la Reine lors de l'un de ses retours au Canada. Ou, plus probablement encore, nous l'avons vue à la télé et en ligne. Ces

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HRH the Prince of Wales presents the Diamond Jubilee Medal to Barbara Goldring of Toronto, a long-standing member, Silver Badge of Service holder and benefactor of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Lieut. Gov. of Ontario

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as she told her in French, "Madame, every day I pray for you with all my heart." Away from cameras, our Queen's eyes teared briefly, as she responded with a heartfelt "Merci, ma soeur," in her faultless French.

Canada's Queen is also blended inextricably into the Constitutional life of this Realm. She has opened Parliament and presided over her Canadian Privy Council. She proclaimed the National Flag, and a generation later, proclaimed the fully-patriated Constitution. Her words, always few, delivered with care but without posturing, are thus the more memorable: "...that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service..." ~ "I want the Crown in Canada to represent everything that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal..." ~ "I am glad to be here at this sensitive time...I am not just a fair weather friend." ~ or when she told President Reagan "I am going home to Canada tomorrow."

60 years our Queen, 61 years since she first set foot on Canadian soil, we have celebrated her Jubilee at home and witnessed its wondrous apotheosis in Britain. If the Diamond Jubilee means anything beyond mere ceremony, it must kindle in Canadians a spirit of inclusiveness and of sharing, of community parties with old friends along with strangers and newcomers who become friends, too, and of giving of ourselves to good causes in her name, and so of honouring her who is the chief volunteer of the Commonwealth.

For above all, Elizabeth is our friend, part of our extended Canadian family, as familiar as her image on stamps and portraits and coins, as enduring as the Canadian Shield, as iconic as the Mounties and the Rocky Mountains and as unpretentious as the walking shoes and head scarf



in which she is most at home. God bless her, and keep her and her Maple Kingdom in peace, health and happiness.

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moments précieux soulignent pour nous, en tant qu'individus et collectivités, les moments marquants de la vie du Canada que nous faisons nôtres. C'est ainsi que les moments marquants de la vie d'Élisabeth sont également les nôtres.

Chacun et chacune de nous garde un souvenir particulier de la Reine qui est relié à la vie du Canada. Peut-être est-ce le jubilé d'or, lorsque la Reine a laissé tomber la rondelle lors d'un match de hockey de la Ligue nationale à Vancouver. Ou peut-être est-ce la fête du Canada de 2010, lorsque la Reine a participé à notre joie sur la Colline du Parlement. C'est peut-être le moment où la Reine a visité Montréal lors de l'Expo 67, ou bien lorsqu'elle a fait une tournée en Gaspésie en 1984. Peut-être est-ce lorsqu'elle s'est jointe au président Eisenhower pour ouvrir la Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent ou encore c'est peut-être son retour aux champs de bataille de Juno Beach et de Vimy où elle a consacré de nouveau les monuments à nos soldats décédés. C'est peut-être sa première visite à Iqaluit, ou bien lorsqu'elle a

fait un voyage en train aux Prairies, s'arrêtant à chaque petite collectivité pendant cinq ou dix minutes, le temps de saluer le maire, les dignitaires locaux et les gens ordinaires : nous-mêmes et nos familles qui sommes au cœur du Canada. Des gens comme cette sœur âgée qui faisait partie d'une communauté religieuse dans les régions rurales de l'Alberta, qui a saisi la main de sa Souveraine et qui a déclaré : « Madame, je prie pour vous tous les jours de tout mon cœur. » Les yeux remplis de larmes, notre Reine, à l'abri des appareils photos, a manifesté sa vive reconnaissance en lui répondant tout simplement, dans un français impeccable, « Merci, ma sœur! »

La Reine du Canada est également intimement liée à la vie constitutionnelle de ce royaume. Elle a ouvert le Parlement et elle a présidé le Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada. Elle a proclamé le drapeau national et, une génération plus tard, elle a signé la Constitution qui venait d'être entièrement rapatriée. Ses paroles, toujours succinctes et prononcées avec soins mais sans orgueil, sont d'autant plus mémorables : « Je consacrerai toute ma vie, qu'elle doive être longue ou brève, à votre service... » ~ « Je veux que la Couronne au Canada représente ce qu'il y a de meilleur et de plus admiré dans l'idéal canadien... » ~ « Je suis heureuse d'être ici en ce moment sensible... Je ne suis pas une amie des beaux jours seulement. » Ou lorsqu'elle a déclaré au président Reagan : « Demain, je rentre chez moi au Canada. »

Elle est notre Reine depuis 60 ans. Il y a 61 ans, elle foulait le sol canadien pour la première fois. Et maintenant nous avons fêté son Jubilé chez nous et a vu son apothéose merveilleuse en Grande-Bretagne. Si le jubilé de diamant veut dire quelque chose au-delà d'une simple cérémonie, il doit donner naissance, pour les Canadiens et Canadiennes, à un esprit d'inclusion et de partage. Cet esprit peut se manifester sous la forme de fêtes communautaires où de vieux amis qui se joignent à des étrangers et à de nouveaux venus, lesquels, à leur tour, deviennent amis. Nous pouvons également donner forme à cet esprit en nous donnant à une bonne cause au nom de celle qui est la bénévole en chef du Commonwealth.

Or, par-dessus tout, Élisabeth est notre amie et un membre de la famille élargie canadienne, aussi familière que son image sur nos timbres, son effigie sur nos pièces de monnaie et son portrait sur les murs de nos institutions; aussi constante que le Bouclier canadien; aussi humble que les foulards et les chaussures de marche dans lesquels elle se sent le plus à l'aise. Que Dieu la bénisse et la protège, et que le Royaume d'Érable connaisse la paix, la santé et le bonheur.

IPSOS-REID POLL SHOWS RECORD SUPPORT FOR MONARCHY ACROSS CANADA NEW CANADIANS LEAD THE WAY IN LOYALTY

"Support Levels any politician would envy" – Finch

In a national poll Ipsos-Reid took June 6-8, 61% of Canadians – across age groups – affirmed their support for the Monarchy's continuation in Canada after the end of The Queen's reign. Contrary to what some might expect – or misrepresent – the desire to retain the Crown is slightly higher amongst new Canadians, at 63%! John Wright, senior Vice-President of the polling firm, suggested that this may be because "new Canadian citizens are looking for icons that they can actually hang onto in order to become more Canadian." Others gave particular credit to Citizenship, Immigration & Multiculturalism Jason Kenney's ceaseless campaigning for a better understanding of the Crown and issuance of a revised citizenship manual for immigrants seeking to join the national family. Even in Quebec, where support had been dampened by controversy surrounding allegations of fraudulent expense claims by the former Lieutenant Governor, approval for the Crown crept up by about 10 points, while Alberta led the provinces in an astonishing 77% support, reflecting not only the staying power of the "William and Kate effect" – a tumultuous welcome there had brought one million to the streets – but also the hard work and conspicuous loyalty of a much-admired Lieutenant Governor.

The poll also showed that the sometimes-parlous poll ratings of the Prince of Wales took a definite uptick on the heels of HRH's and the Duchess of Cornwall's successful Jubilee tour. Of interest is that younger Canadians are more likely to be supportive of Charles. Mr Wright argues this may be because they have no memory of the controversies that erupted at the time of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Monarchist League Dominion Chairman Robert Finch thought that Wright may have a point; but he added, "I wonder if younger Canadians also would wish for William and Catharine the opportunity to experience a somewhat-more normal home life than our present Queen enjoyed before her premature Accession. As well, there is general consensus that the Prince of Wales enjoyed a happy Jubilee and came across very well in his supporting role, bridging the generation of his Mother to that of his son and Heir." Asked about the poll results in general, Finch observed, "One always has to remember that polls at best represent a snapshot of opinion at a given moment. Of course, the results are encouraging, and must be gratifying to the government as well as our Royal Family. But they're not an excuse for us taking it easy! That said," he grinned, "the numbers endorsing the Canadian way of democratic parliamentary governance are terrific – support levels any politician would envy!"



Alberta leads in support for Crown after huge success of William & Kate's tour

A Happy Diamond Jubilee Homecoming Charles and Camilla Represent The Queen

by Elkanah A. Smith

[Elkana A. Smith is an experienced journalist whose specialty is following the Royals. Ed.]

When the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall arrived in New Brunswick at the start of the Diamond Jubilee homecoming, it was a quiet arrival with very little fanfare. It was a stark contrast to the rousing welcome they received from very enthusiastic Newfoundlanders in St. John's in 2009, but much in keeping with the rather low-key tone of the rest of that year's visit.

How quickly things changed.

The morning after the by-the-book administrative welcome in Fredericton, crowds turned out in droves for the two-fold reason of welcoming the Royal Couple and celebrating the remarkable achievements of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh on their Diamond Jubilee.

The Royal Couple's visit began in earnest with an official welcoming ceremony at CFB Gagetown hosted by His Excellency the Governor General. Here, His Excellency paid tribute to the Prince of Wales and the Diamond Queen.

"I am delighted to be back in Canada," said His Royal Highness, in turn, highlighted the theme of this particular royal homecoming, service to others, one which would come up time and time again during their stay. This sentiment was poignantly underscored at the official welcoming ceremony when the Prince of Wales presented a Diamond Jubilee medal to Marshall Howard.

"Despite being only thirteen, he has given his own time and energy to raise money for a scholarship in memory of Private David Greenslade, a soldier from St. John who lost his life in Afghanistan," said the Prince. "This remarkable example of service to the wider community is something of which Marshall's family and indeed all Canadians can be immensely proud."

The Prince of Wales also took a moment to "fondly" reflect on some of his early military days spent in nearby as a naval helicopter pilot in the 1970s "in the middle of nowhere, which somewhat inaptly took its name from the local town of 'Blissville!' "As a father of two serving sons in the Armed Forces – who seem to have become hereditary helicopter pilots – I am greatly looking forward to talking to



CMN is delighted to have the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Hon Jason Kenney, PC, MP, describe the significance of this happy scene: *On Victoria Day I participated in a special citizenship ceremony with 13 new Canadians marking The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I was joined by Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. This was the first time in the history of Canadian citizenship that the Oath of Citizenship to the Queen, her heirs and successors, was recited in the presence of her first heir, the Prince of Wales.*

Office of Hon Jason Kenney

members of veterans of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces [and] to recognize their particular form of service to the nation."

Following the official welcome, the Royal Couple headed to Saint John, where they received a rousing welcome from residents during a heritage tour of Prince William Street, which was a key component in Saint John being awarded the 2002 Prince of Wales Municipal Heritage Leadership Prize. From there, they presided over a citizenship ceremony, greeted more excited throngs of Canadians at Victoria Day celebrations at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal, and a tour of Hazen-White-St. Francis School where students and teachers were all too happy to come in on a Sunday – on a holiday weekend, no less! – to host Charles and Camilla. There they learned about mentorship programs in the community.

After a whirlwind tour of the province, it was on to Toronto where after a couple of hours to settle in at their hotel, they hit Lake Ontario at Ashbridges Bay Park, where they were slated to take in Victoria Day Fireworks with specially invited representatives of Ontario's emergency responders and their families. Although

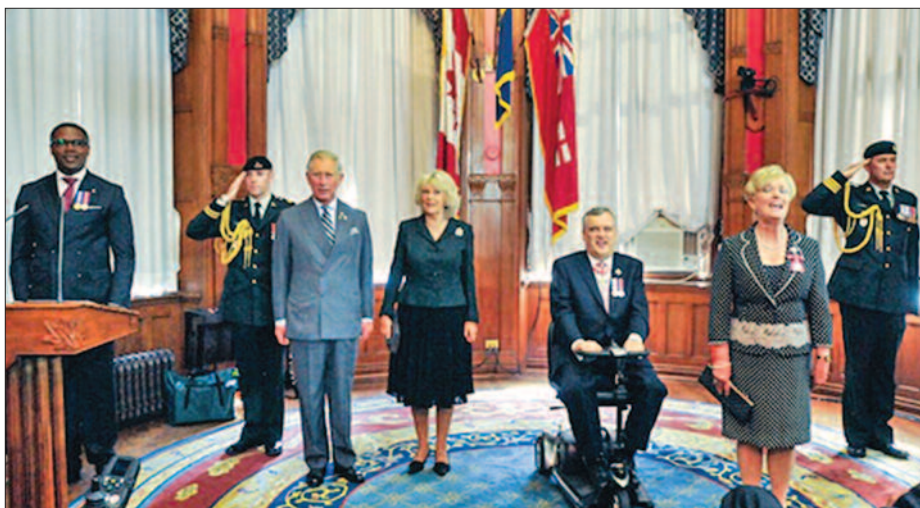
there was little opportunity for members of the public as a whole to interact with the Royal Couple during this event, despite their being situated barely over 100 metres away from the crowd obscured by bushes, those who received the invite were thrilled to have the opportunity to take in the celebrations with TRH.

For one family from Newmarket, a town about 40 km north of Toronto, it was a mixture of excitement and nerves. Damien Walsh, a member of Toronto's fire services was there with his wife Emily, daughter Leah, and son Riley. "It's great that my kids get to experience this," said Emily. "Not many kids get a chance to and for me, I have grown up listening to and watching the Royals and to be able to meet them in person is great. At first we just thought we'd get to see them in the distance, but then we found out that we would actually get to meet them, so it is very exciting."

The excitement would only build as the public waited for the royal couple, followed by Premier Dalton McGuinty, his wife Terry, and others, to make their way across the narrow channel of water to their section of the park. I was clear the guests were struck by the openness and

informality of the Royal Couple as the met with the crowds, considered whether or not to have some cotton candy (they politely declined) and settled into their lawn chairs to watch the colourful display lighting up the night sky. Curiously, relatively few eyes seemed trained on the heavens despite the show!

After a marathon day for the Royal Couple it was back to their hotel to rest up for the busy day ahead, which kicked off with an official welcome at Queen's Park. The main event was the presentation of six Diamond Jubilee medals in the Lieutenant-Governor's Suite, but just after arriving and being officially greeted by Lieutenant Governor David and Ruth Ann Onley, the Royal Couple headed to the other side of the driveway and plunged into the crowd for their first Ontario walkabout of the visit. Amongst the crowds were two little girls who held up a specially made sign of welcome. They were, you see, born on April 9, 2005 – the very day the Royal Couple wed in Windsor. There were others in the crowd who had been across the very driveway to see the Prince's grandparents in 1939, and from there a whole host of people who had seen representatives of every genera-



Her Honour Mrs Ruth A Onley leads the singing of The Royal Anthem prior to the Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentation in the Music Room of the Vice-Regal Suite, Queen's Park. Far left is emcee of the ceremony, His Honour's indefatigable Private Secretary Anthony Hylton; far right is a senior Aide-de-Camp, Lt-Col Jeffrey Cairns, a Monarchist League member.



Charles & Camilla with Ontario Premier McGuinty at Victoria Day fireworks

Brock Weir

Diamond Jubilee Homecoming...



Walkabout at Distillery District, Toronto



Davit Patel chats with Prince of Wales in Fredericton

Kusum Patel



The Prince of Wales chats with a greatly-beloved former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Hon. Lincoln Alexander, as the present Governor looks on.



The Duchess of Cornwall in conversation at the Vice-Regal Suite, Queen's Park, with Gwyne Willmot, a long-time volunteer in the Suite, last Canadian Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen and a member of the Monarchist League of Canada

tion of the Royal Family since. One gentleman from Aurora, got up extra early in the morning on a whim to try to see the Royal couple. Struck by the Prince's commitment to the environment, architecture, and sustainability, with a paddle doubling as a placard, he hoped to invite the Royal Couple for a canoe excursion on their next homecoming. Others were parents who took their kids out of school just for the occasion. "I didn't think this was a national holiday too!" exclaimed the Prince of Wales to the kids to one's left. When told by their parents that they would be heading back to school as soon as the walkabout was over, they exchanged knowing nods parents the world over would recognize. Another lighthearted moment was when one woman down the line got quite carried away with the Duchess' hand. Although his damsel was not in distress, rather than come to her rescue, the Prince was highly amused. Inside Queen's Park, His Royal Highness presented Diamond Jubilee medals to six individuals, including members of the Monarchist League. The recipients were Barbara Goldring, Tamara Gordon, Rahul Singh, Nathan Tidridge, Andrew Williams, and Lou Wise.

Medals awarded and remarks made, Their Royal Highnesses went their separate ways – the Prince of Wales to Ryerson University's Media Zone and the athletes village for the Pan Am Games, while the Duchess headed to Moss Park Armoury to make her first visit as Colonel in Chief to her first.

The energy and excitement from the invited guests in the Armoury hall was palpable as they waited for their new Colonel-in-Chief to visit their home. Members of the Queen's Own Rifles had previously visited Clarence House on the

Duchess' appointment as Colonel following the retirement of Princess Alexandra in 2010. Now, however, she was going to be on their turf.

Upon arrival, her standard was broken, she inspected the troops – speaking with far more people than the four that were expected – and retired upstairs to meet personally with her soldiers. Evidently, Princess Alexandra was very fond of having a simple ham sandwich when dining with them, so they had one at the ready just in case the Duchess shared similar tastes. As it turns out, the sandwich was politely declined but, to all accounts, a good time was had by all. Following the private meeting, Her Royal Highness laid a wreath at the memorial inside the armoury, had a "class picture" taken with every member of the group, and mixed in a reception for family members. The Duchess' ability to put everyone at ease was on display as they chatted merrily around several round tables hastily set up on the floor while the private meeting was going on.

Whether she was speaking to veterans who had done their service overseas in wars now memories, soldiers who had recently returned from Afghanistan, or cadets waiting for their chance, she had time to speak to everyone, including a little girl in a tiara, before unveiling her official portrait and making her inaugural speech which was broadcast across the country.

"Since my appointment in 2010, I have looked forward enormously to this mo-

ment when I can personally experience the professionalism and proud history of the regiment," she said. "It has been a huge pleasure for me to meet with so many serving soldiers, their families, and many veterans here today.

"To the families here today, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the unwavering support you have given to your sons and daughters, your brothers and sisters, your fathers and mothers, your husbands, wives and partners for keeping the home fires burning whilst your loved ones are deployed elsewhere.

"For the relatives of the 76 soldiers, who deployed in Afghanistan, it must have been a particularly worrying time and I am greatly relieved that all these soldiers returned without sustaining serious injury."

Following her speech, the Duchess rejoined the Prince for a reception at the Distillery District, where they were greeted by throngs of people who were awarded with a walkabout. After an hour spent in the reception, it was off to the Yonge Street Mission where the Prince of Wales met staff who had been working on employment programs. After the brief visit, the Prince made his way through the healthy crowd which had spilled over onto Gerrard Street to board an eco-friendly bus emblazoned with "HRH" for the brief trip to the UforChange program. There, he held a business roundtable with leaders to discuss his Seeing is Believing program.

A meeting with the assembly of First

Nations was held at the Royal York Hotel later that afternoon, which served as a fitting prelude to what many considered to be one of the main highlights of this royal homecoming – the military muster at the Fort York Armoury to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Its hall was packed with invited guests, including the standard political brass, representation from each of the Regiments bearing an association with the Royal Couple, as well as regiments and First Nations communities that have historical ties to the two year battle. It was a colourful and meaningful end to a very busy day. By the time it was over, most of the press pack and a great deal of the audience looked pretty wilted from the sweltering heat from inside the armoury, but the Royal Couple was remarkably fresh as they repaired for a private reception with soldiers and their families. Outside, they departed to cheers from an enthusiastic crowd of children, veterans, cubs and scouts, and onlookers from all sides who were rewarded with a brief walkabout.

Saskatchewan was the last port of call, and the Royal Couple arrived in Regina from Toronto Tuesday evening, before starting the day with an official welcoming ceremony to the province at the Regina's Legislative Assembly. Here, as in Ontario, presentations of Diamond Jubilee medals were made to individuals who have followed Her Majesty's example in dedicating themselves to their communities. The Prince also unveiled a new design for the Legislature's Black Rod, as well as some wood from the Duchy of Cornwall to make it a reality.

At a reception at Government House, the royal couple officially opened a new Diamond Jubilee exhibit before heading to First Nations University, which was



Tracey Castonguay writes: My family and I had the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with Prince Charles during his walkabout on Prince William Street in Saint John. My daughters had prepared signs to welcome TRH – Charles looked at my 13 year old Victoria's sign and commented that "someone has been working hard" and shook her hand. I was next to receive the honour of a handshake and then HRH proceeded to examine my elder daughter Katherine's sign and commented that it was "very nice, very nice work" before he continued along his path greeting the huge amount of people who had come out for the occasion. This was a moment I am so happy to have shared with my girls; they were thrilled! Victoria headed to school the next day bursting to tell her friends.

CREDIT: The Castonguay family



Diamond Jubilee Homecoming...



Newly appointed Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield welcomes Charles and Camilla to Government House, Regina

Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

opened by the Earl of Wessex, and visited by Her Majesty in 2005. There, the Royal Couple enjoyed a drum performance and had discussions with First Nations and Metis representatives, and youth leaders in talks focused on entrepreneurship and social issues. The homecoming was capped with a special Diamond Jubilee concert by the Regina Symphony Orchestra at the RCMP Depot Division Drill Hall.

"Over the past three days, I can say from the heart that we have both been incredibly moved by the stories of the literally hundreds and hundreds of Canadians we have met who have selflessly served their communities without thought of recognition or thanks, whether it is running a breakfast club at their local school or teaching young people practical skills for future employment," remarked the Prince of Wales at the Legislative Assembly. "We have been inspired by the sheer energy and enthusiasm of everyone we have met – and by the quite remarkable things they have achieved"

This visit, in turn, was a way for Canadians to commemorate the remarkable things The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh have achieved over the last sixty years, as well as the achievements of the air to the throne.

In stark contrast to the 2009 Royal Homecoming, this visit was an undoubted success and left few in doubt over the security of the Canadian Crowd in the

hearts and minds of its citizens. In the words of one woman standing behind this reporter when the Prince boarded his funky TTC bus on Gerrard street, "Bring on the Platinum Jubilee!"



Victoria Cormier was born on our Queen's actual birthday, and named in honor of the Mother of Confederation. A local monarchist was so struck by the happy coincidence of her birth and the evident loyalty of her parents that he presented her with a Life Membership in the Monarchist League of Canada. About a month later, she received an exciting welcome into the wider world from none other than the Duchess of Cornwall, a future queen. Long life and great happiness to young Victoria! Mother Vera writes: The Duchess came right over to us and asked how old the baby was. She was delighted to hear that Victoria was born on Her Majesty's birthday and named in honour of Queen Victoria! ... I can hardly wait to tell Victoria of her early meeting with Royalty!

von Bogen-Cormier family



CAPTION COMPETITION. Continuing CMN's tradition of proving monarchists do have a sense of humour, and offering some modest prizes for the best entries, here is your opportunity to affirm the first and benefit from the second! Just ponder this picture and come up with one of the best ideas as to what the Prince of Wales might have been saying or thinking. Send your entries to domsec@sympatico.ca or to The Monarchist League of Canada, PO Box 1057, Lakeshore West PO, Oakville, ON L6K 0B2.

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CONCOURS DE LÉGENDE. Continuer les traditions de NMC de démontrer que les monarchistes jouissent une blague, et d'offrir des prix modestes pour les meilleures tentatives, voici votre occasion de confirmer la première et de bénéficier de la seconde! Réfléchir sur cette photo et imaginer ce que le Prince de Galles aurait pu dire ou penser. Envoyer le résultat de votre réflexion profonde à domsec@sympatico.ca ou à la Ligue monarchiste du Canada, CP. 1057, Lakeshore West PO, Oakville, ON L6K 0B2

Another Jubilee Perspective BOB'S BLOG: aka "Mr Monarchist"

The Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada Travels to London with the Prime Minister

PRELUDE: MONDAY, MAY 28

I am in Halifax with business colleagues for a three-day trade show, expecting some long days on my feet followed by a room service hamburger at night or perhaps, if I'm feeling adventurous, one of those donairs on which Haligonians enjoy munching. On my list of catch-up call backs is one from Friday, a message from a name I don't recognize at the Prime Minister's office. We quite often have fairly routine conversations, occasionally a heads-up about a policy decision in which we have an interest, sometimes feedback about a suggestion the League has made. But before I can get to the phone, I check my email – and am stunned. The Prime Minister would like me to accompany him to London for the Jubilee as part of a small Canadian delegation! What ensues is a flurry of phone calls – dealing with a few obvious issues, like getting a passport (easy in friendly Maritime surroundings), asking my boss for time off (my company could not have been more supportive!) and, above all, seeing if my wonderful Monika can cope with yet another absence from home and my not being there to share time with our darling Alessa, now nearly four. Monika is so excited and positive. So with her permission I can now focus on the important things like – oh, a supply of white shirts!

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

I departed Ottawa on RCAF 001 this morning with Prime Minister and Heritage Minister Moore, amongst others, including media and staffers. In our delegation, some flying with us, some commercially, are Senator Linda Frum; Senator Irving Gerstein and his wife Gail; Ryan Leef, MP for Yukon; former Liberal Party leader and Cabinet Minister Bill Graham; Colin Reichle from the AB Disability Workers' Association and Royal Commonwealth Society; prominent art collectors David and Patricia Foley; and philanthropists and great supporters of the Arts, Joseph and Sandra Rotman. Huge breakfast and dinner served on board, with everyone commenting on how much food our friendly stewards force on us! A lot of people wished to watch the Thames River Pageant on the television, but instead the fare was movies. I had a good conversation aboard with the PM's Principal Secretary Ray Novak, an ardent monarchist and supporter of the

League. We discussed how the Monarchy is thriving and the success of the most recent Royal Tour of Canada by Charles and Camilla. Arriving at Luton Airport, we were whisked away by our always-supportive ground team from the Canadian High Commission to our hotel, the Hyatt Regency Churchill and there called it a night. I still can't quite believe I am here!

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Our "gang of three" from the Prime Ministerial Airbus begin our day with a tour of Windsor Castle. Having never been to Windsor before, the excursion was one I had anticipated. It is really an astonishing amalgam of medieval fortress and favorite home for The Queen – she and Prince Philip spend nearly every weekend there and as much additional time as their schedules permit. The art – about which I know little – is priceless. The rooms are full of colour and splendour. The apotheosis of high Gothic is found in the vaulting of the "Chapel" – St George's Chapel Windsor is bigger than any church I have been in! Really a very Royal establishment, and one I will later reflect seems more homey, more reflective of our Queen and her family, than Buckingham Palace. We returned to London where we had a couple hours of "downtime," which I spent my downtime buying Alessa a very cute stuffed Diamond Jubilee teddy bear. I also strolled through Hyde Park, where thousands were already staking out their spots to watch the BBC concert from the Palace on large television screens. Definitely a festive mood. In the evening, we attended a reception at the newly renovated Canada House, where the concert was also shown on tv monitors. There was an excellent photo exhibit featuring portraits of the Queen's past visits to Canada. We were also treated with a musical performance by the Canadian Tenors. The night ended with High Commissioner Gordon Campbell lighting a beacon atop Canada House as we all cheered loudly in Trafalgar Square. We returned to the hotel complete with a souvenir wine glass stamped with the Canadian Diamond Jubilee emblem: a great way to end a super day.

TUESDAY JUNE 5

Over a million people lined the streets today to catch a glimpse of The Queen. I got a first hand experience of those



Prime Minister Harper and Chairman Finch at 37,000 ft on return flight from the Diamond Jubilee festivities in London, June 7, 2012

Credit: Jill Thompson, Office of the Prime Minister

crowds this morning and this afternoon. Our day started with watching the wonderful service of Thanksgiving for HM via live feed at Canada House. A handful of us were on hand, including Heritage Minister James Moore, Canadian Secretary to the Queen Kevin Macleod, Senator Irving Gerstein and of course our helpful friends at the High Commission. Following the service, I ventured out in Trafalgar Square where a sea of humanity was on hand to watch the Mayor's Diamond Jubilee concert. I returned to Canada House early evening for the Prime Minister's dedication of Canada Olympic House (as Canada House will be called during this summer's Summer Olympics in London). Then, the delegation made our way to the High Commissioner's residence in Grosvenor Square for dinner. The hospitality shown by High Commissioner Gordon Campbell and his wife Nancy (who greeted me as "Mr Monarchist") was second to none. They really made us welcome in their home. Following dinner, I had the opportunity to chat at some length with Alistair Burt, MP, British Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Foreign & Commonwealth Office), about the monarchy and Canadian football – he's a huge sports fan – and very well informed about The Queen's distinct role in the Realms. A valuable and interesting contact – and always great to be able to talk with an official about non-"business" items!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 6

My last full day in London was full of excitement, friendship, and surprise. The day started with a trip to Buckingham Palace for the unveiling of the new Canadian portrait of The Queen, in the presence of her Prime Minister, Governor General and a small group of us Canadians!. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd wander up the stairs and through the grand halls of Buckingham Palace to see The Queen. It was truly a magical moment in my life. We spent about a half hour in HM's presence – she was evidently tired – who wouldn't be –

but also full of delight at the tall, commanding portrait which she pointedly asked His Excellency if he could find room for. The truly humble artist, Phil Richards, managed to incorporate all sorts of symbolism within the strictures and formality of a state portrait – thus the picture of another Diamond Queen, Victoria, Mother of Confederation, visible in the background. And if I am not mistaken, a basket on the table looks suspiciously like one of the treasures of Rideau Hall that was sold, then bought back amidst some controversy a few years ago. Artists will have their little jokes! Departing the Palace, we visited the National Portrait Gallery, which is showing a special exhibit of The Queen for the Diamond Jubilee. In the evening, the Governor General hosted a reception at Canada House. 15 other members of the Monarchist League who had formed part of the League tour to London were able to join me at the reception thanks to the kindness of the Prime Minister. It was so good to finally catch up with the gang and hear their fascinating stories. We had a surprise visitor at the reception: Prince Andrew. The Duke of York spoke "as a son of The Queen and a son of Canada" and officially declared the newly renovated Canada House open. HRH mingled with us in great spirits. After the reception, I joined some of my fellow League members for dinner, a fitting way to cap off this visit to London.

Our flight home was long, and I felt tired. But I was fortunate to be invited to spend some time with the Prime Minister to discuss matters of monarchical interest, and to thank him for his extraordinary kindness in enabling me to participate in a series of events I would never have imagined possible. These last few days have seemed so surreal. I have met so many fascinating people and have enjoyed so many exciting events. The Diamond Jubilee visit to London has provided me with personal memories that I will of course cherish, and more important, proved a significant experience and opened important doors for the League.



Monarchist League Diamond Jubilee Tour to England

CIAN'S BLOG

Cian Horrobin is Chairman of the League's Greater Toronto Branch, a frequent media commentator on the Crown and a student in Voice at the Royal Conservatory of Music. He once again led the League's overseas tour for a special Royal occasion, assisted by Sara Churchill and Alex Hoc with many a helping hand from Jonathan Brickwood and Brendon Bedford. [Ed.]

May 31 – June 1 **ARRIVAL IN LONDON, MEDIA & THE QUEEN'S KEYS**

So far so good. After an early arrival at Pearson Airport in order to meet up with CBC's *The National* we were able to get through security hassle free and find a quick meal to scarf down. With a bit of planning discussed over food we then proceeded to our gate. Then began the tedious and humorously awkward part: wandering amongst a crowd of hundreds identifying yourself as the Monarchist tour leader and asking members of your tour to meet you for roll call. That done, we boarded seamlessly and took off. A brief sleep, a light read, and a smooth landing later and we were in London. We disembarked and found ourselves facing quite possibly the longest line I'd ever seen to get through border control at the UK border. Half way through the line I needed to place a phone call to a colleague. Remarkably it was one of those conversations one has in Britain, as a Canadian, where the dialect of the other person is so foreign to your own grasp of English that you simply don't understand a word...

90 minutes later we were through the gates and found our ride into town... which led directly into being stuck behind a string of tedious red double decker buses in narrow lanes, no one seemingly able to break the grid lock. Finally arriving at our splendid hotel, with speedy porter service, members were checked in, and the wise ones chose to collapse into bed. But not this fearless, and perhaps un-

wise, tour leader. I immediately was in a car for an hour long ride to our own CBC's offices in London to do a quick interview spot on the Jubilee and why so many Canadians have come over for The Queen.

That chore over (always a joy to sit in a hallway and see the staple team members of the news team a swirling around you...) it was a run out the door and into a cab where the driver was able to pare down a 45 minute ride to a 30 minute one and land me at the Associated Press building in Camden Town just in time for my interview at CTV... or at least what should have been my interview... for reasons having nothing to do with me the interview I'd rushed for was bumped by a half hour. So I had the privilege of sitting in the editor's chair, watching the busy crews working for 30 minutes before I was ushered in to discuss all of the Jubilee celebrations from my perspective as a Canadian.

It was yet another long cab ride back to the hotel for our 7 pm Orientation meeting where plans were laid for the next day or two. I left our tour members with their assignments: buy Oyster cards (the pass for the subway system in London, one's best friend, if a tourist) and get rest. A quick meeting with my team over a light meal in the hotel lounge and my colleague, Alex Hoc was off to escort the League members who were seeing the Tower Key Ceremony (an ancient lock down ceremony at the Tower where the precinct is made secure at night and The Queen's Keys are handed over to the next watch). They will all be stopping for a drink on their way home. I for one am going to sleep.

June 2 **CANADA HOUSE, KENSINGTON PALACE, VICE-REGAL BASED THEATRE**

After fitful jet-lagged sleep I jumped out of bed at 7 and hustled to the splendid spread they serve at our hotel here in Kensington. I opted for the vegetarian version of an English breakfast: eggs and



The Dominion Chairman joins some of the Monarchist League tour members who were invited to the Official Re-Opening of Canada House in front of the new Canadian Portrait of The Queen – l-r: Chairman Finch, Jonathan Brickwood, Ashley Pelley & Brendon Bedford, Marlene & Brian McCracken, Cian Horrobin, Laura-Lee O'Connor and Wilson Lau.

41 at Central Weekend Events, Many Meeting GG, Duke of York



At the BIG LUNCH held at Canada House, London, during the Central Jubilee weekend, His Excellency the Governor General chats with five sisters – Dorothy Baker, Marion Chapman, Beverley English, Phyllis McDougall & Catherine McMaster, members of the Monarchist League tour, as Cian Horrobin, GTA Chairman and tour leader, (wearing Queen shirt) looks on.

Governor General of Canada

beans and tomato. The group met to review the day's events, and hurried off to their walking tour of London, which included the marvelous participation of a Royal Guard in bearskin hat meeting the group along the way for a talk and photo opportunity. 3 hours of walking later and with incredible information garnered the group rested.

For myself, I was out the door early to chase down a reporter from Global news at Trafalgar Square, managing to catch a stop at Westminster Abbey before getting to the Square. At Trafalgar I did an interview with the reporter in front of our own Canada House which is our High Commission in London. Without any exaggeration whatsoever, who – in the middle of my interview – other than His Excellency, Gordon Campbell (Canadian High Commissioner) stepped out onto his front steps. When the interview was wrapped up, Mr. Campbell introduced himself to me and was extremely pleasant, asking about my stay in London and welcoming me to Canada House the next day for the Jubilee Big Lunch. For the record, our Canadian Jubilee insignia hangs on a giant flag from the roof of the building: a proud symbol of Canadian Ownership of the Crown, reminding all Britons that she is Elizabeth of Canada as well as Her Britannic Majesty. To relax after this excitement I went to Kensington Palace and enjoyed a substantial display on the life of Victoria, who, as Mother of Confederation, is a particular fascination to me. Viewing her wedding dress, the room in which she held her first cabinet, her letters, birthplace and so forth was astounding... as was the retrospective on her Diamond Jubilee, an interesting contrast with the current one when it is remembered that Victoria faced more republican sentiment than Elizabeth II could ever dream of. After lunch in the Orangery

and a quick viewing of the statue of the Queen-Empress by Princess Louise (once Vice Regal Consort of Canada) we returned to the hotel for an hour of rest.

The theatre night went splendidly. A smooth tube ride to Piccadilly Circus (overstimulation, if you ever find yourself at this notorious intersection) and the gang went to *The 39 Steps*, a much-praised dramatization of and take-off on the famous spy novel by John Buchan, later Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. With libations at intermission and a happy second half we hopped on the tube again and were back at the hotel where we all flopped into our seats at the unfortunately named "Cromwell Pub". A rowdy toast to the good health of the Sovereign likely sent the Lord Protector spinning in his grave, and a couple of hours of conversation made me several new friends from all over Canada. Again, the Jubilee and Crown of Canada, building community, even in foreign lands, away from the Maple Kingdom.

June 3 "BIG LUNCH" WITH THE GG, CHILLING ON THE THAMES

Today's events feel as if they were years ago... this was an intense, long and wonderfully emotional day. The morning started with a phenomenally light breakfast. A quick reminder to the Big Lunch attendees about departure time and grabbing my passport and we were out the door to the Tube.

We disembarked at Charing Cross and took a lengthy walk (with London bobbies directing us the whole way) which took us across Trafalgar Square to Canada House, our High Commission in London. Drenched while waiting for entrance, we got the door and prepared to enter when aides ran into the room and stopped all movement. At this point a batch of Armed Forces personnel came through followed



Additional members of the Monarchist League tour party are "overseen" by our Sovereign at the Canada House re-opening!

by High Commissioner Gordon Campbell and His Excellency, the Rt Hon David Johnson, Governor General of Canada. (Jaws dropped.)

We were ushered into the large salon dedicated to the function and took our seats. After their entrances the G-G and High Commissioner spoke about why we were all there. It was the Governor General who most aptly spoke at this gathering, which felt much like a family reunion; his words, off-script: "Ours is a journey that began at Runnymede when the barons confronted King John and has been a constant evolution leading to our own system under the Canadian Crown. A system, constitutional monarchy, which is, quite simply, the greatest in the world." He was met with cheers and whistles at this comment...

Many of our members shook His Excellency's hand and had a chat, including yours truly. Our Governor General comes across very much as the national-uncle and displays sincere interest in every conversation he has with Canadians. I met many fellow Canadians there and the Crown continued to build community and bring us to mutual understanding and appreciation, casting its spell, even on a rainy day in London.

As quickly as possible we returned to our hotel and gathered together the members who wished to take in the Thames Pageant. We fought our way through crowds and transit and made it to Embankment station to seek out the big screens and views. (Throughout the lead-up to the Pageant these screens played news footage of the Coronation and News Reports from Her Majesty's early reign.) The crowds eventually numbered to one million people! But at no moment was there any volatility. This was friendship and togetherness and celebration. The carnival atmosphere, even in dreary rain,

was never diminished and the entire afternoon as absolute fun. The appearance of the Queen's barge was met with screams and cheers and whistles from all sides of the Thames, from people of all nationalities. It was so exciting to hear BBC reportage talking about the fact that ours is a democratic Queen. She is OUR Queen. She belongs to all of the People and they celebrate themselves in Her. (The truest sentiment and the very foundation of my belief in the Crown, and Canada.)

Slowly we made our way home (fairly chilled and drenched again in doing so) to supper. After a brief meeting to discuss the next day's plans we all retired for the night, myself to a hot bath and early bed to recover from such a wonderful day.

June 4 FRIENDSHIP & FIREWORKS

We all took the chance to sleep a bit longer and rest up for the next intense 24 hours. Over breakfast we made our plans. Going out later we checked the procession route and have opted for a spot at St Paul's. At lunch today we sat eating and had a lovely, purely Canadian experience. The lady being taken to lunch by her son beside us had her birthday celebrated. When the cake was delivered she revealed to her server that she was a Canadian, born on Coronation day and consequently had been sent a silver commemorative spoon the day she was born, from our then Gov-



HM is monitoring Jonathan Brickwood and Ashley Pelley's conversation at Canada House!



Monarchist League Tour Leaders Cian Horrobin and Sara Churchill with The Governor General and HRH the Duke of York at the official re-opening of Canada House on June 6, 2012.



The Canadian Diamond Jubilee Banner on Canada House, Grosvenor Square "a proud symbol of Canadian Ownership of the Crown, reminding all Britons that she is Elizabeth of Canada as well as Her Britannic Majesty"

Monarchist League Hosts Jubilee Reception On Parliament Hill

As part of its Neighbours and Newcomers Jubilee project, where better for the League to host a Diamond Jubilee event than in Parliament, of which The Queen is one of the three elements together with The Senate and the House of Commons. Long-time League media spokesman Matthew Rowe organized the Reception, packed with Parliamentarians and their staffs, some public servants and members of the League from between Ottawa and Montréal. Special appreciation to Senator David Smith for so kindly hosting us in the Senate, as well as to Senate Speaker Kinsella and all the Hill staff who assisted in facilitating the event. Here, Matthew – to whom goes the principal thanks for a splendid evening – gives his take on the party under his blogging hat “Official Circles.”

It's no state secret that Official Circles is fond of the monarchy. It's kind of awesome after all. So you can imagine how exciting it was to receive an invitation from The Monarchist League of Canada for a Parliamentary Diamond Jubilee party held this past Tuesday in the well-used Senate Banking Room. My initial excitement was tempered however by the fact that given my other hat as spokesman for the Monarchist League of Canada this event was actually mine to organize. Ottawa's a small place, sometimes there are conflicts. You deal with it.

Clearly Official Circles is biased but I'm pretty sure this was a killer reception. First of all there were lots of hors d'oeuvres served consistently enough to ensure a steady stream. The drink was ample as well, which is always appreciated. Now this was no biotech reception, no ice sculpture martini fountains to be had, but we did have an incredible cake made by the good ladies at Sweet Tooth baking. The inspiration was the official Canadian Diamond Jubilee logo which had been deconstructed and rendered in that most delicious of mediums, cake. Topped with a golden crown, the cake was a star.

The formal program started with the string quartet (did I forget to mention that?) playing O Canada. The singing was led by CBC Radio's Julie Nesrallah who is a mezzo-soprano as well as a radio host. As a frequent reception guest, Official Circles understands that a brief program is the key to happy guests. Yet we managed to squeeze in remarks from Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, NDP MP Peter Stoffer, Monarchist League Chairman Bob Finch, Senate Speaker Noel Kinsella and a loyal toast by honorary patron



Cutting the Diamond Jubilee Cake at Monarchist League Parliamentary Reception (l-r): Dominion Chairman Robert Finch, singer & CBC host Julie Nesrallah. Citizenship Minister Jason Kenney; NDP MP Peter Stoffer and HM's Canadian Private Secretary Kevin MacLeod.

All photos: Cynthia Munster



Senator **David Smith**, all in about 12 minutes. Lobby groups take note!

Julie led the packed room in a rousing rendition of God Save The Queen and then it was back to mixing with the monarchists. Guests included Foreign Minister **John Baird**, NDP MP **Carole Hughes** and Liberal MP **Wayne Easter** as well as **Queen Elizabeth II's** Canadian Secretary **Kevin MacLeod**.

The message of the evening was one of unity and celebration. The idea that all Canadians regardless of political affiliation can come together and honour the service of this human symbol of our country.

This is the second diamond jubilee to

be celebrated on Parliament Hill but the first in this Centre Block. The old Parliament that stood during the time of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee (and later burned in the great fire in 1916) is commemorated as part of the new jubilee stained glass window over the Senate entrance.

Guests got to see that window as they exited through the foyer, surrounded by the gilded portraits of the Kings and Queens of Canada.



TOUR...

ernor General. We struck up conversation, New Brunswickers with Albertans... The Crown working its spell in a multitude of ways.

Then, following a string of media interviews, our Canadian delegation regrouped that evening and walked the distance to Hyde Park, Kensington Palace to take a position at the statue of Queen Victoria there, sculpted by her daughter, Princess Louise, our own Canadian vice regal consort! We could hear, at that great distance the songs and speeches, cheers and, most specially, the thousands chanting Prince Philip's name for his encouragement and quick recovery. I cannot describe the awesomeness of the fireworks, live... thinking as it occurred that we were taking part in the rich, royal tapestry of Canadian and Commonwealth history... As many before celebrated the last diamond jubilee, so do we now.. A long wind swept walk back in cheerful crowds back was the final touch before the inevitable collapse for sleep. An amazing day.

June 5 A ROYAL WAVE

This day began with waking up at 6 in the morning. A breakfast of instant coffee and a protein bar sufficed and after double checking my 'survival kit' in my book bag we were out the door and on the tube to St. Paul's. We arrived a half hour later and came out of the station to find a vendor selling Union Jacks and flags that had a portrait of the Queen on a white background. This latter flag caught my attention because, on further inspection, I realized that this was indeed the Queen's CANADIAN portrait from a few years ago (she is most definitely wearing the Sovereign's Badges of the Order of Canada and Order of Military Merit). Needless to say every member of the group bought one for a pound and we then walked through Paternoster Square to the Cathedral itself.. It seemed wonderful to me to see so many Britons cheering and waving, holding flags that bore the official image of the Queen of Canada, in order to celebrate their Queen of the United Kingdom. Our standing position ended up being about two people in from the front of the crowd control barriers, on the left hand side of the front steps. It was the perfect location. When we settled and started looking around we started seeing our fellow Canadians everywhere, subtly present with their maple leaves in the sea of Union Jacks. My heart was especially proud to see that the only visible flag which had managed to be draped on the crowd control barriers was the flag of New Brunswick(!) my home province, and certainly the most loyal place in all of Canada, if I may say so.

Eventually a young couple came behind our group and we realized that they were from Georgetown, Ontario... then a woman from Winnipeg walked up beside me, on the other side, and the Queen's Canadian subjects had their own small cluster present at the doors of St. Paul's to greet her.

There was a constant stream of grand and elegant people going into the Cathedral... top hats, morning coats, fascinat... like the Ascot scene in *My Fair Lady*. Several hours of this and soon a group of Life Guards in armor and Heralds in ancient tabards took to the steps. Eventually the black Range Rovers (vehicle of choice for the Royal Family these days) started to arrive. First to be scene

LEAGUE JUBILEE TOUR...

were Prince Michael of Kent and his wife and son; then Princess Alexandra, looking as beautiful as ever. Next were Prince Andrew with Eugenie and Beatrice; Prince Edward, with Sophie and Louise; Princess Anne and her husband... needless to say the intensity of the crowds reaction was extraordinary by the time the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Duchess of Cornwall and Duchess of Cambridge arrived (Her Royal Highness looking especially magnificent).

But then The Queen came and St. Paul's Square was a madhouse. In turquoise and looking radiant she stepped out of her car and had the world at her feet. She truly seemed victorious, happy and glorious.... she disappeared into the Cathedral and within seconds we heard the majestic thunder of trumpets and timpani as the orchestra struck up "The Old Hundredth" partly as arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

It was at this point that my media responsibilities intruded and I was summoned to the other side of the Cathedral to share my thoughts/experience with CBC's News Network. Getting from one side of the building to another in this kind of circumstance was a horrifying labyrinth, and if you've ever been in London you know that it's already the most maze-like city on Earth. But eventually I got there. On arriving I then received a phone call from my hometown CBC radio station in Saint John, New Brunswick who I replayed my trip to, assuring them that, glorious as the Pageant on the Thames was their river had nothing on the mighty St. John, rushing as it does into the Bay of Fundy.

In the handful of minutes between interviews I stood with a handful of people at the road and heard cheers and screaming, cannons and bells. Suddenly right before my very eyes The Queen herself was in her car, going at a snail's pace, roughly five feet in front of me. For a period of a few seconds I saw HM in close up, smiling at me, waving to everyone, full of joy... and let me tell you: she is beautiful. The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall were next, at which point I hauled out my Canadian Flag and waved it energetically, seeing then that the Duchess was pointing at me and my flag and smiling, she then waved at me and laughed. (I truly hope that seeing the Canadian presence so closely warmed her heart, having been in the Northern Realm so recently...). I then watched every other member of the Family go by, close to me, happy, smiling and buoyant.

Having gotten through that moment, the best so far on the trip... maybe ever. I proceeded to hunt down my fellow Canadians, which was very difficult, but manageable and we retired to a local pub to replenish ourselves, rest our weary legs, which had also, frankly, gone wobbly with emotion, and wait for the streets to clear

of the hundreds of thousands that had gathered. At this point I should also mention a wonderful moment earlier on when a handful (and I mean a tiny, tiny handful) of British republicans attempted to boo the proceedings and call for the overthrow of the Crown. They managed to shout a few words when the crowd assembled turned on them, screaming at them to "Shut up!" calling for them to leave, and then, beautifully and peacefully, the gathered thousands stirred up a shouting chant of "Long live the Queen!" which they pounded out loudly and cheerfully until the republicans realized that perhaps it as unwise and unsafe to disturb the Sovereign on this of all days... We returned to our hotel absolutely drained and watched the remaining proceedings from the television. Like many of you I could not help but wonder what The Queen must have felt at the crowd on the Mall (reports have it that the area around Buckingham Palace was packed with 2 million people), singing God Save the Queen, cheering every time the Sovereign smiled, and give her a stirring three cheers... it was moving, and beautiful, not the least because of the number of Canadian flags, but to know that the world, and her other realms, were paying tribute to somebody who simply did her job, well and truly and faithfully... this trip has brought home to me that the Crown is not only the Mother of the Canadian Nation, the foundation of our democracy, but the Queen also links us as Grandmother of the Family of Crown Nations... through her we understand that in this life, and world, and troubling times, divided as we are, we are also in this together... regardless of what your background or nationality. I thank God for the Queen and all she represents. May she live forever.

JUNE 6 REPUBLICAN OXFORD, ROYALTY AND VICE-ROYALTY AT CANADA HOUSE

Today we went off to Oxford! This town was the epicentre of the Republican movement in Britain, which failed and went comatose almost 400 years ago... and so Canadian Monarchists descended en masse. We were given a superb tour of the city by our guide once we tracked him down on Cornmarket Street, in the heart of town. We were told that this street splits Oxford in two; the university on one side, the city proper on the other. He asked us to note that there were no buntings or displays for the Jubilee and to know that this, apparently, goes back to the Republican Army days... that a distaste for royal celebration exists to this day, mostly as a statement of independence. That being set aside our tour was magnificent. All I can say is that any Canadians who find themselves tourists in Great Britain owe it to themselves to see this World Heritage Site.

Arriving back in London at 5:30pm we had little time to prepare for the night's



Lieutenant Governor Philip S Lee is first to sign the Diamond Jubilee celebration book at the Manitoba Legislature Building.

Brenda Futros

festivities. Members of the tour had a reception in order to connect, discuss and reflect on the tour before saying goodbye. But there were others who luck had called on to represent the League at a reception at Canada House that night, by special invitation of the Prime Minister of Canada relayed by our Dominion Chairman, who formed part of Canada's official delegation to the Jubilee.

Those of us who went to Canada House had an evening we shall never, ever forget. We had already been told that our Sovereign's representative, the Governor General, would be attending; but I ask you to imagine the surprise of all of us when His Excellency entered the room followed by His Royal Highness The Duke of York, Prince Andrew. I think some members of the League nearly hit the floor. What then proceeded were remarks and cultural heritage. Our High Commissioner greeted everyone, The Canadian Tenors sang Leonard Cohen and handed the floor to the Governor General who proceeded to speak off the cuff, and in beautiful eloquence, about the Crown... how it is the glue of the State, that the Sovereignty of Parliament and the Constitutional Crown are one and the same... that the Queen represents and guarantees our freedoms... cheers all over.

And then came the Prince: Andrew referenced Canada House as the Canadian High Commission and then proudly declared that as such it was HIS High Commission too, reminding us that "my mother" (his words) "sent me to Canada with a one-way ticket long ago". At length he discussed the significance of Canada in the life of the Queen, our Crown and the Canadian Family, which is more extended and international than we often realize. Close to the end of his talk he boldly and firmly said: "Yes. I am the son of our Queen. I am a son of Canada, too." (I want you to imagine how the room felt when spontaneous cheers and whistles broke out at this.) He then made himself available to all in the room, quickly grabbing hold of my hand and greeting me (I took the opportunity to ask him to convey to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh Canada's wishes of best health, which he thanked me for.)

After this I spoke to the Governor General and asked if my girlfriend might take a photo of His Ex and me; he agreed, but only on condition that she then join in a photo of all three of us. So I found myself there, in Canada House, with the Governor General of the Nation putting his arms around Sara and me, as if we'd been family for years, letting the camera flash away, a grin on everyone's face...

After paying sincere homage to Kevin

Macleod, the Queen's Canadian Private Secretary and a magnificent monarchist (obviously) and having photos taken in front of the Queen's new glorious Canadian portrait I retired to a pub for the evening with my fellow League members.

At this refreshment I pondered out loud to my table that THIS is the power of the Canadian Crown. It unites and brings together. Provokes dialogue and respect and asks us to understand that through all manner of difficulties we are all Canadians and in this together. And THAT'S WHAT MATTERS MOST. Politicians divide and conquer. It is the nature of their game and the only path to success. What took place Wednesday night in our Canadian Home in London could never have been accomplished by a Prime Minister or Premier, Mayor or MP. No political being could achieve such a space of compassion and fraternity.

Fascinatingly it was this very experience, in the heart of the Commonwealth which made me most homesick... I now look forward to seeing my Queen back on Canadian soil as soon as possible, Prince Philip by her side, Canadians flocking to see her. We now return and are at Gatwick waiting to return to Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Quebec, Ontario....

The Queen: Long may She reign and may Canada live forever! Thank you London. Thank you to my fellow Canadians, my family. And thank you to the Queen, the entire purpose and power behind this week of experience and patriotic love.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, on the inspiration for his service:

...wherever I travel – whether to France for the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, to Brazil to discuss international education, to Trinidad and Tobago for a State visit, or to Barbados – I am always cognizant of the fact that I am not only representing Canada, but I am also representing the Crown. I am representing Her Majesty The Queen. And so, I try to hold myself to the high standard she has set over the years.

from an address at a Gala Jubilee Dinner of the RCS and MLC, Ottawa, May 12, 2012



Hamilton Monarchist League members Loretta Ray (l) and Sylvia Cook run into HM while changing funds; but nonetheless have to wait on the Mall for balcony appearance like everyone else!

Loretta Ray



Honouring our Roots

How the RCN & RCAF were Restored

By Michael J. Smith and
Padre Gregory E. Benton

On August 16, 2011, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced the restoration of the historic “Royal” titles for the Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Canadian Navy. Monarchical expert and author Christopher McCreery had opened the door for this to be accomplished in the simplest possible manner, arguing in Senate Committee testimony that since the Royal approval for the nomenclature had never been abrogated, no fresh Royal sanction would be needed to restore it. Any other consideration aside, the absence of need for The Queen’s involvement answered HM’s well-considered concern that she might be given varying advice by successive governments, so casting the Sovereign and the Armed Forces in the untenable and undignified position of being a political football. However, the government still wanted to make sure that there was public support for the restoration, a campaign in which the Monarchist League of Canada proudly played a vigorous role. Here, the principal players tell their story – one that had to overcome surprising opposition from those within the naval community, as detailed in testimony published in the most recent previous issue of *Canadian Monarchist News*. Michael Smith is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and a former naval officer. Gregory Benton is a past Regimental Chaplain of the Royal Regiment of Canada. [Ed]

“In our military, it is often tradition and a sense of place in history that sustains us, especially when life is under threat. To reinstate the long-established names of our armed services supports the Canadians serving in harm’s way around the world, is respectful of our veterans, and is good for our nation.” Astronaut Chris Hadfield

With the suppression in 1968 of the RCN and RCAF a significant part of our military heritage was lost. Now, forty-

three years later, the historic identities of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force have been restored to the Canadian Forces.

Our campaign to restore the “Royal Honours” began in 2007 by making optimal use of the tools available to us. There was an online petition, a website, a blog and the use of promotional and patriotic videos. We eventually gained access to thousands of comments and email addresses from signatories of the petition that were especially used to maximum effect during key moments of the campaign.

A reconnaissance of the matter revealed the certain minefields that lay before us: the emotional hot-button issue of ‘unification’, the symbolism of the prefix ‘Royal’, the invariable canard over ‘cost’ and ‘effort’, political and cultural biases, and even the monarchy itself. It was important for us to avoid these distractions and remain focused on the task before us: to convince the government of the virtue of restoring the Royal titles within the existing unified command of the Canadian Forces.

Not unexpectedly, we encountered some stiff resistance. When MP Laurie Hawn agreed to sponsor our petition in 2007, researchers in the Library of Parliament wrote that it would take mountains of paperwork, require royal proclamations and up to 67 statutory amendments to enact. While we were prepared to move Heaven and Earth, this torrent of misinformation was a setback that did somewhat delay our progress.

Fortunately, in due course, we received the opinion of Dr. Christopher McCreery, an authority in the matter of ‘Titles and Honours’, who confirmed that the RCN and RCAF were never actually abolished, that they indeed still subsisted as merged entities within the CF, and that the Minister of National Defence could simply resume usage of the titles by virtue of the

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Honorer nos racines

Comment la MRC et l’ARC ont été restaurés

par Michael J. Smith et
Gregory E. Benton

Le 16 août 2011, Peter MacKay, ministre de la défense a annoncé le rétablissement des titres “Royal” historiques pour l’Aviation royale canadienne et la Marine royale du Canada. Expert monarchique Christopher McCreery avait ouvert la porte pour que cela soit accompli dans la manière la plus simple possible, soutenant en témoignage du Comité sénatorial qu’étant donné que l’approbation royale pour la nomenclature n’a jamais été abrogée, aucune sanction nouvelle royale ne serait nécessaire de la restaurer. Indépendamment de toute autre considération, l’absence de nécessité d’intervention de la Reine a répondu à préoccupation mûrement réfléchie du SM, qu’elle pourrait être donné divers conseils par les gouvernements successifs, donc placer le souverain et les Forces armées dans la position intenable et indigne d’être un politique dos-et-fort de football. Cependant, le gouvernement voulait toujours s’assurer qu’il y avait soutien général des Canadiens pour la restauration, une campagne dans laquelle la Ligue monarchiste du Canada a fièrement joué un rôle dynamique. Ici, les principaux acteurs racontent leur histoire – qui a dû surmonter l’opposition surprenante de ceux au sein de la communauté marine, comme témoignage détaillé devant un Comité du Sénat qui a été publié dans le numéro plus récent de *Nouvelles canadiennes monarchiques*. Michael Smith est diplômé du Collège militaire Royal du Canada et un ancien officier de marine. Gregory Benton est passé aumônier du Régiment Royal du Canada. [Ed]

“Au sein de nos forces militaires, c’est souvent la tradition et la conscience de notre place dans l’histoire qui nous soutiennent, en particulier lorsque la vie est en danger. Rétablir les noms bien établis de nos services armés soutient les Canadiens servant proches du danger dans le monde

entier, est respectueux de nos anciens combattants, et est bon pour notre nation.”

L’astronaute Chris Hadfield

Avec la suppression en 1968 de la MRC et du l’ARC, une partie importante de notre patrimoine militaire a été perdue. Maintenant, quarante-trois ans plus tard, les identités historiques de la Marine royale canadienne, de l’Armée canadienne et du l’Aviation royale canadienne ont été restaurées pour les Forces Canadiennes.

Notre campagne pour restaurer les “distinctions honorifiques royales” a commencé en 2007 en utilisant de manière optimale les moyens nous étant disponibles. Il y a eu une pétition en ligne, un site web, un blog et l’utilisation de vidéos promotionnelles et patriotiques. Nous avons finalement obtenu accès aux milliers de commentaires et d’adresses électroniques des signataires de la pétition qui ont eut un impact maximal au cours des moments-clés de la campagne.

Une reconnaissance de la question a révélé les champs minés se présentant devant nous: la question sensible de l’ “unification”, le symbolisme du préfixe “royal”, l’incontournable faux-problème du “coût” et des “efforts”, les préjugés culturels et politiques, et même la monarchie elle-même. Il était important d’éviter ces distractions et de rester concentrés sur la tâche devant nous: convaincre le gouvernement de la vertu de la restauration du titre royal au sein du commandement unifié actuel des Forces canadiennes.

C’est sans surprise que nous avons rencontré une forte résistance. Lorsque MP Laurie Hawn a accepté de parrainer notre pétition en 2007, les chercheurs de la Bibliothèque du Parlement ont écrit qu’il faudrait des montagnes de paperasse, des proclamations royales et l’adoption de jusqu’à 67 modifications législatives. Alors que nous étions disposés à remuer ciel et terre, ce torrent de désinformations a été un revers qui a quelque peu ralenti notre progression.

(Heureusement, en temps voulu, nous avons reçu l’avis de M. Christopher McCreery, une autorité dans le domaine des “titres et distinctions honorifiques”, qui a confirmé que la MRC et l’ARC n’ont en fait jamais été abolis, qu’en effet ils subsistaient encore comme entités fusionnées au sein des FC, et que le ministre de la Défense nationale pourrait tout simplement reprendre l’utilisation de ces titres en vertu de l’autorité exécutive déjà à sa disposition.)

Nous avons pensé que ce qui était alors le prochain centenaire de la Marine canadienne servirait de catalyseur pour ‘Give the Navy its name back!’ comme le sénateur Joseph Day avait si passionnément soutenu dans les médias, mais le message du vice-amiral Dean McFadden de ‘Don’t rock the boat’ avait envoyé un frisson négatif dans toute la marine et débordé sur l’Association des officiers de la Marine dont nous trouvions le soutien essentiel. Bien que le manque d’enthousiasme du chef du Commandement maritime de pour notre projet nous rende perplexes, il se peut qu’il ait prévu que le rétablissement de notre patrimoine militaire et naval et le symbolisme de la monarchie se renforceraient mutuellement de manière potentiellement importante,

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90th Birthday Present: Philip Appointed Hon Admiral & General in CF

Perhaps anticipating the restoration of Royal nomenclature to the Forces, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced July 11, 2011, that His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, had been appointed as an honorary admiral and general in Her Majesty’s Canadian Armed Forces on the occasion of his 90th birthday. “I am delighted that His Royal Highness has accepted this honour from Canada in recognition of his significant contribution to our national life,” said Prime Minister Harper. “His unwavering support of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and his commitment to the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as to many other fields of endeavour in this country, are worthy of our highest recognition and deepest gratitude. It is the first time that an honorary rank has been granted at the highest level of the Canadian Armed Forces, which underscores the importance of the honour being granted to His Royal Highness by Canada. With these appointments, The Duke of Edinburgh becomes an Admiral in Maritime Command and a General in Land Forces Command and Air Command, and His Royal Highness may choose to wear these ranks on all three uniforms of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Duke of Edinburgh has had a close association with the Canadian Armed Forces since the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen in 1953. His Royal Highness is currently Colonel-in-Chief of five Canadian regiments, and holds similar appointments with all three cadet organizations. His service to the Canadian Armed Forces in this capacity has been recognized by the award of the Canadian Forces’ Decoration with four clasps. On this important day, it is most appropriate for Canada to honour The Duke of Edinburgh for his outstanding record of service and dedication to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada over the past 58 years. He is truly an inspiration to us all and I know that all Canadians join me in extending congratulations to His Royal Highness on these appointments and best wishes for many more years of continued health and happiness.”

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executive authority already available to him.

We had thought that the then-upcoming Canadian Naval Centennial would be the catalyst to 'Give the Navy its name back!' as Senator Joe Day so passionately argued in the media, but Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden's 'don't rock the boat' message sent a negative chill throughout the Navy that spilled over into the Naval Officers Association whose support we thought critical. Although we were perplexed by the head of Maritime Command's lack of enthusiasm for our project, he may have foreseen that the restoration of our military and naval heritage and the symbolism of monarchy were mutually reinforcing in a potentially powerful way, and that the navy may not be immune to possible divisions emanating from certain quarters of the country. The admiral had 'bigger fish to fry'.

Things were moving rather slowly until, incredibly, in October 2010, a motion by Sen. Bill Rompkey to change the universally unloved 'Maritime Command' to (not the Royal) 'Canadian Navy' made it onto the floor of the Senate. When the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence chose to hold hearings on the matter, we knew that things had finally come to a head. It was then that we were called by the Prime Minister's Office.

We learned that Prime Minister Harper was sympathetic to the restoration (initially this only concerned the Navy though it only made sense that the Air Force would be included as well); but that the government would remain neutral while the matter was being deliberated in the Senate. We were advised that although the petition was informative, it was imperative to demonstrate the support of most, if not all, veteran groups and ex-service associations, as a necessary precondition to government action. We were also encouraged to keep the MND and the PMO abreast of our progress.

The Senate hearings proceeded, albeit with an apparent bias in favour of 'Canadian Navy', even though most senators on the committee, led by Senators Day, Plett and Manning, argued in support of the navy's traditional designation. When we blitzed the Senate Committee with what the Chair, Sen. Pamela Wallin termed our 'orchestrated email campaign', it was to ensure that the senators were aware of the names of the thousands who had signed the petition; especially after one retired admiral testified that he had not met a single person who wanted a return to the RCN!

Over the next eight months, a collaborative relationship with the PMO developed which, while not a guarantee of success, gave us a growing confidence that culminated on December 14th, 2010, when the Senate unanimously passed a revised motion encouraging the government to adopt a title with the word 'Navy' in it. We sensed victory. The prospect of the "Royal Canadian Navy" would live to fight another day.

The imperative to win further support from stakeholder groups did, however, seem to present a rather daunting challenge. Although we undoubtedly had the overwhelming favour of veterans at the grassroots level, we were disappointed that the national executives of the Naval Officers Association, the Air Force Association and even the Royal Canadian Legion were all initially opposed, arguing that the government would not be able to defend either the effort or the cost.



A happy group of loyal monarchists celebrates the Restoration of HM Canadian Forces' traditional Royal nomenclature at the Halifax Navy Dockyard, August 16, 2011. From left to right: Cdr (Ret'd) Wendall G. Brown; the Hon. Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; the Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence; Michael J. Smith, who spearheaded the campaign (together with Greg Benton); Ray Novak, LVO, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of Canada.

Un groupe de fidèles monarchistes célèbre la restauration de la nomenclature traditionnelle de Forces canadiennes de sa Majesté à l'Arsenal de la marine Halifax, le 16 août 2011. De gauche à droite : Cdr (retraité) Wendall G. Brown ; l'honorable Rob Nicholson, ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada ; l'honorable Peter MacKay, ministre de la défense nationale ; Michael J. Smith, qui a dirigé la campagne (avec Greg Benton) ; Ray Novak, LVO, Secrétaire Principal du premier ministre du Canada.

DND

Not confident that they were speaking on behalf of their membership, we communicated directly with individual branches and organizations across the country, with very positive results. This included literally dozens of associations, most especially the National Council of Veteran Associations, an umbrella organization representing 58 distinct veteran groups all led by Canada's beloved 'Mr. Veteran', Cliff Chadderton. These results would make the government sufficiently comfortable, but the effort to maximize stakeholder support would continue until the eve of the Minister's historic announcement made from HMC Dockyard Halifax on August 16th, 2011.

We are enormously gratified that our campaign was successful, for our deserving veterans and those retired and serving members of the Forces who have long dreamed of this day. That a solid majority of Canadians, across all spectra, support the restoration is tremendously satisfying.

May the RCN and RCAF remain impregnable fortresses from this day forward, and may the pride of our military men and women be well served because of it.

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et que la marine n'était peut-être pas à l'abri d'éventuelles divisions émanant de certaines parties du pays. L'amiral avait 'bigger fish to fry'.

Les progrès étaient plutôt lents jusqu'à ce que, incroyablement, en octobre 2010, une motion présentée par le sénateur Bill Rompkey pour modifier l'universellement mal aimée "Commande Maritime" en "Marine canadienne" (non royale) arrive devant le Sénat. Lorsque le comité sénatorial permanent sur la sécurité nationale et la Défense a choisi de tenir des audiences sur la question, nous savions que les choses avaient finalement abouti. C'est alors que nous avons été appelés par le bureau du premier ministre.

Nous avons appris que le PM Harper était favorable à la restauration (au départ, cela ne concernait que la Marine mais il était logique que la Force aérienne soit incluse également), mais que le gouvernement resterait neutre quand la question serait examinée par le Sénat. On nous a informés que, bien que la pétition soit instructive, il était impératif de démontrer l'appui de la plupart, si ce n'était de la totalité, des groupes d'anciens combattants

et des associations de militaires en retraite, comme condition préalable nécessaire à l'action gouvernementale.

Les audiences du Sénat ont continué, quoiqu'avec un penchant apparent en faveur de la "Marine canadienne", même si la plupart des sénateurs du comité, menés par les sénateurs Day, Plett et Manning, ont argumenté en faveur de la désignation traditionnelle de la Marine. Quand nous avons bombardé le comité du Sénat avec ce que la présidence, la sénatrice Pamela Wallin a appelé notre "campagne orchestrée par courrier électronique", c'était pour s'assurer que les sénateurs soient conscients des noms des milliers de personnes qui avaient signé la pétition, en particulier après le témoignage d'un amiral à la retraite attestant qu'il n'avait pas rencontré une seule personne qui voulait d'un retour à la MRC!

Au cours des huit mois suivants, une relation de collaboration avec le cabinet du premier ministre se développa, sans être une garantie de succès, et nous donna une confiance croissante qui a abouti le 14 Décembre 2010, lorsque le Sénat a adopté à l'unanimité une motion révisée encourageant le gouvernement à adopter un titre comprenant le mot "Marine". Nous avons senti que la victoire était proche. La perspective de la "Marine royale canadienne" survivrait pour ce défendre à nouveau.

L'impératif de gagner davantage d'appui au sein des groupes concernés semblait cependant présenter un défi plutôt intimidant. Bien que nous soyons assurés de la faveur d'une majorité écrasante de la base des vétérans, il était décevant que les dirigeants nationaux de l'association des officiers de la Marine, Association des forces aériennes du Canada, et même de la Légion royale canadienne y soient initialement opposés, argumentant que le gouvernement ne pourrait défendre ni effort ni coût.

Doutant qu'ils parlaient au nom de leurs adhérents, nous avons communiqué directement avec différents organismes et branches à travers le pays, avec des résultats très positifs. Ceci a inclus littéralement des douzaines d'associations, et plus particulièrement le Conseil national des associations de vétérans, une organisation parapluie représentant 58 groupes distincts de vétérans tous menés par 'M. Vétéran', Cliff Chadderton. Ces résultats ont mis le gouvernement suffisamment à l'aise, mais l'effort pour maximiser l'appui des éléments concernés a continué jusqu'à la veille de l'annonce historique du ministre faite depuis le chantier de Halifax le 16 Août 2011.

Nous sommes très heureux du succès de notre campagne, pour nos vétérans méritants et pour les membres à la retraite ou en service des forces militaires qui ont longtemps rêvé de ce jour. Qu'une majorité solide de Canadiens représentant un large éventail soutienne la restauration est immensément satisfaisant.

Que les MRC et l'ARC restent des forteresses imprenables à partir de ce jour, et que les hommes et femmes de nos forces militaires y puisent une grande fierté.



Three former League vice-regal interns unite at Ontario Lieutenant Governor's Jubilee Medal Gala: (l-r) past intern Eugene Berezovsky, current intern Scott Kilian-Clark, Brendon Bedford from the GTA Branch Executive and another past intern, Zach Schwartz.

Veuillez prendre note de notre nouvelle adresse postale, en vigueur dès maintenant:

**La Ligue monarchiste du Canada,
PO. Box 1057, Lakeshore West PO,
Oakville ON L6K 0B2.**

Le courrier envoyé à l'ancienne adresse sera acheminé pour l'année en cours. Nul besoin de modifier les formulaires d'adhésion ou renouvellement.

FROM PARLIAMENT HILL/DE LA COLLINE DU PARLEMENT

Government, Opposition Leaders, Praise Canada's Queen

les chefs de gouvernement et l'opposition louent la Reine du Canada

On behalf of the Prime Minister (in London for the celebrations), Hon Jason Kenney, PC, MP, moves Humble Address to Canada's Diamond Queen in the Commons on June 4, 2012

She truly has been a symbol of hope, truth, justice, charity and love. On behalf of our leader and all New Democrats across the country and on behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, we say God save our Queen and may she live a long and glorious life.
– Peter Stoffer, MP

We have a constitutional monarch who is above politics, rancour and division, and who allows for change and evolution at all times to be taking place and for the vigour of partisanship to exist
– Hon Bob Rae, PC, MP

It is very healthy that we do not turn a prime minister into a royal. In order to avoid that natural human temptation, we need the monarchy. – Elizabeth May, MP

Elle a symbolisé l'espoir, la vérité, la justice, la charité et l'amour

– Peter Stoffer, député
...c'est grâce aux principes du constitutionnalisme et de la tolérance, du respect et de la compréhension des courants et des vents de changements que la monarchie a su présider au déroulement de ces importants changements.

– l'hon Bob Rae, député
Pourquoi la monarchie constitutionnelle a-t-elle sa place dans un pays moderne? C'est parce qu'elle nous permet d'éviter de tomber dans un piège bien regrettable.
– Mme Elizabeth May, député

VIEW ON YOUTUBE at/
Voi à YOUTUBE.COM à
[youtube.com/watch?v=cwgiQZbWqt4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwgiQZbWqt4)

Hon. Jason Kenney (on behalf of the Prime Minister) moved a Motion subsequently adopted:

That an 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, beg to offer our sincere congratulations on the happy completion of the sixtieth year of Your reign.

The People of Canada have often been honoured to welcome Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family to our land during Your reign, and have witnessed directly Your inspiring example of devotion to duty and unselfish labour on behalf of the welfare of Your People in this country and in the other nations of the Commonwealth.

In this, the Diamond Jubilee year of your reign as Queen of Canada, we trust that Your gracious and peaceful reign may continue for many years and that Divine Providence will preserve Your Majesty in health, in happiness and in the affectionate loyalty of Your people.

That the said Address be engrossed; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honours that this House has adopted the said Address and requesting their Honours to unite with this House in the said Address by filling up the blanks with the words "the Senate and"

L'hon. Jason Kenney (au nom du premier ministre, à Londres pour les célébrations) propose:

Qu'une humble Adresse soit présentée à Sa Majesté la Reine dans les termes suivants:
À SA TRÈS EXCELLENTE MAJESTÉ
LA REINE, TRÈS GRACIEUSE
SOVERAINE,

Nous, sujets très dévoués et fidèles de Sa Majesté, la Chambre des communes du Canada assemblés en Parlement, avons l'honneur de Vous offrir nos sincères félicitations à l'heureuse occasion de la soixantième année de Votre règne.

La population du Canada a souvent été honorée d'accueillir chez elle Votre Majesté et d'autres membres de la Famille royale durant Votre règne, et a été témoin de Votre exemple inspirant de dévouement et de labeur pour le bien-être de Votre peuple dans ce pays et dans les autres nations du Commonwealth.

En cette année du jubilé de diamant de Votre règne comme Reine du Canada, nous souhaitons à Votre majesté que Votre règne se poursuive pacifiquement pendant plusieurs années encore, et que la Divine Providence Vous accorde la santé, le bonheur et la loyauté affectueuse de Votre peuple.

Que cette Adresse soit grossoyée; et
Qu'un message soit transmis au Sénat informant Leurs Honneurs que la Chambre des communes a adopté cette Adresse et priant Leurs Honneurs de se joindre à cette Chambre dans cette Adresse en insérant les mots « le Sénat et »

The Minister spoke to the Motion as follows/Le ministre a parlé comme suit :

Monsieur le Président, j'ai l'honneur de me lever pour célébrer le jubilé de diamant de Sa Majesté la reine Elizabeth II.

We salute today the 60th anniversary of Canada's Queen.

On June 2, 1953, Her Majesty was asked in the Coronation Oath, in the presence of the Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent, and the Canadian delegation at Westminster Abbey, to "solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of", among other realms, "Canada... according to their respective laws and customs", This the Queen solemnly promised to do.

This solemn oath, made 60 years ago in the presence of the Canadian prime minister and officials, the Queen has upheld to the fullness of her considerable ability and with the magnificent charm and grace for which Her Majesty is known throughout the world.

Combien de peuples dans le monde, déchirés par la guerre et la corruption au plus haut niveau, voudraient être à notre place ici au Canada, pour la stabilité de nos institutions, la paix et le bon ordre de notre première institution d'État, la Couronne? Combien de gens sages constatent avec envie la force, la persévérance dévouée et la grande sagesse de notre très gracieuse chef d'État?

Two years ago, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh made their 22nd official visit to Canada. They have met more Canadians and shaken more hands and opened more events

and institutions than even the most experienced members of this House can claim to have done in their long career.

Elle a servi en tant que colonel en chef, capitaine général et doyenne des capitaines de fiers régiments, dont le Royal 22^e Régiment, le Régiment de la Chaudière, l'Aviation royale canadienne, les Governor General's Foot Guards et les Calgary Highlanders.

She is patron of over 33 charities in Canada, including the Canadian Red Cross, the Canadian Nurses Association, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Canadian Cancer Society and Save the Children, among many others.

In a life dedicated to serving others, Her Majesty has served Canadians and become intimately acquainted with our country, its regions, its peoples and our hopes and aspirations.

It is Her Majesty the Queen who opened the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959, invoking the allied victory in which Canada and the United States shared 14 years earlier, and calling the seaway "a victory of another kind". In English and French, she invoked Canadian history from the times of Cartier and LaSalle to the present, the scene of so much of North American history.

Her Majesty's life has been the history of Canada. She has known personally every prime minister since Mackenzie King who she met as Princess Elizabeth in London in the 1940s. While it is not known if she met R.B. Bennett, she did meet Arthur Meighen during the 1951 royal tour a year before she became Queen.

Canada has had 22 prime ministers up to today and the Queen has known 13 of them, more than half of all the prime ministers in the history of Canada since we re-founded our country with Dominion status in 1867.

In fact, the story goes that even Pierre Trudeau was known to admire the Queen personally. It is even said that so great was his personal regard for Her Majesty as a stateswoman with encyclopedic knowledge of Canada, that he deliberately entrenched the monarchy in the Constitution Act of 1982, which, of course, can only be amended in this respect with the unanimity of all provinces.

It was Her Majesty the Queen who opened the Canadian Centennial celebrations of 1967, the Centennial of Confederation. It is the Queen who signed into force the Constitution Act of 1982 in front of these Houses of Parliament.

The Queen, then, has been with us on all the most important occasions of our modern national life. She has borne with us through thick and thin, through peace and war, as she did in the service of His Majesty's forces during the Second World War, through prosperity and times of economic downturn.

La continuité constitue un des principaux thèmes du jubilé de diamant de la reine Elizabeth. Nous éprouvons une très grande fierté en constatant que Sa Majesté continue la grande tradition de la Couronne, gardienne de nos droits en tant que Canadiens, notamment la protection de la



Greens' Leader Elizabeth May: supports Crown as check on prime ministerial power

liberté de religion, de la langue et du système de droit civil. Notre monarchie constitutionnelle a survécu à toutes les guerres, toutes les révolutions, toujours loyale au peuple canadien et aux droits de nos concitoyens.

She shares with that powerful and evocative symbol of Canada's founding, Queen Victoria, who chose the location of the capital in which we sit, the achievement of 60 years on the throne.

In 1897, the then prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was in London for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. A few years later, this great Quebecker, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, known above all for his Canadian patriotism, celebrated the Canadian role in uniting the Canadian family throughout, at the time the British Empire, during the South African War.

Laurier overcame his earlier opposition to that conflict and instead came to recognize that Canada's service under the Crown on the African veldt was a source of pride and international prestige.

Laurier said in this House in 1900:
is there a man whose bosom did not swell with pride, the noblest of all pride, the pride of pure patriotism, the pride of the consciousness of our rising strength, the pride of the consciousness that that day the fact had been revealed to the world that a new power had arisen in the west.

This quotation from 112 years ago is how I answer that charge that Canada's monarchy is somehow a hindrance to our sense of nationality in 2012.

The Queen is Canadian. All of the proud associations we share with the monarchy are Canadian through and through. Canada, in fact, Canadianized the monarchy in 1931 with the Statute of Westminster. Before then, it could be argued that we shared a common imperial crown. However, after 1931, Canada had a monarchy in its own right.

Dans une époque d'internationalisme et dans un pays avec plusieurs régions, trois peuples fondateurs et deux langues officielles, il y a un grand avantage d'avoir un chef d'État qui ne réside pas au Québec ou en Ontario ou dans une autre région, mais qui peut visiter chaque région de façon aussi égale que possible. La reine Elizabeth représente toutes les régions et tous les peuples canadiens de façon égale.

When we speak of the Crown in Canada, whether in this Parliament or in a myriad of institutions across the country, we are speaking of a uniquely Canadian institution, shaped and tailored by

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Canadians over the decades and generations to our own needs and requirements. It is not something imposed on us. We ourselves have chosen it and continue to choose it every time we reopen this House and this Parliament in Her Majesty's name and under her mantle.

Every day we Canadians enjoy the protection and benediction of that crown and mantle, and every day we open this House, praying for our sovereign lady, the Queen.

Let me close with a prayer, one that is an invocation from the Canadian Book of Common Prayer for the Queen in celebration of this remarkable achievement, her diamond jubilee:

O Lord... the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth... that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity.

C'est un grand honneur et un grand privilège, au nom de tous les députés de toutes les régions du pays et au nom de tout le peuple canadien, de féliciter notre reine Elizabeth II, suite à 60 ans de services rendus aux peuples du Commonwealth et au peuple canadien.

It is an honour to congratulate, on behalf of the Canadian people represented here in this Chamber, Her Majesty upon achieving by the grace of God this tremendous milestone of 60 years as our gracious and faithful Queen.

God bless Canada, and God Save the Queen.

Excerpts from remarks by Peter Stoffer, MP (NDP: Sackville-Eastern Shore NS)

Extraits de l'allocution prononcée par Peter Stoffer, député (NPD: Sackville-Eastern Shore NE)

When we look at the history of Queen Elizabeth and her family, it is truly an amazing history to be able to live in the time of her life and see what she has done from June 2, 1952, on to today and for the years to come. She has been a symbol of grace and a symbol of wondrous achievement in what she has done. With her respect for all peoples, all religions, all languages, the Commonwealth, family

and, above all, her faith, she has been what I would call a beacon of light and a beacon of hope for all people, not just of the Commonwealth but of the world. She has truly lived her life in the service of her country and the Commonwealth. That is much to the chagrin of many people. People in the United States, for example, would love to have someone like Queen Elizabeth as their head of state, as she truly resembles tradition from long ago...

As a Canadian of 56 years old, living under Queen Elizabeth as the monarch of Canada has been truly a wondrous thing. Coming from the Netherlands, I gave up an oath to one queen to give a pledge of allegiance to another queen, and it is really quite something. I did it without hesitation.

Hollandais de naissance, je suis Canadien par choix. Je suis extrêmement honoré du fait que le Canada ait maintenu ses liens avec la Couronne parce que celle-ci est le symbole de notre histoire et de notre orientation. En fait, le fauteuil dans lequel vous êtes assis, Monsieur le Président, vient de Westminster...

Now that she celebrates her 60th year on the throne, it is we as Canadian subjects of the Queen who wish her the very best, long continued health and long continued success. It is we as Canadians who thank the Queen for her service, for she truly has done God's work on the throne of England and the throne of Canada and that of the Commonwealth. She truly has been a symbol of hope, truth, justice, charity and love. On behalf of our leader and all New Democrats across the country and on behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, we say God save our Queen and may she live a long and glorious life. God bless.

Excerpts from remarks by Hon Bob Rae, MP, Interim Leader, Liberal Party of Canada

Extraits de l'allocution prononcée par l'hon Bob Rae, Chef intérimaire du Parti libéral du Canada

...Those of us who have watched the Queen when she has come to Canada and those of us who have had an opportunity to meet her and speak with her and the members of her family have always been struck, certainly I have, by the enormous sense of intelligent engagement, great affection and deep knowledge that Her Majesty has for this country, the political changes that are under way in this coun-

try, and all of the ramifications and meanings.

My colleague, the member for Wascana was reminding me of this when he told me about a visit that the Queen had made to Regina in 2003. When the Queen visited the University of Regina, she dedicated the opening of the First Nations University and laid a stone tablet in the building. This is what she said at that time:

This stone was taken from the grounds of Balmoral Castle in the Highlands of Scotland – a place dear to my great great grandmother, Queen Victoria. It symbolizes the foundation of the rights of First Nations peoples reflected in treaties signed with the Crown during her reign.

Bearing the cipher of Queen Victoria as well as my own, this stone is presented to the First Nations University of Canada in the hope that it will serve as a reminder of the special relationship between the Sovereign and all First Nations peoples.

Those of us who are familiar with the law of aboriginal peoples will know that of all the relationships that are cherished by the first nations people of Canada, it is the relationship with the Crown which is perhaps most important because that is a relationship of equals. It is a relationship of nations, between sovereign people and based on respect. When we look at the great historical proclamation of 1763, we realize to what extent many of the historic rights and freedoms which all Canadians have and value do not come against the opposition of the Crown, do not come by fighting against a tyrannical monarchy, but, rather, come because the monarchy has had the good and common sense to recognize those rights and lay them out in our law...

...In Regina, in 1973, in talking about Canada, the Queen stated the following:

Canada asks no citizens to deny their forebears, to forsake their inheritance – only that each should accept and value the cultural freedom of others as he enjoys his own. It is a gentle invitation, this call to citizenship.

Quelle merveilleuse expression: une « douce invitation ». La reine a ainsi décrit un aspect de notre pays qui nous semble remarquable, c'est-à-dire son sens du civisme, son désir non pas de tolérer mais de célébrer les différences, et la profonde conviction que l'unité doit aussi avoir un sens.

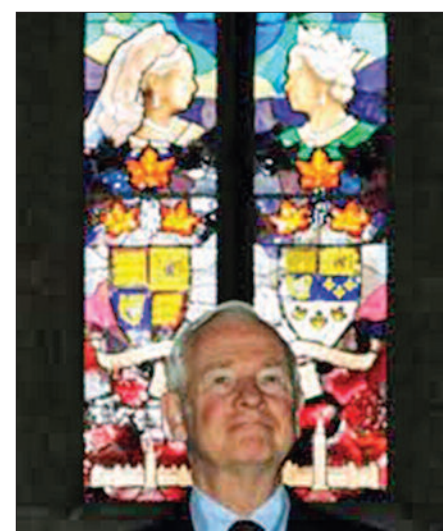
Je crois que tous les Canadiens ont ressenti une immense fierté – c'était certainement mon cas – , quand la reine Elizabeth est venue assister à la signature de la Charte des droits et libertés et au rapatriement de la Constitution du Canada, un moment crucial de l'histoire de notre pays puisque c'était un événement constitutionnel, une occasion de réfléchir à notre passé et d'envisager l'avenir.

We have a constitutional monarch who is above politics, rancour and division, and who allows for change and evolution at all times to be taking place and for the vigour of partisanship to exist. This system that we have, this great country which we continue to build, we build in a context of friendship and of respect...

Excerpts from remarks by Ms. Elizabeth May, MP, Leader of the Green Party of Canada

Extraits de l'allocution prononcée par Mme Elizabeth May, député et chef du Parti vert du Canada

...Constitutional monarchy does something quite wonderful.



The Governor General and Minister of Canadian Heritage dedicated the Diamond Jubilee Window in the Centre Block of Parliament on February 7. It depicts Queen Victoria, Mother of Confederation, and our present Queen. A full description of this adornment to the Parliament of which the Sovereign is part may be found at <http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/Senate/jubilee/window-e.htm>

In the United States, where the notion of constitutional monarchy in 1776 was rejected and rebelled against King George III, members will notice that with the elected officials in the United States, the president and so on, the public clamours for royalty. Therefore, there is this notion of the first lady, the first family, the first dog, the family dogs of every president of the United States. I can recall the names of family dogs of presidents of the United States going back to F.D.R.'s dog Fala and who can forget Checkers, or L.B.J. and his beagles.

C'est une fascination malsaine à l'égard de personnes qui, comme nous autres parlementaires, ne sont que de simples élus mortels. Notre mandat est d'une durée limitée, voilà pourquoi nous devrions nous acquitter de notre devoir envers notre pays et servir au Parlement. Tant d'apparat et de cérémonie autour d'un élu – comme un président ou un député qui accède au poste de premier ministre parce qu'il est chef de son parti – sèment la confusion.

It is very healthy that we do not turn a prime minister into a royal. In order to avoid that natural human temptation, we need the monarchy. We need to know that there is a royal family, and we are not electing it. We need to keep those roles separate and a constitutional monarchy allows us to do that. It allows us recognize that we in Parliament, built on the Westminster parliamentary system, although I have to admit we are slipping on that point, should recognize that our prime minister is merely first among equals and the head of state is Her Majesty the Queen, ruling over all of the Commonwealth.



William Fisher, Halifax Branch Secretary, received his Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia on June 15, 2012 at Government House

Credit: Communications Nova Scotia



Long-serving Northumberland, NS Branch Chairman Olive Pastor received her Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Lieutenant Governor on June 15, 2012.

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Monarchist League Youth Members Spearhead Affirmation of Liberal Party's Loyalty to Crown

Republican Motion Defeated at Policy Convention by 67-33%

by Matthew Rowe

Matthew Rowe is the Ottawa Spokesman for the Monarchist League of Canada. Watch his reaction to the vote in an interview with CBC's Hannah Thibedeau: <http://vimeo.com/36737971>

The Liberal Convention held in Ottawa in January 2012 was a chance for the party of Laurier to come together and start the process of reinventing itself after the drubbing received in last year's general election. This was a time for new beginnings; but that message of renewal and unity was threatened by a Young Liberals of Canada motion that sought to cut our ties with the Canadian crown.

This motion was not the product of the Young Liberals' own policy process (a similar resolution had been roundly defeated at the lower levels) rather this was a personal project of their President and a number of executive members who used their positions to force this motion ahead of the policies voted on by their own membership.

As a proud monarchist who served the Liberal cause for nearly 5 years working for a Member of Parliament, I was appalled not just at this affront to Canada's Crown but also the extraordinary lack of political judgement. This motion was coming in the first few weeks of our Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, and in the afterglow of one of the most successful Royal tours in a generation. Polls put na-

tional support for the monarchy in the stratosphere and that support has often been shown to be higher among Liberal supporters than Conservative. With so many other pressing issues affecting the lives of Canadians the YLC executive's decision to focus on the monarchy was downright foolish. Despite the bad timing the threat posed by this motion was real and indeed stranger items have passed before with the right mix of apathy and poor attendance.

What the YLC exec wasn't counting on was the extraordinary commitment of young people belonging to both the League and the Liberals who weren't going to let this go down without a fight. Members like Matthew Naylor, Vicar Rizvi and Kelly Anne Murdock, to name just a few, made flyers, lobbied delegates and demonstrated that support for the Crown is stronger than ever amongst young Liberals.

The cause was further helped by interim Leader Bob Rae (an avowed monarchist himself) who made it clear in a convention press conference that even if the motion passed, it would not be adopted as policy under his watch.

In the end all of our efforts paid off with an overwhelming 67% of delegates voting to defeat the motion. My thanks go out to all those who helped defeat this motion and especially the Liberal delegates who affirmed proudly that their Canada includes the monarchy.



Matthew Rowe (left), Young Liberal monarchist who helped defeat the republican motion at party convention. Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae (centre) – said to oppose anti-monarchy motion. Trowned republican resolution was personal project of YL President Sam Lavoie (right).



Photographed with his wife Patricia, long-serving Wellington-Waterloo Branch Chairman Martin Vierula received the Diamond Jubilee Medal from David Mirvish at the vice-regal Gala held at Roy Thomson Hall.

RECENT VICE-REGAL APPOINTMENTS



Frank Lewis signs Proclamation as he becomes PEI's Lieutenant Governor

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

His Honour Frank Lewis was sworn the Island province's 41st Lieutenant Governor on August 15, 2011. Formerly a businessman, His Honour was best known as a broadcast executive, as for his community work, especially in support of the Junior Achievement organization. A self-described enthusiastic attendee at the traditional Levées held throughout PEI at New Year, His Honour this year hosted the vice-regal Levée at Fanningbank, and presented Diamond Jubilee pins to all in attendance.



Brig-General John James Grant recently sworn Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

NOVA SCOTIA

Brigadier-General John James Grant was installed on April 12, 2012 as Nova Scotia's 32nd Lieutenant Governor at a ceremony in the Red Chamber, Province House. A distinguished general officer, accountant and committed volunteer with retired CF personnel, in his Installation address His Honour reflected that:

One of the most important legacies I believe a Lieutenant Governor can leave is to have quite simply represented The Queen in the province with dignity and openness. Each of my predecessors have brought something different and positive to the office; but what links them together is the common thread of having represented the Crown and Nova Scotia with distinction. The Crown continues to be, as it has always been, a unifying symbol – constantly there to promote and champion all that is good about our province, country and those who make Canada what it is.

SASKATCHEWAN

Vaughn Solomon Schofield became Saskatchewan's 21st Lieutenant Governor on March 22, 2012.

Educated as a fashion merchandiser, An avowed monarchist. Ms. Solomon Schofield came to national and international prominence as a leader of Crime Watch groups; she also served as Provincial chair of the CF Liaison Council and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 38 Service Battalion. By happy coincidence, Her Honour's grandfather owned the construction company that raised the dome on the province's Legislative Building about 100 years ago.

"We are lucky to have a history of hard-working, committed lieutenant-governors in Saskatchewan ... who have left a remarkable legacy with their work in many areas," Her Honour observed in her Installation address. "I am looking forward to visiting as many of our vibrant communities as I possibly can."



Vaughn Solomon Schofield: new Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

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Royal Homecoming Down Under

by Sir David Smith

Queen gets warm Aussie welcome

In October Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh made their sixteenth homecoming to Australia. Their 11-day visit took them to Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth, and the Australian media, as well as our republicans, could only gaze in amazement at the size and the enthusiasm of the crowds that greeted the royal couple wherever they went. As one newspaper summed up the visit, "The republican flag now hangs limp in the doldrums of indifference."

The visit began with a ceremonial welcome in Canberra, and ended in Perth with a giant Aussie barbecue with more than 100,000 people milling around hundreds of barbecues as the royal couple walked among them. In between, the Queen visited Canberra's Floriade flower festival, laid a wreath at the Australian War Memorial, presented new colours to the Royal Military College, Duntroon, attended a national parliamentary reception, acknowledged flood and bush fire victims and emergency workers, rode on a Melbourne tram and opened a Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

The warm welcome that the royal couple received on their arrival in Canberra on a perfect Spring evening was surprising to some, bearing in mind that the Australian Capital Territory was the only part of Australia to vote "Yes" in the 1999 referendum on the republic. As the Queen appeared in the doorway of the royal aircraft there was an audible gasp from the crowd, followed by loud cheers and whistles as she and Prince Philip walked down the stairs. The genuine warmth of the welcome brought a smile to the face of the Queen. At the foot of the stairs the Queen was greeted by three women – Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce, Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard, and ACT Chief Minister Ms Katy Gallagher.

Some mischievous journalists noticed that the Governor-General curtsied and

that the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister bowed their heads, thus setting the hares running on stories of discourtesy to the Queen. However, these were quickly scotched when it was pointed out that the British Monarchy website states that, while head bows and curtsies are the traditional forms of greeting, there are no obligatory codes of behaviour when greeting the Queen – just courtesy.

As the Queen mounted the dais to take the salute from the Australian Federation Guard, three Canberra Institute of Technology teachers looked on proudly for they had worked day and night to craft the dais, using Australian jarrah timber on which had been carved Australian native animals – the koala, the kangaroo and the platypus. And for a quintessentially Australian touch they had added a corrugated iron roof. Among the many who presented the Queen with flowers at the airport was a retired school teacher who presented a bouquet just as she had done as a six-year-old school girl on the Queen's first visit to Australia, 57 years ago.

In addition to the visit to Floriade, to which the Queen and Prince Philip travelled by Admiral's Barge on Lake Burley Griffin from the Government House jetty to Commonwealth Park, the Canberra programme included a visit to the Australian War Memorial to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown Australian soldier and to meet Defence Force personnel; the presentation of colours – the fourth time by the Queen – to the Royal Military College, Duntroon; attending morning worship at the historic St. John's Church, Reid; and a reception hosted by the Prime Minister in the Great Hall of Parliament House. At each venue the vantage points were occupied by large crowds of well-wishers, and on each journey to and from Government House the tree-lined Dunrossil Drive, named after a former Governor-General, was also lined with cheering crowds. The Queen also held formal audiences at Government House with the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

The parliamentary reception was attended by 700 invited guests who heard the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition pay generous tributes to the Queen's and Prince Philip's devotion to duty and to service. As the Leader of the Opposition had been the first Executive Director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy before going into politics, his speech was no surprise. But what did surprise many in the audience was the obvious warmth and sincerity of the Prime Minister's speech. Coming from a left



wing socialist republican, the speech was a generous tribute to "a beloved and respected friend ... a wise and gracious sovereign who has spent her life in the cause of duty." It was said by some that the Prime Minister's speech was one of the best she has given since coming to office almost 18 months ago.

The guest list for the parliamentary reception consisted mostly of republicans and only a few monarchists. Many of the republicans present had actively campaigned for the republic in 1999 and undoubtedly would do so again if given the opportunity, but that did not stop them from accepting their invitations, nor did it prevent them from pushing and shoving to get closer to the royal couple and, if possible, to be presented. Their behaviour was evidence of the wisdom of the saying that it is dangerous to stand between an Australian republican and a member of the royal family.

Before the Queen and Prince Philip set off on their journey to Australia they held a reception at Buckingham Palace for 300 Australian living and working in the United Kingdom. Among those who accepted invitations to this reception were a husband and wife team of so-called celebrities, both of whom are on the public record as having used most insulting and deeply offensive language to describe the Queen and Prince Philip. Never the less, their past conduct did not prevent them from accepting their invitations. Photographs of the couple being warmly greeted by the Queen were quickly flashed around Australia as evidence that some people will gladly accept food, and drink, from a hand which they have savagely bitten!

The visit to Brisbane saw a crowd of more than 45,000 turn out to greet and cheer the Queen and Prince Philip. Their

itinerary included a reception for communities affected by the devastating floods earlier in the year, as well as emergency response personnel who had been involved in rescue and recovery operations. The Queen was visibly moved by her meeting with a father and his young son who had seen their wife and mother and two siblings swept away to their deaths by the raging flood waters.

The Melbourne visit included a public welcome in Federation Square in the heart of the central business district. Only two days earlier Federation Square had been the scene of an encampment by protesters who were part of the world-wide "Occupy" movement. Their presence had shut down for days the coffee shops and restaurants and other small businesses that surround the square. When the police finally moved in to remove the protesters violence erupted – a number of protesters were arrested and many police and protesters were injured.

There was a fear that the protesters would return to the square and spoil the royal visit but, to their credit, they held a meeting and decided that they would stay away and not disrupt the visit. So on the day the Queen was greeted by yet another cheering crowd of some 40,000. From Federation Square the royal couple boarded a Melbourne tram for the journey across Princes Bridge and along St. Kilda Road to Government House for a reception. The whole route was lined by well-wishers who waved and cheered as the tram slowly made its journey towards Government House.

From Melbourne the royal party flew to Perth where the Queen opened CHOGM. The early meetings of Commonwealth heads of government were always held in London, and it was not until 1973 that the meeting was held outside



The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, with its leaders at CHOGM, Melbourne, October 2011



Britain – in Ottawa. Since then, 14 countries have hosted CHOGM, some more than once, and the Queen has attended all of them. A feature of this meeting was the decision to change the law of succession to remove discrimination against female children and Catholics – a decision that has been widely applauded in Australia, and by both sides of politics.

At every one of their public appearances the Queen and Prince Philip received masses of flowers, mostly from children but also from adults too, and Perth was no exception. During the walk-about through the crowd of more than 100,000 people the Queen and Prince Philip were once again presented with hundreds of bunches of flowers. As it came time for the royal party to head for the airport and the flight back to London, it was heart-warming to watch the close-protection security officers swing into action. With the royal couple moving slowly along the line of well-wishers, and pausing to have a word with every child waiting to present their bunch of flowers, it was soon apparent to the security officers that many of the children yet to be reached might miss out, so they began motioning to them to come forward with their bunches of flowers. The sight of tough security officers urging children to slip past the security barriers and then gently shepherding them towards the Queen and Prince Philip so that they might hand over their flowers and receive a warm smile and a thank-you said so much about the spirit in which this most successful royal visit had taken place.

During the 1999 referendum campaign a leading republican was reported to have said that the republic would be a shoe-in when all the over-55-year-olds have died out. Well, the evidence suggests that not only are monarchists not dying out but our numbers are increasing. Recent polling has revealed that support for the re-

public has dwindled to its lowest level in almost two decades. More to the point, support for the monarchy is on the increase, and is at the highest it has been for two decades, especially among young people between the ages of 18 and 35. Us oldies have new generations of monarchists coming up behind us.

Republicans have conceded that no progress towards a republic is likely while the Queen is on the throne, an acceptance that is based on Her Majesty's obvious popularity and the respect with which she is held across Australian society. The excitement of children during the visit has combined with the nostalgic emotions of older Australians to confirm the monarchy's popularity and endurance. As one reporter reminded his readers, "Since her 1953 coronation, she has visited Australia on average every 3.7 years and continues to exert a magical grip on the national psyche." A former leader of the Australian Republican Movement admitted that "nobody could fail to have enormous respect and affection for Queen Elizabeth." And a former Governor-General was reported as saying "My impression is on this visit the Queen is being greeted by larger and more enthusiastic crowds than she has been greeted by before in recent years."

I end this account of a most successful homecoming by quoting from an editorial in *The Canberra Times*, the daily newspaper of that hotbed of Australian republicanism, the Australian Capital Territory: "Amid all the pomp and ceremony of the royal visit, the issue of Australia becoming a republic has again been taken out of the cupboard, like a long-forgotten relic, dusted off and held up to the light to see what sort of condition it is currently in. What's been revealed is a relic that, while still intact, has collected a few moth holes over the years, and looks in need of a good patch-up before it's likely to be considered fashionable again." My own view is that it will remain moth eaten and unfashionable for a long time to come.

Sir David Smith was Official Secretary to five Governors-General of Australia from 1973 to 1990.



Sir David Smith, photographed as Official Secretary to the Governor General of Australia, 1988



BOOK REVIEW

THE EVOLVING CANADIAN CROWN

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Review by Ian McKechnie, student at Trent University, Peterborough

I am not a student of either constitutional law or of political science, the natural audience of any work dealing with the Crown in Canada. I am an English literature student. However, this discipline – like others in the humanities – is one in which details are of paramount importance. Indeed, I have heard it said that monarchists are too attentive to details; we are always, it seems, insisting on the correct use of such-and-such a title or stressing the significance of particular ceremonies and/or symbols that other Canadians may find hopelessly mystifying. Nevertheless, this focus on detail is central to how we understand our system of government, whether our main area of interest lies in the mystique of the monarchy as it has come to symbolise the Canadian state, or if it focuses on the fascinating machinery of a nearly one hundred and fifty-year old constitution.

The fourteen contributors to this volume make no apologies for their attention to detail. It is very reassuring to know that literature dealing with the monarchy in Canada is not limited to either well-written, but long out-of-print books of which *The Crown In Canada* by Frank MacKinnon is a good example; important but highly-academic works such as David Smith's *The Invisible Crown*; and poorly-written, but widely-used high school and university "civics" textbooks, many of which devote only a few simplistic and occasionally unsympathetic pages to the roles played by the Queen and her eleven representatives. The level of detail can make a huge difference in terms of educating an often-misinformed public: it is one thing to assert, rather starkly and indifferently, that Governors General play a "mainly ceremonial and symbolic" role, it is quite another enthusiastically to analyse this role in all of its wonderful complexity.

Speaking of literature, we now must turn our attention to what kind of book this is. It is not a history. Those hoping to find a detailed answer as to when, exactly, the Canadian monarchy was established, or what Vice-Regal residences looked like in the Edwardian era will be disappointed. History plays an important role in the various entries, but it functions mainly as background material to the overall discussion at hand. Nor is the book primarily about how various royal and Vice-Regal personalities have contributed to the evolution of the Canadian Crown. The strengths of former Governors General and Lieutenant Governors are alluded to, as are the qualities of the present Queen, but again, they function mainly as background material to other issues, be they constitutional or cultural.

Rather, *The Evolving Canadian Crown* is a comprehensive and wonderfully accessible by-product of the long-awaited "Conference on the Crown," held in Ottawa just before the memorable royal homecoming of 2010 – the Queen's twenty-second as our Sovereign. It is a timely work, especially when modern royal tours, Vice-Regal appointments, and so forth inevitably produce distracting de-

bates on radio and public television over whether or not we should "cut our ties" (to use what has become a very annoying cliché) to the Crown. "Any discussion about monarchy in Australia," writes Peter Boyce, "is focused almost exclusively on whether it should be abandoned. Seldom is interest expressed in the possibilities of strengthening public respect for the Crown or its effectiveness within Australia's system of government." (177) The same is true for the Maple realm, and the question of what can be done to enhance the effectiveness and overall visibility of the Crown in Canada lies at the heart of this book. The title is entirely on point: too many believe that an evolving monarchy is a kind of contradiction in terms, and Messrs. Jackson, McCreery, Smith, et al. prove in their respective entries that republicans cannot claim a monopoly on creatively improving the system.

The Evolving Canadian Crown is divided into five parts: THE CROWN IN CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE, THE CROWN AND PARLIAMENT, THE CROWN AND CIVIL SOCIETY, THE CROWN IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE, and CURRENT ISSUES. The first of these deals with the Crown's role in the provinces, and the myriad of questions surrounding the *Letters Patent, 1947*, respectively. Authors D. Michael Jackson and Lynda M. Haverstock do a superb job of analysing the evolution of the provincial Crown as an institution and the role of the Lieutenant Governors who embody it. In keeping with the evolutionary theme of the book, several paragraphs are devoted to "Improvements To The Vice-Regal Office." The first of these has to do with how the Lieutenant Governors are chosen. The authors note that, in the recent appointments of the Hon. Philip Lee (Manitoba) and the Hon. Graydon Nicholas (New Brunswick), Prime Minister Stephen Harper consulted with both the Premier and Leader of the Opposition of the provinces concerned, and argue that some method of consultation is desirable when making future appointments to this office. They also reflect upon the symbols surrounding Lieutenant Governors, suggesting that they should be entitled to both a twenty-one gun salute and the use of "Excellency" before their name. I would add that even something as simple as the Lieutenant Governor's attire can send a strong symbolic message about just who and what he or she represents; of late, only three Vice-Regal incumbents have donned the elaborate Civil Uniform for offi-



PM consulted NB Premier and Opposition Leader prior to Nicholas Graydon's appointment as Lieutenant Governor

The Evolving Canadian Crown

cial duties, such as throne speeches (Steven Point of British Columbia and the recently-retired Mayann Francis of Nova Scotia have been doing so throughout their time in office; Donald Ethell of Alberta only recently revived the tradition in his province), while the rest wear business suits, which can make it difficult to distinguish them from bureaucrats and politicians. C

Christopher McCreery's piece, entitled "Myth And Misunderstanding: The Letters Patent Constituting The Office Of The Governor General, 1947," is fascinating reading. [CMN begins publication of Dr McCreery's paper in the next issue. Ed.] McCreery reminds us that, contrary to popular belief, the Letters Patent were never intended to relegate the King or Queen of Canada to a status of nonexistence, with the Governor General filling the resultant vacuum. "While the *Letters Patent 1947* do clearly delegate many of the Sovereign's powers to the governor general," writes McCreery in his conclusion, "we should remain mindful that this is done as enabling legislation, for use 'in exceptional circumstances.'" (51) McCreery also tells us why a further delegation of royal powers took place in the 1970s. Many, it seems, believed that having the Sovereign exercise his or her powers directly was somehow inconvenient to both the Sovereign and his or her Canadian government, while others (namely, Jules Leger) were concerned about agitating Quebec by having to send various documents across the pond for the Queen's approval. The result of this, of course, has been for some Governors General to describe themselves as head of state and silence any suggestion that the Queen has any real role left in Canada. To cite but one egregious example, in her memoirs, *Heart Matters*, Adrienne Clarkson noted that "the Queen knows and respects the Letters Patent," implying that Her Majesty had colluded with Clarkson's interpretation of them.

THE CROWN IN PARLIAMENT consists of four chapters, each reflecting upon the reserve powers in light of the prorogation affair in December of 2008. David E. Smith, in his piece, "The Crown and the Constitution: Sustaining Democracy?" suggests that Governors General, if they are to be seen as sustaining democracy, must exercise good and wise judgement in whatever constitutional situation they find themselves. "The concept of democracy," Smith writes, "does not fit well with the conventions of constitutional monar-



Mayann Francis wore the traditional Civil Uniform throughout her time as Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor

chy because whatever else it may be, the former concerns numbers. Democracy is about counting while constitutional monarchy is about weighing. The exercise of discretion is the foundation of the latter: when and whether the first minister advises dissolution (or prorogation) of Parliament; when and whether the governor general decides to accept that advice." (67) Patrick J. Monahan and Andrew Heard, in their respective chapters, then analyze in detail the critical and occasionally discretionary role that is played by the Governor General in, to use Smith's words, "sustaining democracy." Again, their writing is far more informative than what is typically found in many a political science textbook, where the Governor General's role is either played down or discussed only very briefly and vaguely.

In his entry, entitled "Written Reasons and Codified Conventions," Robert E. Hawkins goes over the reasons why it is perhaps unwise to provide explanations for why the Queen's representative did this or that in a particular situation. "In the highly charged political atmosphere of a prorogation or dissolution controversy," he writes, "reasons risk undermining the governor general's neutrality. Yet it is precisely this neutrality that enables the governor general to act as the guarantor of responsible, democratic government." (110) Hawkins likewise questions the wisdom of codification. "Attempts at exhaustively codifying conventions will," he states, "...be frustrated by the unique situations in which difficult prorogation and dissolution cases arise." (112) Interestingly, Belize writes into its Constitution a num-

ber of clauses that are, in Canada, merely conventions: "The Governor-General shall remove the Prime Minister from office if a resolution of no confidence in the Government is passed by the House of Representatives and the Prime Minister does not within seven days either resign from his office or advise the Governor General to dissolve the National Assembly." (V.4) While Hawkins appropriately restricts his analysis to Canada; an assessment of how Belize and other realms have dealt with the issue of codification would be most interesting.

THE CROWN IN CIVIL SOCIETY consists of three chapters, the first of which deals with "State Ceremonial: The Constitutional Monarch's Liturgical Authority." I was particularly intrigued by this chapter, as I first became interested in the monarchy by watching the various ceremonies associated with the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, her tour of Saskatchewan and Alberta in 2005, and the annual Remembrance Day service held in Ottawa and broadcast across the country by the CBC. In this chapter, Paul Benoit makes a distinction between sacred and secular worship; the latter includes "paying homage to those who have sacrificed their lives in the defence of their country; marking anniversaries of important events in the history of one's country (as the Queen did most recently on Parliament Hill on July 1st 2010); and giving thanks to Providence for the blessings bestowed on one's country." (121) Although it is appropriate for this context, some may find "worship" to be too strong a term. (When watching the coverage of the

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Canada last summer, I more than once asked myself whether or not the throngs of people chanting "Will and Kate! Will and Kate! Will and Kate!" knew what the young couple symbolised, or whether they were engaging in yet another round of celebrity worship that is no different from the kind practised in Hollywood, among other places). However, royal tours bring with them a great opportunity to witness state ceremonial, something we rarely get to experience in this country, a custom that Canadian media likes to associate almost exclusively with the United Kingdom, reinforcing the idea that our monarchical traditions are "foreign." Benoit argues in detail that an impressive setting, personal and social transformation, and a prolonged sense of mutual purpose and identity are all key to making the most of events such as Canada Day, Victoria Day, and Remembrance Day. Those who dismiss the monarchy, its symbols, and ceremonies as being "only symbolic" or "mainly ceremonial" should read Benoit's chapter and come away, one would hope, with a greater appreciation of this vital aspect of our system.

Christopher McCreery returns in Chapter 9, "The Crown And Honours: Getting It Right," where he discusses the evolution of the Canadian Honours System and how this country might improve upon what is already in place. I was interested to learn of how involved King George V and King George VI were in the creation of various medals for use in Canada; it is regrettable that our present Queen has not held an Ottawa-based investiture ceremony since 1973.

In "The Honour Of The First Nations – The Honour Of The Crown: The Unique Relationship Of First Nations With The Crown," David Arnot assesses the fundamental significance of the Crown as it pertains to treaty-making. Arnot is quick to point out how sacred these treaties are and how they were made with a Monarch who, by transcending periodically changing governments, personified "...a bedrock of principles of fundamental justice that lay beyond persons and beyond politics." (161) This point is important. Anyone who has followed republican rhetoric in this country will know that a favourite line of reasoning, as of late, is that "the Crown" is simply another word for "the Canadian state," and, in a republic, "the Crown" would be replaced with "the People of Canada," or the electorate. Because First Nations' peoples



Jules Leger: GG worried about "agitating Quebec"



Monahan and Hawkins discuss the Prerogative powers of the Governor General, one of which Mme Jean had to use during her time as The Queen's Representative

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were disenfranchised until the middle part of the twentieth century, any suggestion that the Crown can simply be replaced with those who cast ballots is, to say the least, woefully ironic.

THE CROWN IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE is divided into two chapters, each focusing on the Crown as it is manifested in Australia and in New Zealand, respectively. Peter Boyce spends a considerable amount of time in his entry, "The Australian Monarchy In The Twenty-First Century" discussing "The Republican Referendum And Its Aftermath." He notes that, while many Australians prefer a directly elected president, their politicians (especially those in the Labour Party) do not, presumably because "...a directly elected president (and his or her state equivalent) would compete with the political executive for influence." (181) It is for this reason, among others, writes Boyce, that republicanism "will not again become a high priority for government" (191) any time soon. Meanwhile, he directs the reader's attention to how the Crown has successfully operated at both the federal and, in particular, state levels. "In most states," says Boyce "the capital city's main morning newspaper will carry a daily 'vice-regal notices' column, listing the governor's activities for the previous day and identifying all guests and callers at Government House. This is seen as a contribution to public accountability and transparency." (185) This is an excellent idea, and is a practice that newspapers in this country should consider including in their own publications; not merely for the sake of accountability and transparency, but also to encourage a view of the Vice-Regal office that is positive (a Lieutenant Governor who does not appear to be doing much because the press neglects to report on official activities can become a target of the pessimistic "they don't do anything" attitude, which is obviously unhelpful).

Noel Cox takes us across the Tasman in "The Crown Down Under: Issues And Trends In Australia And New Zealand." In general, Cox believes that New Zealanders are content with the monarchy, as it currently exists. With rare exceptions (such as that of Sir Keith Holyoake), most of New Zealand's native-born Governors General have been non-political, and the country was the first realm outside of the United Kingdom to have Prince William perform official duties on behalf of the Queen, something that has been kept up by the present government. The most problematic issue in terms of New Zealand's monarchy, Cox argues, is the so-

called "inevitability argument," wherein if Australia becomes a republic, New Zealand will immediately follow. Nevertheless, a republican movement has never been a powerful force in the country. "Although it received a reasonable degree of media attention at times," Cox reflects, "the movement can be said, with much accuracy, to depend upon the exertions of one man." (200) This phenomenon has likewise been true for Canada over the last decade or so, as many monarchists who have participated in or watched media debates on the issue can attest.

CURRENT ISSUES incorporates the final three chapters in *The Evolving Canadian Crown*. Jacques Monet, in his brilliant contribution, "Reflections On The 'Canadianization' Of The Crown: A Modest Proposal," brings up the question of how the Governor General is to be appointed. Like many Canadians, Monet recognises that any suggestion of political partiality in the appointment reflects poorly on the institution. His proposal, by which the full Privy Council would meet in some kind of mysterious Vatican-like lock-up to prepare "...a short list of names for the prime minister to discuss with the Queen," (210) is ingenious. The Sovereign would be brought over to our shores to make the appointment – accompanied by a healthy dose of ritual – which will, according to Monet, "...heighten awareness of the governor generalcy and provide from the start a more dramatic profile of the new incumbent." (211). However, this reviewer cannot help but to share a few quibbles about this arrangement. Monet is very clear about the importance of a short list, and about continuing the practice of the Queen appointing her representative on the advice of the Prime Minister. What is not exactly clear, however, is how a short list would be employed in this particular situation. Will the Prime Minister actually go over the list with the Sovereign until the two find a name that is mutually acceptable? Or will the Prime Minister's discussion with the Queen be a mere formality after picking a name that is suitable only to him and his political interests? The former option could reinforce the personal role of the Monarch in the process; the latter option is, however, simply an extension of what has been in place since Governors General began to be appointed on the exclusive advice of the Canadian Prime Minister.

More specifically, it underlines the Achilles' heel of our system, wherein the Governor General continues to be associated – in popular opinion, at least – with the nominating Prime Minister and his



Charles and Camilla visit First Nations University, Regina, in May 2012. Arnot discusses sacred treaties between Crown and First Nations.

party (e.g. "Michaëlle Jean was, for better or for worse, appointed by Paul Martin's Liberal government," or "David Johnston is an irredeemable Conservative appointment"). Although Monet admits that the Privy Council as a whole is, in terms of partisanship, comparatively balanced, a cursory glance at its current membership reveals too many politicians (including those with well-known republican views), and the media would almost certainly seize the opportunity to speculate on possible conflicts and/or eleventh hour political deals in the so-called lock-up.

What is an acceptable solution or compromise? The Sovereign must have a personal, albeit constitutionally acceptable role in the appointment process if the cynicism surrounding the rubber-stamp theory is to be dispelled. "In 2009," writes Christopher McCreery in his chapter on honours, "we witnessed the Queen's direct involvement in the honours system when she appointed former Prime Minister Jean Chretien a member of the Order of Merit. While many commentators and officials in Canada seemed confused as to just what this honour was – the highest civil honour for service – people did realize how significant it was, in a large part because it came not from a committee or politician, but directly from the Sovereign." (139-140, my emphasis) Nevertheless, the merits of an advisory committee are obvious, and Monet speaks enthusiastically of Prime Minister Harper's decision to convene a committee of this kind in 2010, of which in fact both Monet and McCreery were members.

Is it possible to combine the best of both worlds? An advisory committee

could assemble a short list of suitable names for the Sovereign's perusal, one of which he or she would appoint as Governor General. The Prime Minister, acting as a kind of liaison officer, could be responsible for tendering this list of names to the Queen, but would otherwise have no direct influence in either the scouting out of potential "candidates" or in the eventual appointment of one of them to be the Queen's representative in Canada. I digress. In any case, it is not a latent absolutism on the part of a constitutional monarch that is emphasised in either Monet's proposal or in this reviewer's critique of it; it is rather the independence of the Governor General that is at stake. This reviewer does, however, agree with Monet's point about having the Queen make the appointment in Canada – at either the Halifax or Quebec Citadels, as Monet suggests – or at Canada House in London, where the Sovereign's Canadian role would again be highlighted. Finally, Monet suggests that a longer "term" of office would be beneficial for both the Queen's federal and provincial representatives, and concludes his entry by suggesting that regular visits to Rideau Hall by the Prime Minister would be highly beneficial.

In "Royal Assent: A Time For Clarity," Hugh Segal reflects on the oddity of having a senior judge perform the duty on behalf of the Governor General. We must not, he says candidly, "...allow convenience and the vagueness of the vice-regal and Senate schedules to dilute what Royal Assent is meant to achieve." (217) Having the Sovereign give Royal Assent in person would undoubtedly reinforce the role of



Belize's Governor General, Sir Coville Young, met Prince Harry on his Jubilee Tour for The Queen. The country's Constitution defines matters left to convention in Canada



New Zealanders said "content with monarchy as it exists" – Cox



Sen Segal warns against "convenience" diluting intended meaning of Royal Assent

the Crown in the legislative process, but this is unlikely to occur again during the present reign. Serge Joyal brings *The Evolving Canadian Crown* to a close with his observations in "The Crown And Prime Ministerial Government Or The Slow Withering Of The Monarchical Institution." [This paper was printed in both Official Languages in the most recent two issues of CMN. Ed.] In particular, he suggests that our head of state's non-resident status, an exaggerated interpretation of the Governor General's role, and (ironically) a restriction of Vice-Regal influence, among many other things, have all combined to give the Prime Minister a greater place in the public imagination at the sorry expense of the Queen and her representatives. The Canadian media has certainly played a role in accentuating this elevation to a quasi-presidential status of someone is supposedly the Sovereign's first *servant*. It is most unusual that Joyal's piece appears at the end of the book, for this reviewer believes that – given its assessment of what is presently wrong with the Canadian Crown – it should really be the reader's starting point, after which the analyses will gradually grow better and more uplifting.

In general, *The Evolving Canadian Crown* combines the careful retrospection and inspiring imagination of its contributors with a well-balanced emphasis on the many, sometimes complicated, facets of constitutional monarchy in modern-day Canada to make for a very insightful read. If this reviewer has a single quailm about the book, it lies with the illustrated plates between chapters seven and eight, where portraits of the sixteen Sovereigns who have reigned over Canadian territory are arranged in chronological order. A book focusing on the Crown as it is *evolving* in Canada should include a series of images focusing on the institution as it operates in the here and now. The photogenic tour of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to Canada in 2011, along with the present Governor General's myriad of cross-country engagements, would provide a lot of material to this effect, for the activities of those representing the Crown in this Diamond Jubilee year and beyond are every bit as important as reminding Canadians of their rich monarchical heritage. That quibble aside, everyone, from the most sceptical of journalists to the most vocal of the Crown's supporters, would certainly do themselves a favour by reading this book; for if the Canadian Crown is to evolve, we must remain open the multitude of possibilities that are enumerated in this fascinating and important work.

Correction

The photograph in the top left hand corner of page 11 of the Spring 2011 edition of the CMN was incorrectly identified as Federal MP **James Rajotte**, Conservative member for Edmonton-Leduc. The individual in the photograph is actually **Paul Throop**, then Chief of Staff for Defence Minister Peter McKay. CMN apologizes for this inadvertent error.

NB League's slightly revised postal address effective immediately:

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Mail sent to our former address will be delivered for the nine months: so no need to change renewal or application forms.

THE SECRET OF THE CROWN: CANADA'S AFFAIR WITH ROYALTY

by John Fraser

House of Anansi Press, 2012 – \$29.95 (hardcover)

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Review by Carolyn Harris as posted on Message Board March 14, 2012

The Secret of the Crown: Canada's Affair with Royalty is a book that every Canadian should read. Despite the intense nationwide interest in the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's 2011 Canadian tour, the important role of the Crown in Canada is still not widely understood. This royal heritage is so thoroughly embedded in Canadian history, geography, politics and culture that it is rarely noticed or commented upon. John Fraser's insightful and well written study illuminates the role of the Crown in many aspects of Canadian life and provides convincing arguments in support of Canada's continuing as a constitutional monarchy. Monarchists, republicans, and readers who have never really considered the significance of the Maple Crown will all learn something new about the relationship between Canada's history and potential future in *The Secret of the Crown*.

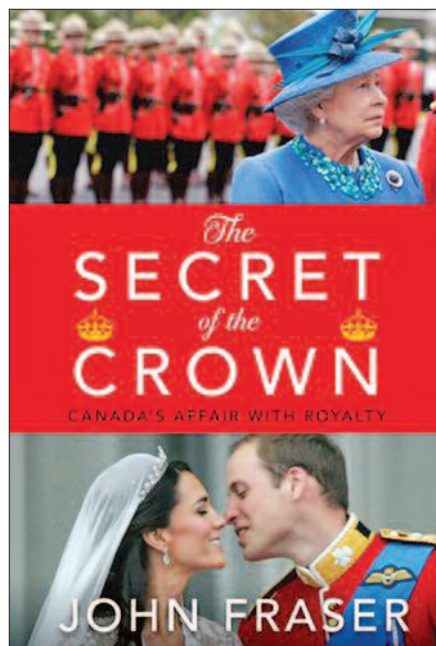
While publications that coincide with Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee often treat this occasion as an opportunity to look back at the Queen's life of public service, Fraser treats this milestone, together with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's Canadian tour, as significant historical events. After decades marked by the increasing popular perception that the institution was no longer relevant to Canadian society, the Canadian tour and the Diamond Jubilee have revived widespread interest in Canada's constitutional monarchy. Thus *The Secret of the Crown* is a book about the monarchy in modern Canadian society rather than a historical work. Other books about Canada and the Crown such as *Majesty in Canada: Essays on the Role of Royalty* or *Royal Spectacle: The 1860 Visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada and the United States* focus on the monarchy's history, while Fraser concentrates on its future.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's decision to make Canada the setting of their first overseas tour both emphasized the enduring links between the Crown and Canadian society, and symbolized the future of the monarchy. The Jubilee celebrations in Canada are highlighting the significance of the Queen's presence at key moments in the nation's history, and how she continues to be a significant Canadian public figure. Her Majesty opened the St. Lawrence Seaway, attended Expo '67 and repatriated the Constitution. While critics



Media spokesman Eugene Berezovsky (l) with GTA Branch Executive member Brendan Bedford flank CBC News Anchor Peter Mansbridge at Lieutenant Governor's Gala Jubilee Medal Presentation, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto

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of the monarchy often describe Elizabeth II a "foreign" ruler, the Queen calls Canada home.

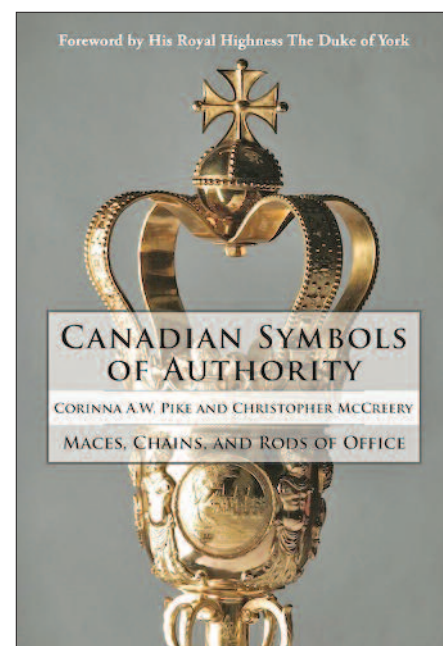
Fraser writes in an engaging style that includes entertaining and insightful descriptions of his various encounters with royalty and Canadian Governors General. Prince Philip's remarks on meeting the journalism fellows at Massey College, University of Toronto are both hilarious and reveal the longstanding tensions between the modern royal family and the press. Fraser's analysis of the successive Canadian born Governors General and provincial Lieutenant Governors reveals how dynamic and progressive this office became in the twentieth and twenty first centuries. I would have been interested to read his insights concerning the British born Governors General as well because many of these figures were directly connected to the royal family and symbolized Canadian sovereignty.

I was most interested in his critique of the monarchy's place in Canadian history books. He observes that Donald Creighton's seminal work, *Canada's First Century*, does not contain a single reference to Queen Victoria in its index despite her significance to nineteenth century Canadians. This approach to Canada's history appears to be changing as Richard Gwyn's biography of Canada's first Prime Minister, *John A: The Man who Made Us* emphasizes that the idea that Queen Victoria wanted Confederation helped unite the provinces in 1867.

During the interviews concerning the history of royal weddings, tours and the Canadian crown, one particular question is nearly always asked by journalists: will Canada continue to be a monarchy after the death of Elizabeth II? Fraser's sympathetic portrayal of Prince Charles makes



Master of Massey College, John Fraser writes "in an engaging style"



a strong case for his suitability as a future King of Canada, emphasizing his interest in Canadian society, his long history of charitable activity and his commitment to the continued success of the constitutional monarchy

The Secret of the Crown is a compelling defense of the Maple Crown that deserves to be a part of every Canadian's library.

CANADIAN SYMBOLS OF AUTHORITY: MACES, CHAINS AND ROD OF OFFICE.

By Corinna A.W. Pike and Christopher McCreery, MVO

Toronto, Dundurn Press, 2011 \$60 – ISBN 978-1554889013

Reviewed by Robert Watt, CVO, Rideau Herald Emeritus

Symbols matter. Surely none matter more than those associated with the linked themes of the Canadian Crown and our democratic government.

This book is a landmark text, thoroughly researched and beautifully illustrated, the first comprehensive study of many of Canada's most important and historic symbols of authority, the maces and the rods of office borne by officials who play a leading role in the ceremonies and protocols which are a vital part of our constitutional traditions.

One of the authors will be a name familiar to many readers of the News, Dr. Christopher McCreery, MVO, currently the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. In a little over a decade he has established himself as the acknowledged expert in the field of Canadian honours and related topics through an impressive number of well received studies on the Order of Canada, The Royal Victorian Order in Canada, the Venerable Order of St. John in Canada and others, most if not all being the first extensive explorations and solid histories of particular subjects. This time he has joined his research and writing talents to those of an Englishwoman, Corinna Pike, former heritage manager of the Crown jewelers in London, Garrard's, an expert in the fields of regalia and ceremonial silver.

The authors announce their objectives for this book in the opening chapter when they note:

"This is the first book to examine the various symbols of authority used by the Queen, her representatives, the governor general and the lieutenant governors, police commissioners, state officials and the federal, provincial and territorial legisla-

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The Senate Mace – oldest in Canada

tures. The parliamentary maces used throughout Canada, like the Crown, embody continuity in an ever changing political world. They are not symbols of a foreign land imposed upon Canada, but rather they are like old friends that are part of the Canadian symbolic and ceremonial lexicon."

This book, in an orderly and engaging fashion sets out to rescue these old friends, and some that are not even a decade old, from obscurity. It succeeds in an excellent way, describing each object with informative text, giving detailed historical background, setting them in a political and ceremonial context.

Perhaps many readers will reflect, as you read the book, on when you first saw a Canadian mace in one of our legislatures. For me, it was in my early teens, when I went on a school trip to the BC Legislature and sat in the gallery for the debates of the session. I remember seeing the splendid mace on the table in front of the Speaker, and while I might have had a very limited understanding of what it was, I had no background that I can now recall at least, of the history of that particular mace. As Chapter on "Provincial Maces reveals, "British Columbia has used six different maces—that's more than any other jurisdiction in British North America". (159). Four of these actually have survived. It turns out that the one I saw was first used in the Second Session of the 24th Legislative Assembly of BC on 16 February 1954. This mace, and its predecessors are fully described with intriguing detail on the makers, materials, size and, in most cases, the leading figures who were responsible for the creation of a particular mace.

As the authors note in the introduction, "Aside from a few pamphlets, the objects and offices discussed in this book have only been seen from a distance by most Canadians."

With this study, we can now admire all of these objects up close via detailed photographs in colour while learning about their history and gaining an understanding of their meaning for our political heritage and the ceremonial context in which we often see them featured on television.

The text is broadly divided into three sections, Rods of Office, Parliamentary Maces, Badges and Chains of Office. The latter section includes a Chapter on Uniforms and badges of Civil Authority. These major sections are prefaced by a fine introduction titled Canadian Symbols of Authority and Traditions of Ceremonial Protocol. Seventeen chapters in all cover topics such as the Historical Roots of the Black Rod, Black Rods in the provinces, the baton of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Origins and Development of Parliamentary Maces, Territorial Maces and the Collar of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Commons. There is also a Fourth Section "Future Prospects" where the authors speculate on the next possible developments in new Canadian symbols of authority.

The historical reach of the text is long, stretching back in some instances to ancient civilizations during discussion of the evolution of the mace, and in the same section to links which Canada enjoys with other Commonwealth countries in the field of symbols of authority, and related uses in Britain, France, the United States and several Caribbean nations.

A couple of examples will serve to illustrate the quality and the significance of this book.

In the Chapter Nine, on the Mace of the Senate of Canada, the opening sentence reads "The Senate mace is the oldest parliamentary mace in Canada. Parts of it have survived four fires, two riots and a rebellion." While I was aware of a few of these details concerning several of the fires and the rebellion in Montreal in April 1848, I was intrigued to learn that the main part of this mace was created by the famous son, Francois

Baillarge, of one of Lower Canada's leading artisan families, whose accomplishments reached back to the days of New France. M. Baillarge was commissioned to produce this mace for the Legislative Council of Lower Canada in 1793, and the authors located his sketch and description of his work, which they have featured on pages 104 and 105 of their study. In contrast to this example of the origins of one of our national ceremonial treasures, is the section, pages 195 to 217, on the Maces of the Territories. Having had the honour of working with elected and appointed leaders and artists on the development of a new coat of arms and flag for Nunavut, I was especially interested in the visually rich description of the Nunavut mace, a wonderful example of how in Canada, ideas which we have inherited from Europe, especially England and France, have been blended with the cultural practices and art forms of our First Nations to produce truly striking new objects for ceremonial use.

In various parts of the book there is reference to the impact that the patriation of heraldry to Canada in 1988 has had in relation to the expansion of symbols of authority not just for the Canadian heralds but for other officers of state such as the Speaker of the House of Commons, whose baton now is regularly witnessed in processions which for part of key ceremonies of the Crown and Parliament on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

In short, I found this a wonderful book, hard to put down once started but clearly organized to serve as a ongoing reference. In this regard, I hope that the li-



Nunavut's Mace blends European ideas "with the cultural practices and art forms of our First Nations"

braries and the researchers who serve our television and radio commentators hosting shows covering the opening of Parliament and investitures of the national honours system at Rideau Hall will keep this book handy. McCreery and Pike's book is comprehensive, informative, revealing, thorough, well organized, lavishly illustrated and altogether an excellent piece of historical research and analysis.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. McCreery for succeeding once again, to have many of his books include a foreword from Her Majesty or another member of the Royal Family. This time, the message comes from His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and it serves to underline our heritage of constitutional monarchy, so richly evident on many of the pages of this fine reference.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN is reassured!

History links monarchs and Parliament, a connecting thread from one period to the next. So, in an era when the regular, worthy rhythm of life is less eye-catching than doing something extraordinary, I am reassured that I am merely the second Sovereign to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee.

from HM's Jubilee Address to Parliament, the Palace of Westminster, March 20, 2012

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In addition to all the regular features you enjoy, CMN's fall edition will include

- In a major article, Christopher McCreery explodes the myth that The Queen of Canada's powers are limited by the 1947 Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor General
- Reviews of new biographies of The Queen
- Report on the Monarchist League's *Neighbours & Newcomers* Jubilee project
- Citizenship for members of the Canadian Royal Family?



Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the front lawn of – where else – Victoria's Empress Hotel. The bobby is Monarchist League activist and benefactor Ken Lane.

Images and Memories of the Most Successful Royal Tour of the Generation

Whether it was 700,000 cheering William and Catharine on Parliament Hill and the adjacent packed streets of downtown Ottawa for Canada Day; respectful, happy crowds in La Belle Province; the Royals enjoying Canadian sports in the North; William practising tricky helicopter manoeuvres in Prince Edward Island; or a million lining the Calgary Stampede Parade route to cheer their future King and Queen, no one will ever forget the excitement, the obvious chemistry between Canadians and the Royal couple, the sense of informality and happiness that infected all Canada and breathed new life into the Maple Crown.

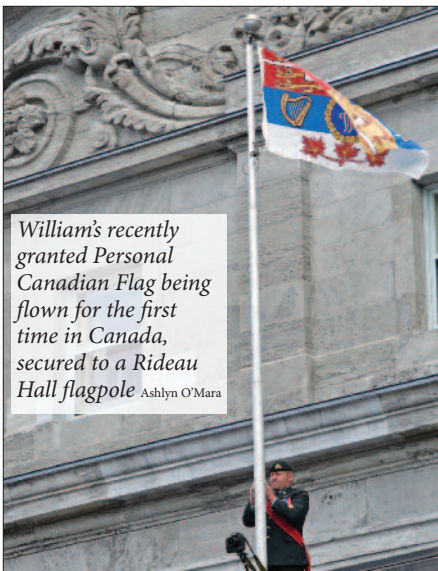
Marlene McCracken had an invitation to Rideau Hall

June 30, 2011 was a day to be remembered forever. It was the Official Welcome to Canada at the Governor-General's Residence, Rideau Hall, and the Governor General had invited some League members to attend! Cheering erupted, and I saw TRHs The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge walking up the roadway towards Rideau Hall. They took their positions and the Duchess visited with Their Excellencies while the Duke inspected the Guard of Honour. We were privileged to be seated near the podium which afforded excellent views of the speakers and the address from HRH The Duke of Cambridge while HRH's new personal Canadian Flag

flew overhead. It was a moment in history and such a thrill to have our future King and Queen on Canadian soil, and to witness such an elegant, happy and loving couple will be a story to tell our soon to be delivered first grandchild. The Royal Tour's theme was "Moving Forward Together" which many of us from the League did after renewing friendships and meeting brand new members of The Monarchist League of Canada some of whom I affectionately referred to as the "B Team" represented by Bob Finch, Brock Weir, Byron Thomas, Jonathan Brickwood, Nicole Bruce and my husband Brian McCracken.



Ashlyn O'Mara



William's recently granted Personal Canadian Flag being flown for the first time in Canada, secured to a Rideau Hall flagpole

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Richard Whittaker



L'invité du Gouverneur-générale, un membre fondateur de la Ligue, René Leclère de Montreal, attend l'arrivée de William et Catharine à Rideau Hall.



Richard Whittaker



Richard Whittaker



Photographer Ashlyn O'Mara was one of the lucky League members who was invited by His Excellency to view William and Catharine's welcome to Rideau Hall from the bleachers erected next to the entrance.

Ashlyn O'Mara spent 19 hours on Parliament Hill!

Immediately after I attended the Official Welcome Ceremony for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Rideau Hall on June 30th, I made my way to Parliament Hill in order to secure a front row spot for the Canada Day celebrations to take place the following day. I was surprised to find that having arrived at 5:30pm on June 30th, I was not the first person to set up camp on the Hill. Upon arrival, I met two wonderful ladies who had indeed been camped out for the past 2 days! One of these women had met Prince Charles and Princess Diana in this very spot in 1983.

At around 8pm, several media personnel had showed up to interview the first campers. Around 10pm more campers arrived on the Hill and it was at around 2am that the entire first row had been claimed. There were a good number of us battling the cold all night long on the Hill and attempting to sleep in our chairs (as tents were banned). By 6am the crowds were already 3-4 people deep and there were still 6 hours to go until the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Those who arrived at around 6am were disappointed that the first line had already been filled with people. However, there was still a

chance for some to secure a front row spot on the other side of the red carpet which had been blocked off by police in order to allow for the raising of the flag and the changing of the guards. As the crowds lined up along the ropes, the police attempted to advance the crowds across the lawn to the red carpet in an orderly manner using rope and police tape to advance each row one by one. However, so many people were eager to secure a front row spot in order to meet the Duke and Duchess that the crowd broke through the police tape and ran to the other side. It essentially amounted to a free for all in which police officers were almost trampled to the ground.

Once the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived and the Canada Day noon show commenced, a large number of individuals in the crowd started to collapse due to heat exhaustion. Paramedics were kept extremely busy, lifting people over the barriers and carrying them away on stretchers. I was told that 28 people in total were treated for heat exhaustion. With all this commotion occurring during the show I was certain that security would rush the Duke and Duchess right



Almost single-handedly, Cian Horrobin distributed thousands of this bilingual card on Parliament Hill as the crowds awaited the Royals' arrival on Canada Day.

John Gross



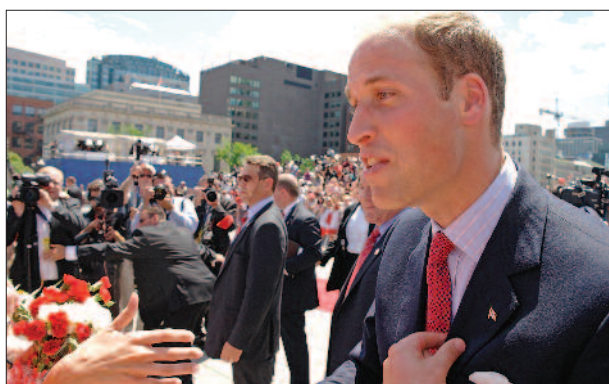
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Kingston Branch Chairman Marlene McCracken awaiting the arrival of William and Catharine, flanked by her nephew and RMC classmates. A couple behind, unfamiliar with Canada's Royal Military College, concluded the RMC painted on the lads' backs must stand for "Royal Married Couple"!



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Canada's future King and Queen join The Governor General and Prime Minister in singing the National Anthem

Gary Sims



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William & Kate's Amazing Canadian Tour: A Retrospective...



Une foule enthousiaste accueille les Royals au Fort-Lévis, Québec

Vincent-Carl Leriche



down the red carpet without a chance for a walkabout. I decided to ask one of the RCMP officers whether this would indeed be the case and she responded that William and Catherine would most definitely be doing a walkabout and that they had come to Canada to meet as many Canadians as possible and that they wanted to make a point in doing so. Sure enough, after making his way down the red carpet past the performers and those individuals who had been seated in the VIP section, the Duke of Cambridge walked over to the barrier lined with people who had camped out and battled the heat just for a chance to meet him. I, myself, had put together a silver charm bracelet for the Duchess which consisted of a Canadian maple leaf charm and an-

other charm with the initials "C" and "W" engraved on one side and "Canada 2011" engraved on the other side. I wanted to give something to the Duchess on behalf of all Canadians to commemorate her first official royal tour in Canada. While the Duchess was working the crowd on the other side of the red carpet, William, the Duke of Cambridge, was very happy to accept the bracelet for her.

The 19 hours spent camped out on Parliament Hill was difficult but well worth it. It was worth it not only because I was able to meet the Duke of Cambridge and be a part of a historical event, but because many friendships were made with fellow campers. The one thing I found that I and my neighbouring campers had in common was a love for the Canadian monarchy and the recognition that the monarchy is an integral part of Canadian history and tradition. We all wanted to be part of that and to have a chance to meet the two people who represent the bright future of the Canadian monarchy.



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Brock Weir



Crowds continue huge in Charlottetown

Scott Burke

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William & Kate's Amazing Canadian Tour: A Retrospective...

Isabelle Doiron, de Québec, avec sa fille a accueilli Kate

Il me fait plaisir de partager mon expérience de la très attendue visite royale au Fort no 1 de Lévis, au Québec. Le 3 juillet



Loretta Ray

dernier, moi et ma fille de 12 ans avons patiemment guetté l'arrivée du couple royal, dès l'ouverture du site. Lorsque le duc et la duchesse sont apparus dans l'enceinte du fort, l'excitation du public était à son comble, c'était émouvant de voir William et Kate saluer les jeunes enfants costumés qui montaient la garde pour leurs Altesses. Lorsque la princesse s'est approchée de nous, nous voulions que ce moment soit mémorable. Nous n'avons rien filmé ni photographié afin de vivre pleinement cet instant unique. La princesse a semblé avoir remarqué le chandail que portait ma fille, qui affichait fièrement le blason de la famille

royale ainsi que le drapeau du Royaume-Uni; elle nous a souri, nous a serré la main et je lui ai adressé ces mots : *Bienvenue Votre Altesse, welcome to Canada*. Elle m'a répondu : *Enchantée!* Ma fille Florence lui a dignement présenté un salut militaire, je crois que cela l'a amusé; en tout cas, pour nous ce fut un moment très euphorique. Mon conjoint n'a malheureusement pas pu assister à cet événement car son travail d'infirmier exigeait sa présence à l'hôpital ce jour-là. Nous garderons un souvenir inefaçable de cette rencontre. Je crois que tous les gens présents ont trouvé qu'ils forment un couple magnifique et le public a beaucoup apprécié leur contact chaleureux et leur simplicité. Longue vie à la famille royale! God save the Queen!



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À Rideau Hall avec les Cambriges!

Par René le Clère

Le jeudi 30 juin 2011, à 10 heures du matin, j'étais à la gare Centrale de Montréal. Habillé en tenue d'été, mais parapluie noir à la main droite, serviette noire sous le bras gauche, avec mon casque d'inspiration coloniale sur la tête. Dans ma serviette, quelques unes de mes décorations, dans le cas où.

Puis taxi, jusqu'à Rideau-Hall, la résidence officielle du gouverneur général du Canada. En chemin, sur l'avenue Princess, j'ai entrevu les quatre canons qui servent ultérieurement à tirer la salve royale en l'honneur des invités royaux. Entrée des invités par la grille Princess. Vérification et contre-vérification dans de grands livres de mon invitation (« Invitation non transmissible »...). J'étais sur les listes! Quel soulagement.

Une charmante jeune fille m'escorta, me guidant en français, jusqu'à l'une des deux tribunes réservées aux VIPs. Le soleil était voilé. J'ai un instant craint le pire...J'étais assis à une quinzaine de mètres de la place réservée au duc et à la duchesse de Cambridge.

La pièce d'eau devant l'entrée de la résidence officielle était envahie par d'innombrables journalistes et caméramans. La garde d'honneur est venue prendre place près des tribunes d'honneur. La fanfare militaire de la Garde de cérémonie du gouverneur général, l'une des fanfares les plus anciennes et les plus connues du Canada, en uniforme de parade d'un rouge écarlate et au haut bonnet à poils noir, est, elle aussi, venue occuper une place stratégique sur l'avenue qui conduit à Rideau Hall. Beaucoup de monde, surtout des militaires, et des membres de la sécurité.

Une employée est venue nous faire signer le Livre d'or de circonstance. Enfin, le gouverneur général passa en revue les militaires. Longue attente, et le couple royal, à pied, fit son apparition, escorté du gouverneur général Son Excellence le très honorable David Johnston et de son épouse, Son Excellence Sharon Johnston; du Premier ministre le très honorable Stephen Harper et de son épouse Laureen Harper.

Murmures au loin, puis cris d'allégresse à leur arrivée! Foule déchainée, contenue par des barrières métalliques. Coups de canons. Je ne les ai pas comptés. Vingt-et-un? Un soldat perd le sens de l'équilibre et tombe sur ses genoux. Le nouveau drapeau aux armoiries du prince William est hissé au-dessus de la porte

d'entrée monumentale de Rideau-Hall. Hymne royal *Dieu protège la Reine*, hymne canadien *Ô Canada*, et un autre salut royal joué sur des cornemuses... Une pièce musicale composée par le grand oncle du duc de Cambridge, Sa Majesté le roi Édouard VIII.

Le prince était charmant, en complet-veston et cravate. Son épouse Catherine, les cheveux flottants sur ses épaules, portera par la suite d'adorables fascinateurs. Elle portait une magnifique robe de dentelle bleue, griffé Erdem Moralioglu, un Canadien habitant Londres.

Le duc inspecta la garde d'honneur composée des membres représentant tous les éléments des Forces canadiennes : Armée, Forces aériennes et Marine. Il s'arrêta à plusieurs reprises et bavarda au hasard avec des soldats au garde-à-vous. Puis, chacun y alla de son court discours protocolaire. Enfin, le prince William prit la parole et dans un français teinté d'un fort accent british (au demeurant fort séduisant) dérida la foule. La cérémonie était réglée comme du papier à musique et tout se déroula sans une fausse note!

Puis le prince et la princesse, accompagnés des personnalités officielles du gouvernement entrèrent par la monumentale porte cochère de Rideau-Hall, cette magnifique demeure, de 170 pièces, qui remonte à 1838 et qui est le lieu de travail et de résidence de tous les gouverneurs généraux depuis la Confédération de 1867.

Dans les tribunes des VIPs, où fleurissaient de beaux chapeaux, parfois extravagants, où se voyaient quelques hommes à la poitrine constellée de médailles, j'ai rencontré quelques personnes aimables et quelques connaissances.

La « Cérémonie officielle de réception au Canada » de Leurs Altesses Royales s'est ainsi terminée, sous un soleil radieux de bon augure. Une dizaine de milliers de personnes, dit-on, étaient massées dans l'avenue principale menant à Rideau-Hall, propriété où l'on dénombre près de 10 000 arbres dans ses trente-deux hectares de superficie.

Belle, très belle journée, très-très belle journée. Très belle en effet. Ne l'oublions pas, si Dieu le veut – et Dieu doit le vouloir, le duc de Cambridge est le futur roi du Canada, et la duchesse de Cambridge deviendra la reine consort, titre de respect et de courtoisie. À mon retour, j'ai vérifié dans mes livres, la salve réservée au prince était bien de 21 coups de canons!



Ashlyn O'Mara

A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK WILLIAM & CATHARINE'S TOUR...

- cemented national unity; when was the last time all areas of country including Quebec – outside of hockey – celebrated and participated with enthusiasm a shared excitement?
- showed triumph of engagement and involvement with others over calculation and self-seeking (political campaigns) or assuming a persona/lifestyle ("stars")
- secured accession to throne for two reigns: we know our head of state for next 50 years or more
- completed the great work of our Queen in her 60th year on the Throne: the gift of her sense of duty, her training, her commitment, interpreted afresh for 21st century by this couple
- assured "we will be back" by their own wishes, by government assurance (Harper) and by public demand when the couple journey to locations of country they couldn't visit this time
- created a good feeling in country for a happy summer, a sense of something beyond our daily existence yet still connected to us and the core of our being
- challenges us to be engaged and involved with others as they are: tour and excitement are hollow if we don't emulate their concerns in our own way, and find out more about the institution behind the tour.

Interview with Kevin MacLeod, CVO

Canadian Private Secretary to the Queen & Organizer of TRH the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge's 2011 Canadian Tour

The future of the Maple Crown is in very good hands, in no small measure due to the enormous success of the tour of Canada made by Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge last summer. "The outpouring of affection we saw went very much two ways. There is no doubt that William and Catherine have developed a special affection for Canada just as Canadians have for them." Such is the view of the man who spent three extremely busy months putting that tour together, veteran Royal Homecoming organizer Kevin MacLeod.

Mr. MacLeod, who combines his work as The Queen's Canadian Secretary with his role as the Senate's Black Rod, gave an interview on September 22 to *CMN* in which he reflected on the tour and shared his privileged insight into its planning, execution and results.

Prince William had made two previous brief visits to Canada, Mr MacLeod recalls, and had several times expressed a desire to return. When his engagement was announced, this desire was strengthened as he very much wanted to explore more of the country and to show it to his future bride. Happily, this coincided with the wish of the Government of Canada to welcome William and Catherine and give our future King and Queen a sense of what the country is all about, especially given Kate's direct connection – her grandfather, a flying instructor with the RAF, had been stationed in Calgary during much of World War II.

An early priority of the Government was to allow the Royals to see each region of Canada, even if briefly, "to lay the groundwork for many future visits," says Mr MacLeod. "You will remember that when the couple's engagement was announced the Prime Minister sent them a very warm letter of congratulations, and stated that Canada hoped to welcome them at an early opportunity. It was not long before Prince William replied affirmatively. This set our planning in rapid motion, with the full backing and involvement of the Government of Canada – especially my Minister, the Hon James Moore, who took a real hands-on role in the planning – and our provincial and ter-

ritorial colleagues.

"Normally, we have around 12 months to organize a major Royal tour, but for this one we had only three. So yes, it was gruelling at times; but we were all motivated by knowing how important it was for the future Sovereign of Canada and his spouse to have a good programme of activity and to meet as many Canadians as possible. We were also constrained by the realities of William's working life as a helicopter rescue pilot, which provided the June 30-July 8 window for the tour.

"In this case, then, we had to forgo the customary initial visit by members of the Royal Household which precedes our detailed planning and then the full recce. Quite apart from the three month interval between announcement of the tour and its commencement, the St James's Palace Household was obviously rather busy with preparations for the April 29th Wedding! So I undertook in February and March a good many visits to the provinces and territories, and met with Lieutenant Governors, Premiers and provincial protocol officials in order to develop a draft programme that I shared with four members of the Household in early April.

"It is also fair to say that TRH were very much interested and 'hands-on' in expressing their special interests during this period of preparation, which was of course important and useful as we worked out the programme. As I said, the couple was keen to travel throughout Canada's regions, meet as many people as possible – and to make sure that they could visit our North.

"One of the greatest issues in this as in any royal tour lies in dealing with the disappointment factor. Inevitably we receive invitations from territories and provinces which want to host the Duke and Duchess, and from individuals and organizations who hope to be included in the programme within provinces they are visiting – and we cannot possibly accommodate all. So we try to integrate at least the latter in creative ways within the framework of the tour. For instance, although Their Royal Highnesses were in Prince Edward Island for less than 24 hours, we did have the welcome ceremony at

Province House at the George Street location which could accommodate 40,000 people, so we were able to include different groups in that event.

"Another factor in our planning that people don't always appreciate is that Canada is a very large country, and so making sure that William and Catherine had a brief exposure to each region necessarily involves significant time spent in the air. For instance, their flight from Charlottetown to Yellowknife took six hours – we are an immense country, and those hours are ones during which they obviously cannot be meeting Canadians and doing events.

"Creative balance is important, too. The consultative process always involves a fair amount of compromise. Variety is important to any tour – we don't want a picnic at every location, for instance! So I sometimes have to say, 'listen I know you want to do A but might you consider B?' We also try to give each event a different flavour, and to incorporate many elements within a single element. So for instance, while both events were military in nature, TRHs' paying their respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa was very different from their event with the Canadian Rangers in the Northwest Territories. And hiking with the Rangers is itself a good example how a single activity can be inclusive of many themes – youth, the North, the Aboriginal peoples, Arctic Sovereignty, volunteerism. I was particularly happy at how that event came off exactly as we had envisaged – not only in the incorporation of diverse themes, but also in terms of its informality, something that was very characteristic of the Northern part of the tour.

"Canada has a very strong reputation with all the Royal Households for the way which we plan and execute homecomings by members of our Royal Family. Obviously, since 9/11 our work has faced a new reality, that of the international as well as the domestic threat level, although security has always been a concern. As always, the RCMP works closely with the London Metropolitan Police who protect the Royals.

"It would surprise no one that there would be some small protests during the Québec portion of TRHs' itinerary. For instance outside of Ste Justine Hospital in Montreal there were perhaps 35-40 demonstrators – but a crowd of three to four thousand well-wishers were gathered to greet the Royals. We remember that the Prince of Wales had faced the same situation when he visited the Black Watch Armoury in Montreal in 2009. But I would like to stress that when at the invitation of Premier Charest William and Catherine came to Québec in July, there was a genuine excitement and delight on the part of all the provincial and municipal officials with whom we dealt. I remember that warm welcome during the unscheduled walkabout outside of City Hall in Québec City. And that when we retired to La Citadelle around lunchtime I heard both the Premier and Mayor giving interviews to Radio Canada and in which they expressed pride at Québec City's role as an international city and destination being enhanced by TRHs' presence, pride in Québec and pride that they were here.

"His Royal Highness is very cognizant and respectful of the role Canadian Forces members have been playing especially in Afghanistan and Libya. So traveling overnight from Montreal to Québec City was an additional way to involve the Forces, in this case the Royal Canadian Navy, with the visit. And while there are many historic houses of worship in the Old Capital, since TRH were already on the ship, it just seemed right to hold Sunday service aboard *HMCS Montreal* – with many of those denominations' ministers assisting the Chaplain-General of the Forces. In fact, we researched without success whether any member of the Royal Family had previously worshipped aboard an RCN vessel. Perhaps one of your readers will help us find the answer.

"Another aspect of the Québec portion of the tour was the afternoon event at Fort Levis. In our planning process, MP Steven Blaney – before he had joined the Cabinet as Minister of Veterans Affairs – had spoken to us with great passion and enthusiasm about the significance of the Fort both in history and as an historic gathering place where William and Catherine would be able to meet a lot of folk just slightly outside the city. It turned out to be a happy, well-attended and superb event, which delighted all of us as it did the Minister." Mr MacLeod added that he realized that he was pleased as when they encountered each other as TRH were preparing to leave the Fort, the Minister gave him a big bearhug!

"We had foreseen large crowds would gather to welcome William and Kate on Parliament Hill," Mr MacLeod reflects. "However, as word on the street indicated a few weeks before that hundreds of thousands might attend, my mind boggled. It was not so much a challenge for us, as we travel within a controlled security box whether the number is 300 or 300,000 the official RCMP estimate after the Noon show had concluded. But I felt for the Ottawa Police and the other forces who had to put up the barriers and stanchions, and enable as many of the public as possible to see the Royal couple while maintaining the necessary perimeter.

"As TRH transferred to the landau after leaving the Citizenship Ceremony at the Museum of Civilization, I remembered seeing the crowds six deep when The Queen stepped onto the landau the previous Canada Day, and wondering what on earth we would see as we turned the corner onto Wellington Street, which as you know is the main ceremonial route to the Hill.

"But I can share something with you from Calgary which I think helps to explain why, even with so many people jamming the sidewalks and streets, Canada Day and the entire tour went off without any significant crowd control issues. Your readers will remember that Their Royal Highnesses traversed the Stampede Parade route in reverse – a six-mile route lined by over 400,000 cheering admirers. Well, even if we had been able to locate enough barricades to line the route, the cost of doing so would have been prohibitive. As I followed the couple down the route, a member of their Household turned to me and remarked 'how orderly.' I thought afterwards that this reflects an



The 2011 Royal Tour staff with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in the Tent Room at Rideau Hall. The Queen's Canadian Secretary and master organizer of Royal Homecomings, Kevin MacLeod, sits picture left of Prince William.

Canadian Heritage/Patrimoine canadien



Le lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec dévoile le sol pour planter un rosier dans le jardin de la paroisse de l'église de Saint Jean l'évangéliste pour commémorer sa visite du jubilé Janet Best

important aspect of the nature of Canadians – absolutely excited, but also respectful of boundaries. So it was that the Duke and Duchess were greeted by his huge, festive crowd – unrestrained in any physical way – but so respectful that no control issues developed at all!

“To return to Ottawa and Canada Day for a moment – the evening show on the Hill had naturally been brought to William and Catherine’s attention. Only once before, as far as I am aware, had a Royal attended the evening event, and that was The Queen in 1992. Naturally we thought that the always-young demographic attending that event would be an important audience for TRH and one with which they are eager to associate with. Logistically and security-wise it was of course a challenge, but doable. The couple were eager to attend, and so it happened to the delight of all who were present.

“In general, the tone of this Royal tour was more casual – this I think reflects both the preferences and style of William and Catherine and our objectives. And of all those relaxed aspects, the North stands out to me as the most casual part... TRH had the opportunity to greet a large crowd in Yellowknife, and connect with many Aboriginal youth at the Aboriginal Athletic Games where we saw those terrific images of the Duke shooting a hockey puck – they really got into the spirit of the events. And then at Blachford Park, the couple spent much more time than had been scheduled talking with young Aboriginal people around a bonfire – the couple had the chance to listen to their concerns for over an hour. The Prince’s speech, where he expressed his thanks in two Aboriginal languages, was very well received. This part of the itinerary definitely gave expression to the traditional First Nations’ loyalty to the Crown which is strong, a very unique.

“TRHs’ time in Calgary topped the tour off on so many levels. Apart from the crowds which we already have discussed, we were happy that William and Catherine so evidently had fun at the Stampede, enjoying the bull riding and mutton breaking – lots of levity. It was also an opportunity for us to make sure that Diamond Marshall [a child cancer patient sponsored by the Children’s Wish Foundation] could meet the Royal couple; and on the other end of the age spectrum, that Frances Miller, who had missed presenting flowers to The Queen in 1939, could do so to Her Majesty’s great-grandson 72 years later!

“That sense of continuity was apparent, too, in the tribute to the Fallen at the official departure ceremony at Rotary Park. And it was echoed to in the farewell speeches, as the Prime Minister so eloquently quoted The Queen Mother speaking of the grass growing green under the feet of all Canadians, and William, in reply, also referencing the truth for him and Catherine of The Queen Mother’s famous remark about the King and her 1939 tour, “Canada made us.” So I sensed, as I think so many did that day and throughout the door, a unique combination of poignancy and fun which was very special.

Kevin MacLeod clears up any confusion as to Los Angeles portion of the Cambridges’ travels. “All members of our Royal Family enter Canadian airspace and subsequently depart Canada as members of the Canadian Royal Family. When The Queen took an RCAF jet to New York at the end of her 2010 Canadian homecoming, HM was traveling there to address the United Nations as Sovereign of her 16 Realms – so she really continued to be ‘on Canadian business’ one might say. Thus it was appropriate for HM then to leave New York for the UK on the same CF aircraft.

En route to Canada Mr MacLeod had the privilege of showing Prince William his new Canadian Flag, for which he had previously seen only the design. “HRH was delighted. And that Flag of course flew from the cockpit window when we landed in Ottawa. I made a point of sitting in the cockpit and unfurling that Flag when our RCAF aircraft landed in Los Angeles where TRH were arriving as members of the Canadian Royal Family where of course they were on the tarmac for a good 40 minutes, greeted by not only the Governor and Mayor and British Consul-General, but also the Canadian Consul.

“Most of their itinerary in LA was

RT HON STEPHEN HARPER, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA on Commonwealth Day

We will continue to advocate for and support initiatives that help ensure the Commonwealth remains modern. The recent appointment of Senator Hugh Segal as Canada’s special envoy for Commonwealth renewal is a testament to our commitment to the success of this vital institution.

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either private or British, such as promoting the British film industry. I should add, however, that at their request they were provided materials about the Canadian film industry so that they could promote it, as well. However, given the nature of most of their engagements there, it was appropriate that they returned to Britain via commercial aircraft.

Journey’s end for the Royals did not bring any break for Kevin MacLeod – “I had really no time to decompress.” Having begun his day in Calgary at 4 am, bade farewell to William and Catherine in Los Angeles, the traveling tour team returned to CFB Trenton at 2 am, allowing him to reach Ottawa at 7 am “just in time to deal with some laundry, and then get back to work at 6 am Monday morning to begin to write the thank you letters that need to be sent expeditiously to so many people who participated and helped in the tour.” Relaxation came only two weeks later when he took some holiday time in his native Cape Breton, and had the rare experience of being able to join in celebrations of his parents’ 70th wedding anniversary!

Looking back on the tour, Mr MacLeod is quick to give credit, to others, beginning with the Prime Minister “who made it happen” along with the Minister and officials of the Department of Canadian Heritage. To them he adds a large inter-departmental team of federal officials which had met for months to execute the minutiae of the tour, along with their provincial and territorial counterparts.

As to the already-promised “many” future homecomings of William and Catherine, Mr MacLeod explains that these will undoubtedly “work their way” through the busy diaries of the Royals concerned. In the meantime, he and his colleagues continue to be engaged in mapping Royal visit opportunities marking significant national anniversaries leading to the sesquicentennial of Confederation in 2017, and cooperating with the provinces and territories as they, too,

consider invitations for a Royal presence.

Returning to his theme of the future of the Crown and the shared bonds of affection so evident between Canadians and William and Catherine, Mr MacLeod expresses a feeling of the “great honour that Canada, as the senior dominion, had to be the first Realm to greet the Royal couple. And he notes the upsurge of polling increased support for the Crown as a result of their significant personal popularity. How to transform that personal affection into a greater understanding of the

the institution of the Monarchy will remain a focus of the federal government – together with the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors – and, certainly, will form a principal object of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Mr MacLeod is far too experienced and respectful a courtier ever to reveal details of his private moments with the Duke and Duchess, of which he enjoyed a number especially during their flights to and from Canada. He will speak only in generalities – of their being so down to earth, casual, “empathetic in spades.” But he does reveal the most special and revealing times of the tour for him, which was seeing William and Catherine on their walkabouts.

“My Mother first saw The Queen in 1959 in Cape Breton,” MacLeod recalls, “and she told the story of that encounter to her children and grandchildren. That is the staying power of the Monarchy. As I saw William and Catherine meeting Canadians, I felt conscious of the fact that 60 years on those people will be telling their kids and grandkids, ‘how I met the King and Queen in 2011.’ That is one reason that the Crown speaks through all our history and goes to the heart and soul of our identity.”

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Long-time League media spokesman and GTA Executive member Eugene Berezovsky received the Diamond Jubilee Medal from the brothers Kielburger at The Lieutenant Governor’s Gala, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto, on June 18, 2012.



Depicted above with former BC Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo, Insp Herb LeRoy, the recently-retired long-time Private Secretary at Government House, Victoria, was appointed LVO in The Queen’s Birthday Honours List of June 17, 2012. Congratulations!

EDITORIAL COMMENT

ALL PARTIES TO THE PARTY

The Monarchist League's Jubilee party on Parliament Hill was a model of that comity that used to be a part of political and public life in this Realm, at least insofar as Crown and similar matters of state beyond the reach of party politics were involved. Then came a heightened partisan atmosphere, attributed by more learned commentators than we to some combination of the televising of Question Period in the Commons, the development of the 24-hour news cycle on cable television, the mélange of accessible (mis)information via the Net and Social Media and, of course, the rise of so-called "wedge politics" variously blamed on the Tories or the Grits, depending which party engages one's support. So it was good to see this small 'p' party hosted by a prominent Liberal Senator, with the audience addressed by representatives of the three main federalist parties and a general spirit of happy mingling over some reasonable wines and the most amazing Jubilee cake you ever did see!

The happy and overwhelming trouncing of a republican motion at the Liberal Policy Conference last Winter was another important rejection of any notion that the Conservative government's outstanding record on the Crown might tempt a foundering party to seek recently-elusive electoral success by the "bold" approach to throwing out the Crown – we could not help but recall the fate of the "visionary" republican plan last proposed in Grit circles on the eve of the Millennium, which disappeared as quickly as the virus that was supposed to bring civilization if not the entire planet to a sudden halt. John Manley, where are you now? And even if Bob Rae, whose record on the Crown while the NDP premier of Ontario left many fuming, felt constrained to speak in the House about some of his special concerns while supporting the Loyal Address to the Sovereign, he did seem to have trod his Damascene road, his remarks positive about Queen and Crown.

Not least can we fete the rise of a new monarchical super-star to continue the long enthusiasm for the Crown on the part of Canada's democratic left, be it CCF or NDP. A voice that can speak as eloquently about our institutions as the loyal and much-missed Jack Layton seems to be emerging in the good humoured and eloquent MP from Nova Scotia, Peter Stoffer. The jury is out on his leader Mr Mulcair's views – and he should be encouraged in what he hopes is an emergent loyalty by his fellow NDP constitutionalists.

None of the foregoing takes one whit of credit and respect away from Prime Minister Harper, who presides over the most monarchically-positive government in modern times. The PM and the astute advisors around him are well aware that a trace of seeking political advantage from their consistent, imaginative and well-received moves to cement the place of Canada's Crown for a new generation – be its members new in age or new to Canada – could injure the institution they deeply respect. Not for them the Bill Davis-style campaigning around Ontario in the 80's on the issue – that admirable premier's style belonged to another era.

The clearest recent evidence of the realpolitik and multi-partisan approach to the monarchy that the Tories have adopted, notwithstanding the partisan

rancour that seems to pervade much of our national life, came when the Prime Minister nominated former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to be Canada's representative on the Commonwealth Advisory Group of the Diamond Jubilee Trust, the fund-raising vehicle honouring The Queen's 60 years on the Throne by undertaking charitable initiatives throughout the Commonwealth. By Mr Harper's offer, and M. Chrétien's acceptance, both men show their understanding that service to the Crown, as the institution of constitutional monarchy itself, by far transcends differing party affiliations. Their actions also serve to remind Canadians that the things that unite us are far more significant than those that divide us.

Burke wrote of bringing "those dispositions which are lovely in private life into the service and conduct of the commonwealth; so to be patriots". A shared sense of such loyalty brought Messrs. Harper and Chrétien to common cause to honour a good woman and great Monarch. We say bravo! And may all federalist parties continue to support Canada's Queen and the institution she so selflessly incarnates.

CORRECTEMENT NON PARTISAN!

À une époque où la rancœur partisane semble envahissent une grande partie de notre vie nationale, il est en effet rafraîchissant de voir que le premier ministre Stephen Harper a nommé l'ancien premier ministre Jean Chrétien pour être le représentant du Canada sur le groupe consultatif du Commonwealth de la Fiducie de jubilé de diamant, le véhicule de collecte de fonds en hommage à la Reine de 60 ans sur le trône par l'entreprise initiatives caritatives dans tout le Commonwealth.

Par l'offre de M. Harper, acceptée par M. Chrétien, les deux hommes montrent leur compréhension que de rendre service à la Couronne, comme l'établissement de la monarchie constitutionnelle elle-même, transcende de loin les divergences de vues partisans. Leurs actions servent aussi à rappeler aux Canadiens que les choses qui nous unissent sont bien plus importants que ceux qui nous divisent.

Burke a écrit d'amener « ces dispositions qui sont belle dans la vie privée dans le service et la conduite du commonwealth; donc pour être patriotes ». Un sentiment partagé de cette loyauté apporte MM. Harper et Chrétien à cause commune pour honorer une femme bonne et un grand monarque. Nous disons bravo!

CHARLES REDUX

A happy outcome of the Jubilee is the apparent resurgence of appreciation of the many admirable qualities of the Prince of Wales. His and Camilla's Canadian Homecoming on behalf of The Queen was brief in duration but brought respectable crowds and sincere cheers, with media for once focusing on the Prince's present energetic involvement with issues of relevance to us as to the entire world – business responsibility, environment, built heritage, to name but a few – rather than on any unhappiness from an increasingly distant past. Even more palpable was the emergent level of affection in Britain: a warm reception for a son's heartfelt speech about his Mother; a recognition that his Father's age and infirmities makes it likely Charles will perform more duties on The Queen's behalf; respect that the


Prince's Trust and assorted charities are making a tremendous difference for good throughout the Commonwealth; and a general acceptance that Camilla's hard work and support will most likely make her out of affection and respect what the law would anyway entitle her to, the style of Queen Consort down the road, may it be many years. Though unlikely that a King Charles' portion will permit him to reign long enough to celebrate even a Silver Jubilee, his role then as now is to bridge the generations between the traditions of a Diamond Queen and a zesty,



slightly more informal Court of William V. Such is the useful role of many a span, including Montreal's Victoria Bridge, named after Charles' great-great-grandmother, opened by his great-great Grandfather while Prince of Wales, still serviceable today.


CROWNS & MACES

GG Blogs...Baird orders Queen pix hung...Canada Post offers Jubilee cornucopia... Royal CANADIAN Mint refers to Charles as "British"... CBC Jubilee coverage ample, Hunt horrific...Granatstein gets it wrong

 **CROWN to His Excellency the Governor General**, for blogging his recent exciting trips, be they to the Northwest Territories or Brazil. In this as




is many other ways, Mr Johnston connects with a young demographic. How fortunate we are to have this affable representative of The Queen reveal an informal, unpretentious personal style without losing a shred of his dignity.

 **CROWN to the Hon. John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs**, for ordering all Canadian Missions abroad must display a picture of The Queen. The move, announced in September, 2011, brought an end to varying practices at different locations. The decree posed no issue for Ron Cochrane who heads the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers: "She is the head of state; you can't go around denying that."


 **CROWN to Canada Post Corporation**, which is offering a wide range of




Jubilee stamps, covers and other commemorative philatelic items. Particularly attractive for your parcels or overseas mail is the engraved \$2 stamp depicting The Queen both at the time of her Accession and today. It can be purchased as a souvenir pane – but more practically, in a sheet of 8 stamps designed for use.

 **DOUBLE MACE to The Royal Canadian Mint** which produced a striking and attractive coin honouring HRH the Prince of Wales in its *Continuity of the Crown* series, but in the accompanying brochure, made not a single mention of the CANADIAN Crown. Moreover, the brochure reads, *More than any other monarchy, the British Royal Family...* when the phrase the *Canadian Royal Family* could more properly have been used.

This coin, produced by the Royal Canadian Mint as legal tender in Canada, is after all meant to honour the member of the Canadian Royal Family who is, in fact, the heir to the Throne of Canada. It goes on to call Charles *Heir Apparent to the British Throne*. What gives? What is the point of the Royal CANADIAN Mint separating the subject of its coin from the country it serves? CMN thanks the gimlet eye of Toronto member *Christopher Field* for drawing this unfortunate solecism to our attention. The second Mace is for the non-responsive boiler-plate bureaucrat "response" Chris received to his courteous letter to the Mint.

 **HALF A CROWN BUT A FULL MACE to the CBC Television network**. No complaint about the amount of Jubilee coverage throughout the year on its News Channel, and the network can't be blamed for the BBC's abysmal camera work during the Thames Pageant; but the Central Jubilee double bank holiday Weekend in London found foisted on the authoritative *Peter Mansbridge* and the usual team of professional and skilled reporters an apparent co-anchor and so-called Royal Commentator in the person of *Ciara Hunt* whose awkward, sometimes inaccurate and self-inflating participation (she told us that she shared a dress designer with a person whom she, and too often, Mansbridge, called "Kate Middleton") left viewers variously bemused or furious. By contrast, CNN's coverage featured *Piers Morgan* who combined authoritative personal knowledge with articulate, well-informed guests *pace* the egregious *Sarah Ferguson*! Sad day when one of the American networks – which usually manage to be at once cloyingly deferential and generally uninformed on matters Royal – provides arguably superior coverage – and lots of it, too!

 **MACE to author and historian J.L. Granatstein**, Professor Emeritus at York University and former head of the Canadian War Museum, who in an op-ed piece attacking the restoration of the traditional Royal nomenclature for HM Canadian Forces published August 18, 2011 in *The Ottawa Citizen* trumpeted the following broad nonsense: *the reality is that Canadians in and outside the Canadian Forces have turned their backs on the monarchy*. We wonder which Canadians those might be, Dr Granatstein – hmm, those millions of cheering faces hailing William and Kate last summer? read any polls recently?

La ligue, en partenariat avec Patrimoine Canada, parraine «Voisins et nouveaux venus ensemble», un programme national célébrant le jubilé



Lors de la réception Voisins et nouveaux arrivants organisée par la succursale de Montréal, Son Honneur, Le lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec et Mme Ginette Lamoureux coupent le gâteau de jubilé. Past Branch Chairman Dr Douglass Dalton observe r.

Janet Best



Windsor, ON Contact Group Chairman Christopher Lucki joins the Mayor, Eddie Francis, in galvanizing student and media interest as preparations made for a major Diamond Jubilee celebration on Windsor Day



At the London Branch's Neighbours and Newcomers event on June 3, a Jubilee cake for hundreds of attendees was ceremonially cut by (l-r) Ontario Minister of Energy and London West MPP Chris Bentley; "Miss Canada" Jaclyn Miles; Branch Chairman Mark Ambrogio; Randy Warden, director of "London Celebrates Canada"

Catherine Charlton

De nombreux événements de jubilé de diamant s'est produite spontanément à travers le Canada. Cependant, plus d'une vingtaine ont été organisés et financés dans le cadre du programme qu'a annoncé le président Finch l'hiver dernier et qui a pour but de rassembler partout au Canada des Canadiens et Canadiennes de diverses origines lors de célébrations du Jubilé de diamant qui se veulent inclusives, profondément ressenties et plutôt informelles et décontractées : que ce soit en mangeant des hot-dogs, en assistant à un concert de musique ou en visitant un site patrimonial local, histoire de faire écho à l'engagement de notre Reine qui souhaite que l'on s'entende bien et que l'on tombe sur ce que nous partageons plutôt que ce qui est source de division. Les uns vont attirer 50 personnes, les autres accueilleront plusieurs milliers de personnes. Nous sommes persuadés que vous serez fiers de tels événements divers qui réunissent des gens pour honorer une femme spéciale, une monarque bien-aimée.

Ce court billet nous est une occasion de remercier les gens travailleurs et patients qui, depuis des mois, planifient les détails de ces événements, ainsi que ceux et celles qui les ont aidés. Nous vous dresserons une liste plus complète un peu plus tard dans l'année, et les noms ci-dessous ne tiennent pas compte des événements qui ne relèvent pas de notre programme de subventions, tels que les galas à Ottawa et à Hamilton. Mais pour le moment, saluons nos amis et amies monarchistes qui planifient ou ont organisé des activités à travers le Canada.

YELLOWKNIFE – Benjamin Hendriksen travaille avec les élus gouvernementaux du Territoire en place

VICTORIA, BC – Bruce Hallson, Colleen Mills et la branche célèbrent à l'extérieur du Musée Royal CB

VANCOUVER – Keith Roy planifie une célébration dans un parc local

EDMONTON – Mary Hunt présentera un film suivi d'une réception dans un cinéma local

REGINA – Tom Richards et des amis planifient une fête dans un parc

PRINCE ALBERT, SK – Gerry Laird et son équipe reçoivent pour un "Thé Royal" au "Legion Hall" – chorales et cornemuses seront de la partie!

FLIN FLON, MB – Crystal Kolt et son équipe offrent le Thé accompagné de présentations éducatives – pour tout un week-end d'activités!

WINNIPEG – Dan Whaley et Kip Guenther – une danse Hip à l'intention des jeunes ainsi que des célébrations

WINDSOR, ON – Chris Lucki a engagé tous les talents municipaux pour un méga party dans un parc LONDON, ON – Mark Ambrogio et Catherine Charlton avec quelques membres se réuniront dans un parc

HAMILTON, ON – Jeffrey Thiessen avec l'aide du président M. Finch planifie une rencontre-réunion des plus animées

TORONTO – La section GTA planifie un événement de type "blockbuster"

TORONTO – La section GTA organise une rencontre spéciale pour le Jubilé après un concert donné en l'église St-Thomas, des gâteaux et rafraîchissement seront servis

CORNWALL, ON – Judith Bobka et un groupe d'une centaine de personnes célébreront avec l'ensemble des étudiants d'une école secondaire!

OTTAWA – Matt Rowe organise une réception du Jubilé sur la colline pour les parlementaires, les employés et les membres de la Ligue. Parmi ceux qui ont été ministres John Baird et Jason Kenney.

SANDY HILL, ON – Nalini Perera tiendra un festival multi-culturel au centre communautaire

MONTREAL – Étienne Boisvert et son équipe offrira une rencontre-cocktail au "Black Watch Armoury"

MONTREAL – La section de Québec a accueilli son honneur, le Lieutenant-gouverneur lors de la réception après un service du Jubilé à l'Église St Jean évangéliste.

SHERBROOKE, QC – Étienne Boisvert organise un pique-nique extérieur pour le Jubilé

ROUYN-NORANDA, QC – Geneviève Tremblay et des voisins seront les hôtes d'un party communautaire

FREDERICTON – Daniel Taylor et Barry MacKenzie organisent des activités en après-midi à l'intention surtout des plus jeunes

CODYS, NB – Sandra McManus et son équipe des "WI" organisent un pique-nique et d'autres activités autour du pont couvert historiquement reconnu

PICTOU, NS – Olive Pastor et d'autres membres de sa section organisent un dîner de gala ainsi qu'une parade

New Canadian Crown Web Site

The Department of Canadian Heritage has posted a new "Canadian Crown" web site:
canadiancrown.gc.ca/eng/1332788662861/1332788724918

Within it a new official photographic portrait of Her Majesty The Queen (taken in Ottawa in 2010) is posted:
canadiancrown.gc.ca/eng/1335366663206/1335366739264

A new edition of "A Crown of Maples" (Spring 2012) has been posted:
canadiancrown.gc.ca/eng/1331816592817/1331816264571

The site also has images of the new oil-on-canvas portrait by Phil Richards, commissioned by the Government of Canada and unveiled by Her Majesty on June 6, 2012. canadiancrown.gc.ca/eng/1338926295285

Monarchist League Partners with Canadian Heritage in Cross-Country Jubilee Neighbours and Newcomers Together Programme

Many Diamond Jubilee events spontaneously sprung up across Canada. However, more than 20 were or are being organized and/or funded as part of the programme League Chairman Finch announced last winter, to bring diverse Canadians together across Canada in inclusive, deeply-felt and mainly relaxed and informal Diamond Jubilee celebrations over a hot dog, during a band concert or in a local heritage site – mirroring our Queen's commitment to people getting along and finding what we share rather than what we disagree about! Some of these events drew 50 people, some many thousands. We think you can feel proud of how such diverse gatherings

come together to honour a special woman and beloved Monarch.

This note provides a brief opportunity to thank the hard-working patient folk who have been planning the details of these events for months, along with many helpers – we will have a more complete list a little later in the year, and the following do not include events outside the scope of our grant programme such as Ottawa and Hamilton Branches' galas – but for now let's salute our fellow monarchists who have held or are planning events in:

YELLOWKNIFE – Benjamin Hendriksen is working with the Territorial Government for a celebration

VICTORIA, BC – Bruce Hallsor with Colleen Mills and Branch team celebrate outside the Royal BC Museum

VANCOUVER – Keith Roy plans a celebration at a local park

EDMONTON – Mary Hunt took over a theatre for a film showing and reception in the presence of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

PRINCE ALBERT, SK – Gerry Laird and team host a Royal Tea at the Legion Hall – choirs and pipers too!

FLIN FLON, MB – Crystal Kolt and her team offer Tea, educational displays – an entire weekend of activity!

WINNIPEG – Dan Whaley and Kip Guenther presided over a youth celebration dance that kept the floor hopping until 1 am!

WINDSOR, ON – Chris Lucki enlisted the talents of the entire Civic government for a park party drawing thousands.

LONDON, ON – Mark Ambrogio and Catherine Charlton offered a choir and Jubilee cake to hundreds at a local park.

HAMILTON – Jeffrey Thiessen with a hand from Chairman Finch is planning a festal get-together

TORONTO – The GTA Branch hosted a Jubilee Cake reception for several hundred after a Jubilee Concert at St Thomas's Church

CORNWALL, ON – Judith Bobka and a cast of hundreds celebrated the Jubilee with an entire high school!

OTTAWA – Matt Rowe organized a Jubilee Reception on Parliament Hill for Parliamentarians, staffers and local League members. Guests included Cabinet Ministers John Baird and Jason Kenney. SANDY HILL, ON – Nalini Perera ran a multi-cultural festival at an Ottawa neighbourhood community centre

MONTREAL – Etienne Boisvert and



Two of the principal volunteers for the London event were Catherine Charlton (l) and Past Chairman Sandra Baker.

team hosted a cocktail reception at the Black Watch Armoury

MONTREAL – The Québec Branch welcomed His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor at a Reception after a service of Thanksgiving at St John the Evangelist Church.

SHERBROOKE, QC – Etienne Boisvert and his team organized a Jubilee picnic.

ROUYN-NORANDA, QC – Geneviève Tremblay and neighbours hosted a multi-block party

FREDERICTON – Daniel Taylor and Barry MacKenzie organized a reception with fun-filled afternoon of activities, accent on kids – so popular they ran out of food and craft materials!

CODYS, NB – Sandra McManus & team from the WI hosted a picnic and activities around the community's historic covered Bridge

PICTOU, NS – Olive Pastor and her Branch team plan Gala Dinner, parade participation.

PM appoints Chrétien as Canada's representative to the Diamond Jubilee Trust

30 April 2012, Ottawa, Ontario

Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced the appointment of the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien as Canada's representative to The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust. Established to honour Her Majesty's 60-year reign, the Diamond Jubilee Trust will raise funds to support a variety of charitable initiatives across the Commonwealth.

The Diamond Jubilee Trust is chaired by Sir John Major, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and will be managed by a board of trustees. A Commonwealth Advisory Group is currently being established and Mr. Chrétien will serve as the Canadian representative.

"Former Prime Minister Chrétien is uniquely qualified to serve as Canada's representative to the Diamond Jubilee Trust. Mr. Chrétien is a member of the Queen's prestigious Order of Merit. His relationship with Her Majesty, which spans over 40 years, includes six official Royal Tours he hosted during his time as Prime Minister," said Prime Minister Harper. "The Diamond Jubilee Trust is a fitting tribute to Her Majesty's dedicated service to Canada and the Commonwealth. I would like to thank former Prime Minister Chrétien for representing Canada in this worthy charitable initiative."

The Diamond Jubilee Trust was launched on February 6, 2012, to coincide with the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne. The Trust will focus on Commonwealth priorities such as combatting curable diseases and promoting education and culture. The Trust will be funded by governments, individuals, organizations and the private sector, and will invest in projects that seek to make a real and enduring difference in people's lives throughout the Commonwealth.

For more information about the Diamond Jubilee Trust, including how to contribute, visit www.jubileetribute.org.

ALSO NOTE: Interesting information about The Princes' Charities in Canada can be found at its website: www.princescharities.ca

Le PM nomme Chrétien le représentant du Canada auprès du «Diamond Jubilee Trust»

30 avril 2012, Ottawa (Ontario)

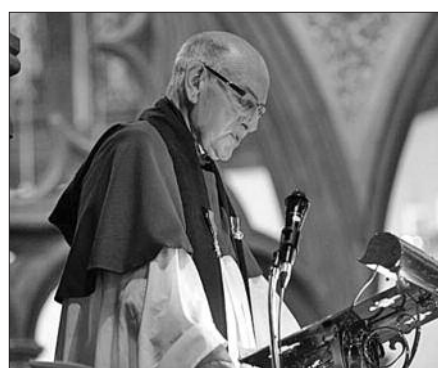
Le Premier ministre Stephen Harper a annoncé aujourd'hui la nomination du très honorable Jean Chrétien à titre de représentant du Canada auprès de la fiducie «The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust». Établie en l'honneur des 60 ans du règne de Sa Majesté, la fiducie «Diamond Jubilee Trust» amassera des fonds au profit de diverses œuvres caritatives aux quatre coins du Commonwealth.

Placée sous la présidence de sir John Major, ancien Premier ministre du Royaume-Uni, la fiducie sera administrée par un bureau de fiducie. Un groupe consultatif du Commonwealth est en voie d'être constitué, et M. Chrétien exercera les fonctions de représentant canadien.

«L'ancien Premier ministre Chrétien est la personne qualifiée pour agir à titre de représentant du Canada auprès du Diamond Jubilee Trust. M. Chrétien est membre du prestigieux Ordre du Mérite de la Reine. La relation qu'il entretient avec Sa Majesté s'étend sur plus de quarante ans, ponctués par les six tournées royales officielles dont il a été l'hôte pendant qu'il était Premier ministre, a déclaré le Premier ministre Harper. Le Diamond Jubilee Trust représente un juste hommage envers le dévouement de Sa Majesté au service du Canada et du Commonwealth. Je remercie l'ancien Premier ministre Chrétien de représenter le Canada dans le cadre de cette initiative caritative méritoire.»

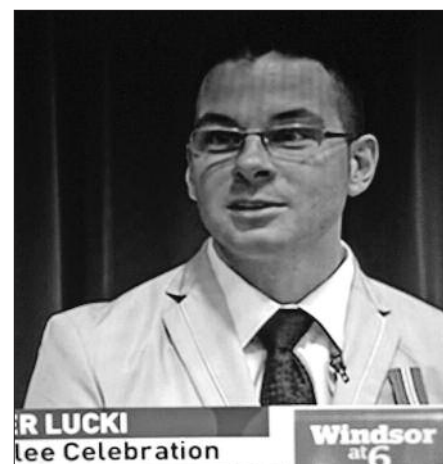
Le lancement de la fiducie «The Diamond Jubilee Trust» a eu lieu le 6 février 2012 pour coïncider avec le 60e anniversaire de l'accession de Sa Majesté au trône. La fiducie mettra l'accent sur des priorités du Commonwealth telles que la lutte contre les maladies guérissables et la promotion de l'éducation et de la culture. La fiducie recueillera des contributions auprès des gouvernements, des particuliers, des organismes et des entreprises, et consacrera les sommes collectées à des projets destinés à améliorer de manière concrète et durable la vie des gens dans l'ensemble du Commonwealth.

Pour plus de renseignements sur la fiducie «Diamond Jubilee Trust» et pour savoir comment verser une contribution, consultez le site www.jubileetribute.org.

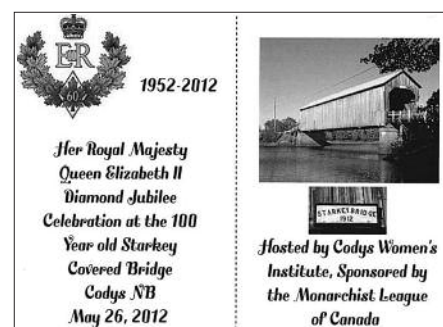


Long-time Monarchist League Member Fr P.D. Hannen preaches at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee held at Montreal's historic St John the Evangelist church

Janet Best



R. LUCKI Windsor Lee Celebration



Codys, NB monarchists and Women's Institute members prepared for their Neighbours and Newcomers celebration event!

Codys WI

Diamond Jubilee Accession Sunday Luncheon

Their Honours, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs Onley once again graced the annual Accession Day Luncheon in Toronto with their presence, His Honour bringing greetings from The Queen. Under the genial co-chairmanship of Dominion Chairman Robert Finch and GTA Chairman Cian Horrobin, a record turn-out of nearly 160 guests jammed the Windsor Ballroom at the King Edward Hotel. Jeffrey Thom reflected on his experiences helping to crush a republican resolution at the recent Liberal National Policy Conference, and then, appropriately, proposed the Loyal Toast. One of the League's most recently appointed Branch Chairmen, Bradley Barbour of Waterloo-Wellington, offered the Toast to the League. Guest speaker was the Editor in Chief of *Hello! Canada* magazine, Alison Eastwood. Alison explained about how her unabashedly pro-monarchist magazine follows Royal news and ensures plenty of Canadian content – she also recounted many amusing stories about covering the Royals. Lucky guests who found a sticker under their seats were particularly pleased to receive the gift of an advance copy of *Hello! Canada's* special Diamond Jubilee Souvenir edition.



Held In Toronto

RECORD TURN OUT CELEBRATES JUBILEE,
GREET'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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
William Atkinson, Ajax, Ontario
Evelyn May Bastow, London, Ontario
Walter Heslop Bilbrough, Toronto, Ontario
Ann Elizabeth Jean Brown, Orillia, 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
Isabel Louise Hill, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Ruth MacKay Kennedy, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Keith Boyd Lindsay, Hamilton, Ontario
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 Letter to the Members of the Monarchist League of Canada about your will

from Dr Roy Eappen, Life Member and Benefactor

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

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

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

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

The League has a *clear future vision*: to maintain its position as the respected voice of rational monarchism to public, elected officials and

media; to widen its educational outreach; to communicate the loyalty of past generations in a thoroughly contemporary way. Its history shows a clear record of continuous achievement in doing exactly these things as the *only* organization whose *sole* purpose is advocacy for our Monarchy.

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

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

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



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

Make Sure The Work Goes On!

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

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

MONARCHIST LEAGUE MEMBERS RECEIVE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

Please notify us if you become aware of any additional Medal recipients

Edward Badovinac, Mississauga, ON
Bradley Barbour, Waterloo, ON
Eugene Berezovsky, Toronto, ON
Etienne Boisvert, Sherbrooke, QC
Matthew Bondy, Kitchener, ON
Jonathan Brickwood, Toronto, ON
Scott Burke, Halifax, NS
David Bush, Montréal, QC
Sylvia Cook, Hamilton, ON
Elaine Currie, Victoria, BC
Dr. Douglass Dalton, Montréal, QC
David A. Douglas, Toronto, ON
Dr. Roy Eappen, Toronto, ON
Robert Finch, Hamilton, ON
John Fraser, OC, Toronto, ON
William Fisher, Bedford, NS
Barbara Goldring, Toronto, ON
R. Bruce Hallor, Victoria, BC
Jane Harris-Zsovan, Lethbridge, AB
Benjamin Hendriksen, Yellowknife, NT
Brian Hodgson, Edmonton AB
Valerie Holden, Victoria, BC
Cian Horrobin, Toronto, ON
Timothy Humphries, Toronto, ON
Allan Jones, Ottawa, ON
Neil Kelly, Ottawa, ON
Erno Kovacs, Calgary, AB
Margaret Mace, Sidney, BC
Barry MacKenzie, New Maryland, NB
Serge Malaisson, Montréal, QC
Marlene McCracken, Kingston, ON
Colleen Mills, Victoria, BC
Rev. Derek Nicholls, Regina, SK
Olive Pastor, Pictou, NS
Alexander Paton, Victoria, BC
Tim Popp, Unity, SK
Tom Richards, Regina, SK
Richard Robarts, Windsor, ON
Matthew Rowe, Ottawa, ON
Keith Roy, Vancouver, BC
Eleanor Ryan, Ottawa, ON
Daniel Taylor, New Maryland, NB
Jeffrey Thiessen, Hamilton, ON
Joy Tilsley, Ottawa, ON
Josh Traptow, Calgary, AB
Darcie von Axelstierna, Winnipeg, MB
Martin Vierula, Waterloo, ON
Brock Weir, Aurora, ON
Daniel Whaley, Winnipeg, MB
Gwyne Willmot, LVO, Toronto, ON

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to two members who had the particular honour of receiving their Medals from HRH The Prince of Wales: **Barbara Goldring** of Toronto, League Silver Medalist and benefactor; and **Tom Richards** of Regina, Past Young Monarchist National Chairman.

We believe that our Life Member **John Fraser**, Master of Massey College and distinguished author, is the only member to have received the Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilee Medals. Bravo!



A Monarchist League Life Member, Hon Col Stanley A Milner of Edmonton receives Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Office of Lieutenant Governor of Alberta



Former Halifax Branch Chairman Scott Burke receives the Diamond Jubilee Medal from Their Honours the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs Grant at Government House on May 30, 2012. Scott, now a member of His Honour's staff, was nominated for the honour by the Monarchist League of Canada. Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia



Trois lauréats de la Médaille du jubilé de diamant lors de la réception du Jubilé de la succursale de Montréal, tenue à l'armurerie de Black Watch. Gauche à droite: Dr Douglass Dalton, ancien président; Étienne Boisvert, Vice-présidente nationale, Québec; et David Bush, bienfaiteur et membre de longue date. Gary Sims



Long-serving Hamilton Branch Chairman Sylvia Cook receives Diamond Jubilee Medal from Ontario Lieutenant Governor David Onley Sam Cook



Past Monarchist League Youth Chairman Tom Richards receives the Diamond Jubilee Medal on May 23, 2012 from HRH the Prince of Wales in the Legislative Assembly chamber, Regina Sask. Executive Council



Un moment de fierté: le père de Etienne Boisvert, Lieutenant-Colonel Alain Boisvert, ADC, présente son fils avec sa médaille de jubilé de diamant bien mérité. Alain Baron



The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario with Her Honour Mrs Onley and serving Officers of the Monarchist League, to whom His Honour had presented Diamond Jubilee Medals during the Gala Reception of the Hamilton Branch on May 26, 2012. l-r: Bradley Barbour, Chairman, Waterloo-Wellington Branch; Dominion Chairman Robert Finch; Hamilton-Niagara Chairman Jeffrey Thiessen; and Cian Horrobin, Greater Toronto Chairman. Sam Cook



Manitoba Branch Chairman Darcie von Axelstierna received her Diamond Jubilee Medal at Government House, Winnipeg on May 15. To right is His Honour's Private Secretary and Chief of Staff, Phyllis Fraser. Lieutenant Gov. of Manitoba



Étienne Boisvert, vice-président national, présente la Médaille du jubilé de diamant à Douglass Dalton de Montréal. Alain Baron



...They also serve BYRON THOMAS' LOYAL INITIATIVES

Like the frustration of a blind poet, not every Monarchist League member could travel to London for the Jubilee festivities in June. This was true for Byron Thomas amidst a busy legal career. But Byron showed how imagination and personal loyalty could be writ large at home, without direction from the League or the benefit of a local branch in his Georgetown, Ontario home. A special Jubilee Crown for this ardent supporter of the Maple Monarchy! [Ed.]

First, in the tradition of the League's loyal portrait-placer par excellence John Chard, of Belleville, Ontario, Byron presented the Georgetown Post Office with a new framed portrait of The Queen which now hangs prominently in the main area. The Post Office was delighted with his gift.

Second, he formally presented a beautifully framed portrait of Her Majesty to the National Club, a prominent private downtown businessmen's club in Toronto, to honour of the Diamond Jubilee. The ornately framed portrait of the Queen is positioned in the entry way and has received a lot of positive comment. He even had a small plaque engraved for the portrait which reads: "In Honour of the Queen of Canada's Diamond Jubilee"

Third, Byron provided a local church in Georgetown with a framed portrait of the Queen for its Coronation/Jubilee Afternoon Tea held on June 2nd.

Fourth, Byron had decided to join with friends and family at a Diamond Jubilee Brunch at a Toronto hotel on Central Jubilee Sunday. What is so meritorious in that, the cynical might ask. Answer: a few days prior to the brunch, Byron went to the hotel and spoke with the Head Chef to ensure that the decorating for the event was going to reflect the Canadian component of the Jubilee celebration. The Chef was very happy to receive Byron's suggestions. Byron also offered to loan the hotel from his office a framed portrait of the Queen, which he transported to Toronto. Chef subsequently told Byron how much the hotel appreciated his suggestion and that it had received many favourable comments about what had become the centre-piece of its Jubilee Brunch!

So while Robert Finch, Cian Horrobin and the League team did a great job representing us in London weekend, the Diamond Jubilee home-fires were well and loyally stoked at home thanks to this industrious member and generous benefactor.



Byron Thomas: loyal monarchist encouraged Jubilee spirit on his own - bravo!

LEAGUE NOTES/BRICOLES DE LA LIGUE

Major Accomplishment by the Greater Toronto Branch: Jubilee Vids/Posters in Subway System!

As Jubilee year dawned, the League's lively GTA Branch recently considered ways by which the Diamond Jubilee could become more prominent in the consciousness of folks living in Canada's largest urban agglomeration. At the suggestion of Branch executive member *Brendon Bedford*, followed by the astute stick-handling of his colleague *Eugene Berezovsky* and with the collaboration of all members of the executive, not forgetting the design expertise of Dominion Webmaster *John Gross*, a suggestion – with artistic rendering – was made to the TTC, Toronto's transportation authority, that a Jubilee poster be incorporated in its video notice boards (found throughout the subway system) and that physical posters be mounted – where else – at the Queen Street station.

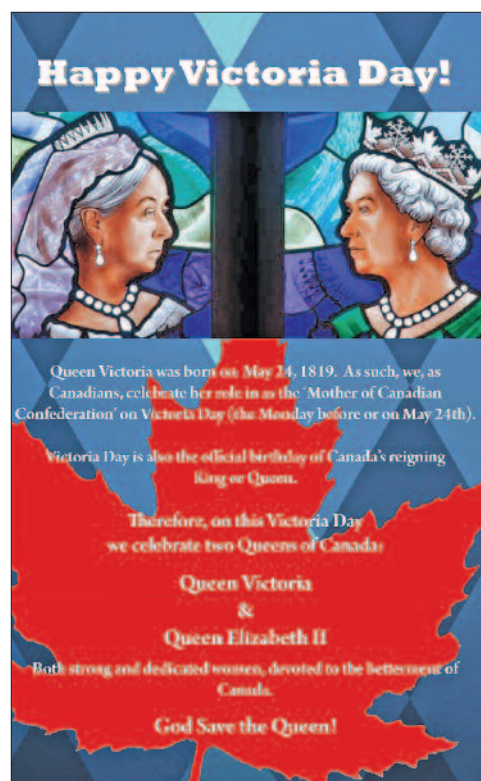
The suggestion brought a very positive response of the TTC – with the result that the Jubilee poster appeared for a month in the video notice boards' rotation and was also physically posted in the Queen Street subway station – all of which means that

hundreds of thousands of daily commuters were reminded of the Diamond Jubilee in this contemporary, visually-appealing way.

The GTA Branch showed the power of a simple – even obvious – idea, when combined with a sophisticated approach to the relevant authority and the provision of services that will make it easier for that authority to agree to the proposal. This is a great lesson to all our branches, and all monarchists. Bravo, GTA Branch!

Une réalisation marquante: signée notre filiale du grand Toronto: des vidéos et affiches sur le jubilé dans le métro!

Votre dynamique succursale du Grand Toronto s'est récemment penchée sur des moyens de mieux faire connaître le Jubilé de diamant à la population de la plus importante agglomération urbaine du Canada. *Brendon Bedford*, membre de l'exécutif de cette filiale, a suggéré qu'une affiche électronique fasse partie du tableau d'affichage télévisé à travers le réseau du métro de Toronto et que des affiches physiques soient apposées – comme on s'y attendrait – dans la station Queen Street. C'est grâce à l'adresse astucieuse d'*Eugène*



The delightfully-humorous card distributed at the Royal Fireworks by the GTA Executive

Berezovsky, collègue de monsieur *Bedford*, et au savoir-faire technique de *John Gross*, webmestre de la Ligue, que des dessins furent proposés à la TTC, la société de transport de Toronto.

Ce projet a été accueilli très favorablement par la TTC, de telle sorte que des affiches sur le Jubilé font maintenant partie de la rotation du tableau d'affichage électronique. Des affiches physiques seront installées d'ici une semaine, ou à peu près, dans la station de métro Queen Street. De cette façon contemporaine et attrayante, chaque jour des centaines de milliers de passagers se rappelleront du Jubilé de diamant.

La filiale du Grand Toronto a montré qu'une idée simple, voire évidente, peut avoir un effet puissant lorsque celle-ci, proposée avec habileté à l'instance compétente, s'accompagne d'une offre de services qui fait que l'autorité donne son appui à la proposition. C'est une grande leçon pour toutes nos succursales – et pour tous les monarchistes. À la filiale du Grand Toronto : bravo!

GTA Executive Members Distribute League Card at Ashbridge's Bay Victoria Day Fireworks

Knowing there'd be an extra-large crowd for the gigantic annual Victoria Day fireworks this year, given the presence of *Charles and Camilla*, the contemporary monarchists at the GTA Branch rented and



The Greater Toronto Branch Executive had the honour of being invited to the Launch of "60 in 60" the Lieutenant Governor's Jubilee display of images of the Reign. Shown in the Vice-Regal suite at Queen's Park l-r: Jonathan Brickwood, Jonathan Bradshaw, Brendon Bedford, Chairman Cian Horrobin, Julie Ugar, David Donovan and Eugene Berezovsky.

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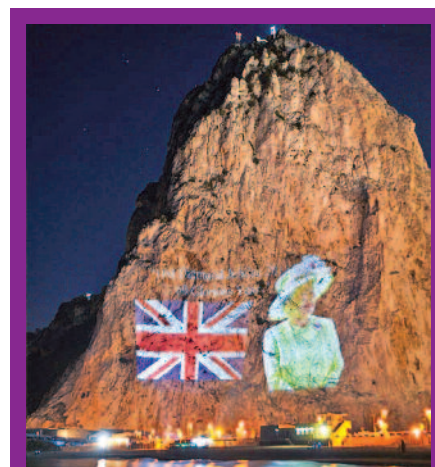
Young Monarchists Coordinator

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decorated a van, set up an encampment amid the throngs and distributed the rather lovely and amusing card shown above to thousands of the attendees. Bravo!

Travelling Display Unit Launched – Challenge for Text of French Version

CMN readers can see on the next page a picture of the Monarchist League's first travelling display unit, designed by our Webmaster John Gross, reflecting the many helpful suggestions made by several score members and funded thanks to your generous gifts. Standing 80 inches (203 cm) tall by 31 inches (79 cm) wide, the unit (packed in a protective sleeve in a carrying case) is now available for branches, contact groups and individuals to use when they hold a public event such as a mall or garage sale, a booth at a community fair or a table at a flea market. Desired dates should be booked via this office. The League will pay outbound delivery cost (it fits in a FedEx tube), while the user is responsible for return delivery to Dominion or the next user, as specified. Reservations via the Dominion office domsec@sympatico.ca or 800-465-6925. We now challenge our francophone members to come up with a text for a French-language version to be used in Québec, and alongside the English unit in places such as Winnipeg, Northern Ontario and the Outouais, New Brunswick or anywhere else a bilingual presence would be appropriate. Ideally, this should not be a translation, but an idiomatic French text




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which sums up the League's work in the same brief way as does its English counterpart, using the same overall graphic design. Please mail or email your suggestions.

Présentoir itinérant de la ligue et défi du texte de la version française

Les lecteurs de ce journal verront ci-dessus une image du premier présentoir itinérant de la Ligue, conçu par notre webmestre, John Gross. Ce présentoir est le fruit des nombreuses suggestions utiles et des dons généreux que nous ont faits plusieurs de nos membres. À 203 cm (80 po) de hauteur et 79 cm (31 po) de largeur,

le présentoir est emballé dans une housse protectrice et peut être transporté dans un coffret. Il répond aux besoins de directions, de groupes de contact et d'individus lors d'événements publics tels qu'une braderie ou une vente de garage, une foire communautaire ou un marché aux puces. Vous devrez réserver les dates que vous désirez par l'entremise du Secrétariat général à domsec@sympatico.ca. La Ligue payera les frais de livraison sortante (s'il peut être introduit dans un tube FedEx), alors que l'utilisateur doit payer les frais de livraison de retour au Secrétariat général ou bien au prochain utilisateur, selon le cas. Maintenant nous lançons le défi à nos chers membres francophones de composer un texte pour la version française qui sera employée au Québec et, de pair avec le présentoir version anglaise, partout où une présence bilingue s'imposera, par exemple, à Winnipeg, dans le Nord ontarien, en Outaouais et au Nouveau-Brunswick. Au lieu d'une traduction de l'anglais, l'idéal serait d'avoir un texte rédigé dans un français idiomatique et concis qui résume bien le travail de la Ligue de la même façon que sa contrepartie anglaise en employant, de façon générale, la même conception graphique. Veuillez nous faire parvenir vos suggestions par courrier ou par courriel.

Dominion Chairman Announces Two New Major Appointments

I am delighted to announce two major appointments in the League's national organization. Effective May 1, Dan Whaley succeeds Tom Richards as Coordinator, Young Monarchists, with status as a Dominion Vice-Chairman of the League; and Etienne Boisvert is appointed Dominion Vice-Chairman, Québec.

Dan is a student at the University of Winnipeg who has assisted Tom in coordinating YM activities. Dan has also been a regular and effective media spokesman on the League's behalf, especially during the lead-up to and events surrounding the Royal Wedding, when he traveled to London as one of our tour leaders.

A student at the University of Sherbrooke, Etienne has been the principal spokesman for the League in the Province of Québec over the last several years. He also playing a major role in organizing Ju-

bilee events and bringing to life the League's re-emergent branches in Montréal and Québec City. His understanding of the special situation within the province, tact, people skills and media savvy make him an invaluable asset to the League, qualities now reflected in his new position as the League's senior Officer within the Province.

Tom Richards steps down from the YM Coordinator position as he will be pursuing graduate studies at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, in England. Nonetheless, he will continue to assist our work and speak on the League's behalf in the Prairies while he is home in Regina this summer and during holidays. We look forward to his taking up a new role in the League once he is permanently back in Canada.

Le président national annonce deux nouvelles nominations à des postes importants

Je suis ravi de vous annoncer deux nominations importantes au sein de l'organisation nationale de la Ligue. À compter du 1er mai, Dan Whaley succèdera à Tom Richards en tant que coordinateur des Jeunes monarchistes, avec le statut d'un vice-président national de la Ligue, alors qu'Étienne Boisvert est nommé vice-président national, Québec.

Étudiant à l'Université de Winnipeg, Dan a aidé Tom à coordonner les activités des Jeunes monarchistes. De plus, Dan a souvent été un porte-parole efficace de la Ligue auprès des médias, particulièrement avant et pendant les événements entourant le mariage royal, occasion à laquelle il a voyagé à Londres en tant que l'un de nos guides touristiques.

Depuis plusieurs années, Étienne – étudiant à l'Université de Sherbrooke – joue le rôle de porte-parole principal de la Ligue au Québec. De plus, il joue un rôle crucial dans l'organisation d'activités du Jubilé et dans la renaissance des filiales résurgentes de Montréal et de Québec. Sa compréhension de la situation particulière dans cette province, son tact, son habileté de traiter avec les gens et sa connaissance des médias font de lui un atout précieux pour la Ligue – des qualités qui ont contribué à sa nomination en tant qu'agent principal de la Ligue au Québec.

Tom Richards quitte le poste de coordinateur des Jeunes monarchistes en vue de poursuivre des études supérieures au Lady Margaret Hall de l'Université d'Oxford en Angleterre. Cependant, il va continuer de nous aider dans notre travail et d'agir comme porte-parole de la Ligue dans le Prairies lorsqu'il sera de retour à Regina cet été et pendant les congés. Nous espérons qu'il exercera une nouvelle fonction au sein de la Ligue quand il rentrera définitivement au Canada.



Courtenay-Comox BC members gathered for a Jubilee breakfast at Derek Harris' home on June 6. Among those attending (r) were Cary Davis, Branch Chairman, and Mrs. Davis.

Neighbours & Newcomers Website – Voisins et Nouveaux Arrivants: Le Site-Web

Thanks to John Gross' hard work, the League is fulfilling its obligation to the Department of Canadian Heritage to produce a distinct website for our *Neighbours & Newcomers* Diamond Jubilee project. It can be found at www.jubileeget2gether.ca. An important dimension to be added to the site will be its legacy aspect, consisting of reminiscences, organizers' reports, photographs and attendees' messages about the various events. These should be mounted during the summer once all the events have taken place.

Grâce au travail acharné de John Gross, la Ligue honore son obligation envers le ministère du Patrimoine canadien qui était de produire un site Web spécialisé pour notre projet du jubilé de diamant : Voisins et des nouveaux arrivants. Le site est accessible au www.jubileeget2gether.ca.

Une section importante qui sera bientôt ajoutée à ce site sera l'onglet héritage, où l'on retrouvera souvenirs, rapports d'organisateur, photographies et messages des participants aux diverses activités. Cette section devrait être créée au cours de l'été, une fois que tous les événements auront eu lieu.

Links of Interest

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/dieu-protge-la-reine-says-young-quebecker/article2045311/>

Article from *The Globe and Mail* about Étienne Boisvert, now Dominion Vice-Chairman, Québec/Article du *Globe and Mail* sur Étienne Boisvert, maintenant le vice-président National, Québec.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1193874--when-the-queen-is-your-boss>

Article from the *Toronto Star* discussing the relationship between The Queen and her Canadian Governors General and Prime Ministers.

<http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/News/1221258968/ID=2040435193>

The League's Cian Horrobin joins in CBC-TV's coverage on the Cambridges' visit to Québec City.



Jubilee Year is an appropriate time to pay tribute to an invaluable member of the Monarchist League team, our designer and Webmaster John Gross. John has been responsible for the bilingual website, all the special web pages for Royal occasions, the travelling display unit, the welcome card for William and Kate on Parliament Hill, the League's Jubilee postcards – and all manner of other good things. Recently graduated from the University of Toronto, John's 2011 summer internship representing the League in the Vice-Regal Suite at Queen's Park has now turned into full-time employment, as John looks after His Honour's social media presence and related matters with the same meticulousness, cheerfulness and loyalty as he does as a League volunteer.



Some of the Grade 5 students at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School of Blainville, Québec who all wrote a résumé of the Queen's annual Christmas message to the Commonwealth. They proudly hold a letter and Diamond Jubilee folder which they subsequently received from Buckingham Palace indicating that the Queen had indeed seen and had very much enjoyed the students' presentations. Congratulations to teacher John Thévenot and his charges on a job well done!

John Thévenot



University of Western Ontario

John Alvin Boyd 1925-2011

In 1970, Al Boyd read in a newspaper about the founding of the Monarchist League of Canada, and shortly afterwards wrote to ask how he might join and be of assistance. Put in touch with the the London Branch, he found the local organization to be in no small disarray. Its gentle first Chairman, Carmen Lindsay, found it difficult to cope with a wealthy individual of neo-Nazi sympathies who had taken to coming to meetings of the fledgling organization and expressing his views, to the intense discomfort of all not to mention the prejudice of the League's credibility. With the quiet moral force coupled with a practical bent so characteristic of Al, he assisted Carmen in closing the doors to the odious intruder; and before long he succeeded as Branch Chairman. There followed a period of rapid growth, with many new members joining as a result of Al's connection with Metropolitan United Church –

where he served at various times a steward and on the session – and his Professorial appointment in French and Spanish Methodology at Althouse College of Education, University of Western Ontario. Conspicuous among that tight-knit group of loyal monarchists were John Smallbridge, Anna Rowcliffe, Marguerite Dow and Helen Fitzgerald, several of whom went on to become branch chairman in their turn. Programming was imaginative, annual dinners beautifully arranged and the League's voice heard and respected in the community.

Al's interest in the League continued after his retirement and subsequent appointment as Hon. Chairman, along with recognition with a Silver Badge of Service award from the League, a volunteer service award from the Ontario government and the Golden Jubilee Medal. He was always ready to lend a hand, give wise advice and urge the executive to action even as he served in a variety of secondment and volunteer capacities in the educational world after leaving Althouse in 1985 – involvement with the Senior Alumni at Western and the book club at church were special delights. He also pursued his passion for the genealogy of the Irish side of his family. It was then that he and Ruth – his wife of 53 years – purchased and enjoyed spending time at their beloved cottage on the shores of Lake Huron.

Al had overcome a heart attack several decades back; but his health began to fail a few years ago, and late 2011 found him hospitalized and realistic about prospects of recovery. Even then, he reached out to the serving Branch Chairman and offered the use of his home for a meeting to discuss Jubilee projects and outreach. I was privileged to visit with him and Ruth in hospital just a month before he died, and found him much as he had always been in their always-welcoming living room, turning the conversation away from himself, full of interest about the League and pride at its accomplishments, and, blessedly, very much at peace. A kind letter from the Lieutenant Governor also brought much happiness in those final days. Reflecting on his life, Ruth said that Al never sought anything for himself, but by being true to his convictions and through his giving his all, he found all sorts of doors opened, and was truly "surprised by joy." Modest and kind, gentle in expression but firm in loyalty, this gentleman and faithful servant of the Crown is much missed and fondly remembered. RIP.

JLA

*Let us now praise famous men,
Men of little showing;
For their work continueth,
And their work continueth,
Broad and deep continueth,
Great beyond their knowing. – Kipling, Stalky & Co.*



Their Honours the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and Mrs Elizabeth Nicholas, joined by the Mayor of Fredericton and Monarchist League NB Branch co-Chairmen, raise the Diamond Jubilee Flag in front of City Hall on Accession Day.

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BRANCH NEWS

Three New Branches Formed:

Barrie-Huron, ON; York Region, ON; Lethbridge-Medicine Hat, AB

Jubilee year has seen continuing growth of the League, warranting the founding of three new Branches. The first is in the vast territory centered on Barrie and Orillia, moving around Lake Simcoe and up through both cottage country and relative wilderness. Jean Maurice Pigeon and David Archer are spearheading the new organization which held its first meeting in May, after which members were delighted to be invited to the Smythes' Jubilee Gala in June at their Bracebridge property. The second, under the leadership of Jeffrey Thom, encompasses the York Region, another fast-growing area to the North of Toronto with population centres such as Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Aurora. Onto to the Prairie, Jane Harris Zsovan, well known to many readers as the League's Social Media Coordinator par excellence, heads a new and enthusiastic branch in the SE area of Alberta. Jane has already distributed educational booklets to the Public Library, arranged the hanging of Royal lithos of The Queen in at least four locations and spearheaded Jubilee events in Lethbridge!

Barrie-Huron Members Spring to Life

The Branch met for the first time at the Barrie Public Library on April 29. Four members reflecting the geographic reach of its territory volunteered to join the co-Chairmen on the executive: Adam Exton from Barrie; Margaret Smithies from Bracebridge; Phyllis Walker from Angus and Kirsten Wright from Orillia. Discussion centered on possible Jubilee projects, recruitment strategies, outreach to cadets at CFB Borden and the desirability of setting up an information kiosk at such events as the Kempenfest in Barrie, the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival and the Elmvale Fall fair.

Les Montréalais célèbrent le jubilé

Par René le Clère

René le Clère est membre de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada depuis ses premières heures, et a écrit de nombreux articles en français publiés dans CMN/ NMC, le périodique de la Ligue. [Ed.]

À Montréal, le lundi 6 février 2012, à dix-neuf heures, s'est déroulée une cérémonie religieuse en l'Église au toit rouge, à deux pas de la Place-des-Arts, dans le centre-ville, en l'honneur du soixantième anniversaire d'accession au trône de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, Reine du Canada. Soixante années de dévouement consacrées à Dieu et au service des autres. Soixante années, par la grâce de Dieu : « Reine du Royaume-Uni, du Canada, et de ses autres royaumes et territoires, Chef du Commonwealth, Défenseur de la Foi ».

Ces vêpres avaient été organisées par The Church of St. John the Evangelist, y assistant des membres de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada, venus de la métropole et de sa grande région, honorèrent de leur présence l'événement exceptionnel. Depuis des années, à Montréal, l'église de style « Renouveau gothique victorien », construite en 1877-1878, consacrée en 1905, a été le siège de cérémonies reliées à la monarchie constitutionnelle du Canada.

La circonstance était importante, et disons plutôt rarissime. C'est la deuxième fois dans notre Histoire qu'un « Jubilé de diamant » était célébré au Canada et, bien sûr, au Royaume-Uni. Ainsi, à dix-neuf heures précises, les puissantes orgues et la chorale se firent entendre. La cérémonie fut présidée par le recteur de l'église, le Révérend Père Keith A. Schmidt; il était assisté par une dizaine de prêtres et d'acolytes. Un joueur de cornemuse, instrument de musique populaire, surtout en Écosse, qui sert aussi d'instrument de musique militaire, se fit entendre au tout début de la cérémonie.

L'entrée du clergé en cortège fut suivie par une délégation d'une dizaine de chevaliers de l'Ordre militaire et hospitalier de Saint-Lazare de Jérusalem, en grand uniforme. Durant les vêpres, le Révérend Arlen Bonnar, de l'Église Unie St. James, adressa aux fidèles quelques unes de ses réflexions sur la notre monarchie et sur Sa Majesté.

À la fin de la cérémonie, les choristes seuls, en aube blanche, puis la foule, entonnèrent avec ferveur le « God Save the Queen », accompagnés aux grands jeux des orgues, rehaussés par une trompette aux sonorités flamboyantes.

Les vêpres se terminèrent par une pièce interprétée de nouveau à la cornemuse. La soirée se prolongea au Salon paroissial avoisinant, par une dégustation de vins et de fromages durant laquelle les conversations se poursuivirent très tard. Thé, café, jus de fruits, mini-pâtisseries ont été servis dans de la porcelaine fine. Enfin, une vingtaine de personnes tinrent une réunion, animée par le Dr Douglas Dalton, afin d'étudier la possibilité de revivifier la présence de la section montréalaise de la Ligue monarchique du Canada auprès du grand public. Des idées constructives furent avancées par les uns et les autres, et un plan d'action sera présenté d'ici à quelques mois.

Kingston Holds a Jubilee Tea

The Kingston Branch a Diamond Jubilee Tea on April 22 in the hall of Edith Rankin Memorial United Church, Kingston, Ontario. Over 80 people gathered to celebrate the 86th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and 60 years as Queen of Canada. Attendees arrived to music entitled *Happy & Glorious – 60 Glorious Years*, while Diamond Jubilee flags and pins before everyone enjoyed eating fancy sandwiches, squares and a celebration cake. A wonderful greeting from the Hon. David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Her Majesty's statement regarding her Diamond Jubilee were shared. The group was also delighted with personal greetings from the Hon John Gerretsen, MPP for Kingston & The Islands, and Deputy Mayor Liz Schell.

Gifts were presented to Joyce Hill for



Chairman Marlene McCracken (l) congratulates long-standing member Marilyn Stafford at the Kingston Branch Jubilee Tea.

Brian McCracken



New Brunswick Branch members travel to Charlottetown to cheer William and Catharine

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having sold the most tickets to the Tea every year for the past 11 Teas and Marilyn Stafford as the longest-standing member of The Monarchist League of Canada in attendance. Brian McCracken was congratulated on turning 60 and for being an invaluable assistant in looking after the electronics and decorating for the past 11 Teas. Prizes of Jubilee books were given to 11 people who found crowns under their plates. Excerpts from videos *The Maple & The Crown* and *The Royal Jewels* were an excellent learning experience for everyone. With singing of Anthems and a happy birthday song for The Queen, all were in "one heart and voice" as the afternoon drew to its end. Marlene was featured in an article in the *Recorder* the same day, featuring a good explanation of loyalty to the Crown and the awarding of the Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Regina Remembers the Queen Mother

by the Rev. Derek F. Nicholls, Vice-Chairman, S. Saskatchewan Branch

March 30, 2002 marked the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at her home in Royal Lodge, Windsor. To commemorate the 10th Anniversary her death, St. James the Apostle Church and the South Saskatchewan Branch organized a Service of Commemoration on Easter Monday, April 9, the date of the funeral in 2002. *Their Honours Ms. Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and Mr. Gordon Schofield*, were present along with *Hon Ralph Goodale, MP*, and a representative of the Premier, together with a congregation of about 80. I led the Choral Evensong, which began with the singing of the National Anthem. The Lessons were read by Her Honour and Branch Chairman Scott Hazelwood. Preacher was

the Rt. Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Anglican Bishop of Qu'Appelle. Members of St. James Choir helped to sing the Service. Psalm 121 and two hymns, used at the Westminster Abbey Funeral Service on April 9, 2002, were included together with special prayers. The Service concluded with the Royal Anthem followed by the Recessional hymn, Guide me O thou great Redeemer. Organist Conway Crozier-Smith played as prelude and postlude music use at HM's funeral in Westminster Abbey. Following the Service the Monarchist League and parish ladies hosted a reception in the church hall. Those present felt that it was a meaningful occasion to honour a much-loved former Queen.

Halifax Branch Celebrates Jubilee with Unique Film

Michael Deturbide reports: On May 26 a dinner was held in Halifax to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. The dinner was well planned with Diamond Jubilee Menus, Jubilee posters, flower table arrangements, and wines with the Jubilee logo. Local Monarchist League members mingled with 12 additional guest. Branch Chairman Helen Wyman made everyone welcome and handed out Jubilee pins which were happily worn by all. There was a Royalty Quiz with appropriate prizes, unique personal photos of Her Majesty for guests to take as gifts and a 50-minute film retrospective of Royal Tours, 1939-2011, mainly of Nova Scotian homecomings as seen through the lens of amateur photographers, the result of many hours' labour by member John Yogis, who assembled the film from news footage and personal home movies. It provides a unique archive of Royal Tours of Canada All enjoyed cake based on a recipe of the Queen Mother. The toast to The Queen was de-



Victoria Branch Chairman Colleen Mills (in yellow shirt) and colleagues participate in Victoria Day Parade

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livered by Helen Wyman. A very happy evening overall.

New Brunswick Branch: Three Events Launch Jubilee Year

Barry MacKenzie reports: The NB Branch kicked off the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year in great style with three very successful events, beginning on February 4th with our annual Accession Day Brunch at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Following a casual meal, those assembled heard my presentation on the reaction of New Brunswick's newspapers to the death of George VI and the Accession of the Queen in 1952.

The second event took place on Sunday, February 5th, at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, when over 200 people from across the region gathered for a Choral Evensong and Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A special address was given by His Honour Graydon Nicholas, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and a reception was catered by the NB Branch and the ladies of the Cathedral Parish. Several organisations were represented in good numbers, including the War Brides, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Royal Canadian Legion, New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association.

Our third event took place at 10:30am on February 6th when members and friends of the League joined Mayor Brad Woodside and *Their Honours The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholas* for the hoisting of the Diamond Jubilee banner in front of City Hall in Fredericton, where it will fly throughout 2012. Earlier that morning, several members also took part in the ceremony in front of the Legislative Assembly building when Her Majesty's Canadian Flag was raised in honour of Accession Day

Other Branch News

• Members in the Wellington-Waterloo Branch bade a grateful farewell to their long-serving Chairman Martin Vierula. Martin's dedication, generosity and keen sense of organization underlay a deep loyalty to the Crown and a patient ability to deal with the inevitable frustrations of running a branch. His successor is Bradley Barbour, who is a long-time League member and stay-at-home dad. Brad is finding that local members are more interested in action and representation than meetings. Accordingly he has represented the League and stirred up monarchical interest in the community through appearances on *Talk Local* and *Rogers Daytime*; addresses on the Crown at Renison Col-

lege and the Homer Watson Gallery; hosting the Curator of the Royal Collection; donating informative works on the Crown to local libraries. Members were delighted that Kitchener designated a local park as the QEII Park. August will find Bradley attending the Highland Games in Fergus on the League's behalf; though at press time it was unclear whether he would be tossing the caber!

• Regina members remember with fondness two of their number who recently died. Doris MacLean was a founding member of the S. Saskatchewan Branch and for many years its Secretary. Doris was a gentle, kindly soul, loyal to the Crown and proud of the League. When in 1980 the League created its own system of honours, Doris' work for the Branch was honoured with the Silver Badge of Service. Keith Knox died in May, 2012. A former Branch Officer during the very active period of its existence, Keith worked for the Wheat Board, was relaxed and happy in his loyalty and liked nothing better than to invite members – and the occasional Lieutenant Governor – to his home's basement which he had fitted out as an exact and hospitable replica of an English pub!

• The London Branch remembered with affection Evelyn Bastow, who died in December. A stalwart monarchist who remembered the League in her Will, Evelyn was perhaps best known in the community for her love of ice skating and her support of the London Skating Club. London members, informed of events through its lively newsletter *Orb & Sceptre*, enjoyed a Victoria Day lunch at the Elgin Military Museum, and celebrated



The Victoria Branch was welcomed to Government House for an Accession Tea at the start of Jubilee year. Branch executive members seated are Diane Taylor (Special Events) and Valerie Holden (Membership). Standing on either side of the tour guide are David Newberry, Treasurer, and Colleen Mills (Chairman).

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Manitoba kicks off Jubilee celebrations with ice sculpture and illumination on Legislature.

Brian McCracken

Prince Philip's 90th birthday with a talk and garden tour with the local UEL Chapter. Branch Chairman *Mark Ambrogio*, with help from *Catherine Charlton* and other members, planned a highly successful *Neighbours and Newcomers* Jubilee event for all Londoners, featuring a high school choir and hundreds of portions of enormous cakes being served to an appreciative public at Victoria Park.

- Chairman *Colleen Mills* writes from Vancouver Island that the Victoria Branch recently enjoyed a visit from *His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor*, who later singled its work out for praise in remarks at the Jubilee Open House held on the grounds of Government House. Branch members nominated for the Diamond Jubilee Medal are to receive them from His Honour July 19th at Government House. Past Chairman *Bruce Hallsor* and a team of volunteers are organizing for a *Neighbours and Newcomers* Jubilee event on the grounds of the Royal BC Museum on July 29th. The Branch float won 2nd Prize as Best Decorated Community Card in the annual Victoria Day Parade. The Chairman and *Elaine Currie* were invited to the September 26th State Dinner at Government House to welcome the Governor General of Canada.

- Marjorie Shepherd*, from Peterborough, ON reports on the good work that she and her colleagues have undertaken in encouraging local merchants to put Jubilee displays in their windows, organizing an ecumenical service of thanksgiving, and having City Council issue a Jubilee Proclamation.

- Raymond Gunsolus*, a founding Chairman of the Belleville ON Branch, died on November 11. He is remembered for his fierce loyalty to the Crown and doughty attitude towards republicans. Whether inveighing City Council to commemorate a Royal event or waking up the Dominion Chairman with a 7:30 am phone call of a Saturday morning, Ray's priorities were as clear as his commitment to the case was deep-felt.

Felicitations To...

David Langer, ML member from Ottawa, who observed the lack of Royal Union Flags flying from government building flagpoles last Victoria Day. His courteous inquiry to Canadian Heritage elicited the response that a computer glitch had prevented email being sent to alert government departments of the policy of hoisting the Jack on The Queen's Birthday and Statute of Westminster Day... Member *Dallas Craik* who gave an excellent interview to the Calgary Herald

about the Cambridges' visit... a loyal member in Windsor, *Richard Roberts*, who distributed 300 copies of the League's educational booklet *The Canadian Monarchy* to a local school... Six BC League members who received free passes in a Dominion League draw to the Royal BC Museum's Jubilee exhibition *Queen Elizabeth II* by *Cecil Beaton*. They are *Georgina Brannan*, Victoria; *Valerie Holden*, Victoria; *Roddy MacKenzie*, Vancouver; *Dene Mainguy*, Victoria; *Megan Warmerdam*, Abbotsford; and *Nik Zimmerman*, Abbotsford... Markham, ON, member *Kwan Ho Leung* who served on the City's Jubilee Committee and wrote an excellent letter on the Crown to the *Toronto Star*... *Bruce Konick*, who used his internet skills to enable the Hamilton Public Library Central Branch show the royal wedding to the public at very short notice, even though the newly installed TV sets were not set up to receive cable TV.

Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Members of the South Saskatchewan Branch had three opportunities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee during May and June. On May 19 they hosted the Annual Queen's Birthday/Jubilee Luncheon at the Hotel Saskatchewan. It was a sold out event with 100 people enjoying a delicious buffet luncheon.

Guest Speaker was The Hon. John Klebuc, Chief Justice of the Province of Saskatchewan. Once again about two thirds of those attending were friends and guests of the Branch which has resulted in some new memberships being generated. During the Diamond Jubilee visit of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall in June five members met the royal couple. Dr. Michael Jackson was consultant to the planning committee and Tom Richards received the Diamond Jubilee medal from Prince Charles at the Legislature. Branch Chairman *Scott Hazelwood* and former Chairman *Fr. Derek Nicholls* and his wife *Margaret* were guests of the Lt. Governor at Government House for an "At Home" or reception with the royal couple. Prince Charles mentioned to *Fr. Nicholls* that they had met before which was true during his first visit to the Province in 2001. Then on Sunday, June 3 members attended an Inter-Faith Diamond Jubilee Service at Knox Metropolitan United Church, Regina, at which the Lt. Governor spoke. That Service was coordinated by Michael Jackson on behalf of the Provincial Diamond Jubilee Committee of which he and *Fr. Nicholls* are members.

MONARCHIST LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET: REVISED EDITION

Major Diamond Jubilee project completed early – major donor and member support.

Reprint needed already: 7200 copies distributed in less than three months!

French Edition planned for Autumn

Members and friends of the Monarchist league of Canada were delighted to know that one of its major Diamond Jubilee projects was completed ahead of schedule in late winter. Due to a generous donor funding its printing, the second edition of our educational booklet, *The Canadian Monarchy*, out of print for the previous six months, went to press with a substantially re-

vised text and re-designed format. As of June, this printing was nearly exhausted – over 7200 copies were already being distributed to schools, youth groups and new Canadians by Lieutenant Governors, MP's and League members!

Since 2006, the League had distributed some 20,000 copies of the first edition. As is happening with the second edition, these were distributed gratis to Lieutenant Governors, MP's and provincial legislators, together with youth and community groups – many of which requested significant numbers of copies to be given, for instance, as one of Their Honours welcomed a school group to Government House, or when an MP or MPP visited a constituency school, 4-H group or Scout troop. The booklet is designed as a complement to the federal government's excellent *A Crown of Maples*. The League's publication is lighter in weight, smaller in size and less costly to mail; and it is pitched at a younger age group – so that it is appropriate for students of roughly Grade four through Community College. Those of elementary school age – or Brownies and Cubs – can be led through it with their teacher or leader, while junior high and high school students can profit from the text and colourful illustrations both in and outside of class.

You can inspect the contents of *The Canadian Monarchy* by pasting this address into your Internet browser – www.monarchist.ca/MLC_booklet_web.pdf

A French version of this booklet will be designed and largely funded by French-speaking League members in Québec and other provinces – an endeavour we hope our English-speaking members will also wish to support. We chose not to print it bilingually to save both printing cost and mailing expense.

Copies available via *Sales for Subjects* – see p. 39.

LIVRET ÉDUCATIF DE LA LIGUE MONARCHISTE DU CANADA: ÉDITION RÉVISÉE

Un projet majeur entrepris dans le cadre du Jubilé de diamant fut complété, grâce à un généreux membre donateur!

Réimpression nécessaire déjà – 7200 copies distribuées en moins de trois mois!

Édition française prévue pour l'automne

C'est avec grand plaisir que la Ligue a informé ces membres qu'un de nos projets majeurs en vue du Jubilé de diamant a été complété plus tôt que prévu. Cela est dû à un donateur et membre de la Ligue qui a accepté de défrayer les coûts d'imprimerie de la seconde édition du livret « *The Canadian Monarchy* » dont l'édition première était épuisée depuis six mois, a été imprimé dans une version révisée et améliorée.

Depuis 2006, la Ligue a distribué quelques 20,000 copies de la première édition. Comme c'est le vrai de la nouvelle édition, ceci tout à fait gratuitement aux Lieutenants Gouverneurs, Membres du Parlement, législateurs provinciaux et aux députés, ainsi qu'à des organismes s'occupant des jeunes et d'autres groupes communautaires tels que les scouts ou encore les 4-H. Il faut parfois leur fournir

une quantité assez importante de copies qu'ils utilisent et distribuent lors d'occasions spéciales, par exemple s'ils visitent le parlement ou lorsque des députés ou autres dignitaires leur rendent visite.

Le livret a été conçu pour servir de complément à la publication du gouvernement fédéral intitulée : « *La Monarchie Canadienne* ». Notre livret est toutefois d'un format plus petit, donc moins onéreux à poster et s'adresse à un public beaucoup plus jeune tel que des enfants de la quatrième année jusqu'au secondaire. Les plus jeunes peuvent cependant être initiés au contenu avec l'aide d'un enseignant ou d'un adulte compétent, tandis que les plus âgés pourront le faire par eux-mêmes à la fois en classe et aussi à l'extérieur du cadre scolaire.

Vous pouvez prendre connaissance du contenu de la publication « *The Canadian Monarchy* » en copiant le lien suivant et en l'inscrivant dans votre navigateur : www.monarchist.ca/MLC_booklet_web.pdf

Une version française de ce livret sera préparée et financée par des membres francophones de la Ligue provenant du Québec et d'autres provinces – une initiative qui sera, nous espérons, encouragée et supportée par les membres anglophones. Nous avons choisi de ne pas imprimer le livret dans une version bilingue afin d'économiser sur les frais d'imprimerie et d'envoi postal.

Copies disponibles via *Sales for Subjects* – voir p. 39.



The City of Markham, ON, drew attention to the Jubilee with gatherings in local malls. Monarchist League member and civic activist *Kwan Ho Leung* (far r) joins the *Town Crier* and Councillor *Alan Ho* at one of these events.

THE BACK PAGE

DIAMOND JUBILEE EDITION

Free new Canadian photo lithograph of The Queen: Challenge to distribute & Life Membership for most imaginative placement!

Whether we were part of the League's travelling group, or enjoyed the Central Jubilee Weekend on television and internet, or by attending one of the League's *Neighbours & Newcomers* events, we have all enjoyed and felt moved by the scenes of loyalty, excitement and deep affection as our Diamond Queen marked another milestone in her reign.

Coincident with these celebrations the League has received thousands of copies of the Government of Canada's Jubilee official photo lithograph of The Queen, wearing royal attire and her Canadian Orders.

For the second part of this Jubilee year, we challenge you to ask for one to five of these lithos (five is the maximum we can send in one mailing tube), and then to make one of your Jubilee projects their placement in visible spots in your community. The definitions of "visible spot" and "community" are limited only your imagination. Most obvious are places where a much-loved but worn or outdated picture of HM now hangs.

Other ideas include: your kid or grandkid's/nephew/niece's college dorm or bedroom; the hall of your place of worship; your community's council chambers and entrance foyer; your local library, fire hall, Legion hall, courthouse, arena foyer or rec hall; nearby schools, colleges, adult learning centres or friendly merchants and local places of business.

The pride we all feel in our Sovereign's record of service will open many doors; one does not have to be a monarchist to think highly of a remarkable woman! And we all know how repeated viewing of any Royal image – coin, stamp, bank note – makes it seem a customary and necessary part our collective consciousness and so of national life and pride.

Some existing sites may feature framed portraits with frames that prove re-usable. A simpler, lest costly frame is often no less appropriate for this simpler and more austere age. Least expensive of all is a process known as "dry mounting" which your local photo shop or framing store can explain to you. If you can afford to present the pictures framed, that is obviously wonderful. But many of the suggested sites will happily look after that themselves.

CAN YOU HELP? The only cost is \$11 for the first litho's mailing tube and postage, plus \$1 more for each additional litho up to the tube's capacity of five lithos. The League will absorb the additional postage as necessary. Some 300 of your fellow members, reached by email, are already busy in placing approximately 1300 pictures by using their own imaginations and some of our suggestions above.

COUNT ME IN! Use your credit card and our PayPal facility (see *Sales for Subjects*, page 39) to send us the required amount as per the above – and send us a separate email with your name and address in block form (hastens our administrative tasks in making labels) along with how many lithos you require. We'll get them right off to you, OR you can mail your requirements and cheque to our postal address below.

FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP: to the member who tells us the most ingenious (or unlikely, though respectful) way you managed to arrange for a Queen's litho to be hung. Deadline: September 30.

Just send your story to domsec@sympatico.ca or our PO Box address below.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

The Monarchist League of Canada,
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Nouvelle affiche canadienne gratuite de la Reine: Relevons le défi d'en distribuer autour de nous! Adhésion à vie gratuite

Que nous ayons fait partie du groupe de la Ligue qui a fait le voyage à Londres ou simplement suivi les festivités du jubilé à la télévision, par internet ou encore célébré entre amis à l'une des fêtes des « voisins et nouveaux arrivants » organisées par la Ligue, nous avons tous été ravis et touchés par ces scènes de loyauté, de grand respect et d'affection pour notre reine en ce jubilé de diamant qui jalonne le parcours d'un règne exceptionnel.

Conjointement avec ces célébrations la Ligue a reçu des milliers de copies d'une affiche de la Reine en grande tenue avec ses attributs et décorations canadiennes.

En cette seconde partie de l'année du jubilé nous vous demandons de commander de une à cinq de ces affiches (cinq étant le maximum que nous pouvons faire parvenir dans un tube) et d'en faire la promotion au sein de votre communauté en l'affichant à un endroit visible de tous. Ces endroits visibles sont laissés à votre bon vouloir et votre imagination! La nouvelle affiche pourrait par exemple en remplacer une ancienne placée au même endroit.

Autres idées et suggestions : Dans la chambre à coucher ou au dortoir d'un de vos enfants, petits-enfants ou neveux-nièces; Dans votre endroit préféré; Dans une salle communautaire de votre localité; Votre bibliothèque, une école ou d'autres centres d'apprentissages ou Dans des magasins ou boutiques sympathisantes

La fierté que nous inspire le bilan de service de notre Souveraine va ouvrir bien des portes. Il n'est pas nécessaire que l'on soit monarchiste pour estimer cette femme remarquable! Et nous sommes tous conscients que voir l'image royale à maintes reprises – sur notre monnaie, sur nos timbres, sur nos billets – fait que nous la trouvons un élément normal et indispensable de notre conscience collective et de notre vie nationale dont nous sommes fiers.

Il y a des endroits qui affichent déjà un portrait dont l'encadrement est susceptible d'être réutilisable. Compte tenu de notre époque qui se veut plus simple et plus austère, parfois un encadrement plus simple et moins coûteux, mais pas moins approprié, serait de mise. La procédure la plus économique, c'est ce qu'on appelle le « montage à sec » que votre magasin de photos ou d'encadrement local serait en mesure de vous expliquer. Évidemment, si vous avez les moyens de présenter un portrait encadré, c'est merveilleux. Mais plusieurs des établissements suggérés ci-dessus se feront un plaisir de s'occuper de cela eux-mêmes.

POUVEZ-VOUS NOUS AIDER? Que vous désiriez avoir une ou cinq lithographies, le seul coût, c'est un montant fixe de 11 \$ pour couvrir les frais de port et du tube d'expédition. La ligue assumera les frais de port additionnels, au besoin.

COMPTER SUR MOI! Vous pouvez utiliser votre carte de crédit et notre service PayPal (voir page 39) pour nous faire parvenir les 11 \$, tout en nous envoyant un courriel séparé dans lequel vous avez indiqué votre nom et votre adresse en toutes lettres (ce qui facilite la production des étiquettes) et le nombre de lithographies dont vous avez besoin. Nous vous les ferons parvenir au plus tôt. Ou vous pouvez nous envoyer un chèque par la poste.

ADHÉSION À VIE GRATUITE: Offerte au membre qui nous raconte la façon la plus originale (ou insolite mais respectueuse) qui lui a permis de faire afficher une lithographie de la Reine. Date limite : le 30 septembre. Il suffit d'envoyer votre histoire à domsec@sympatico.ca Ou merci de l'envoyer à notre case postale, l'adresse ci-dessous.

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
REINE DU CANADA
MEMBRE DES ORDRES DU CANADA
LA REINE ELIZABETH II
QUEEN OF CANADA
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA
AND THE ORDER OF MONTREAL

Free Diamond Jubilee Pin

Our friends at the Department of Canadian Heritage have provided us with a supply of these attractive pins, mainly for distribution at our *Neighbours & Newcomers* events across the country. However, we have a limited supply for members. You may request two pins, one to wear and the other to give away. There is no charge for the pin, and the League will absorb the postage cost as a gift to you, our devoted members, without whose generosity and support we could not exist. *All we ask is that you save us time by giving us your name and complete postal address with your request – just email domsec@sympatico.ca or write to our Oakville address.*

Épinglette gratuite du jubilé de diamant

Nos amis de Patrimoine Canada nous ont gracieusement fourni des jolies épinglettes du jubilé à distribuer aux participants des fêtes locales dans le cadre des événements "voisins et nouveaux venus" qui se dérouleront à travers le pays en l'honneur du jubilé. Nous en avons une certaine quantité que nous pouvons offrir à nos membres. Vous pouvez faire une demande pour deux épinglettes: une pour vous et l'autre pour donner. Il n'y a aucun frais pour l'épinglette et la Ligue se chargera de défrayer les frais postaux afin de vous l'offrir gratuitement en guise de remerciement puisque c'est grâce à nos membres dévoués que nous existons. *Nous vous demandons de nous fournir votre nom et votre adresse postale avec votre demande afin de nous faciliter la tâche – par courriel à domsec@sympatico.ca ou par lettre à notre adresse à Oakville.*

Queen's Garden Party Tea: Part of Proceeds Go To League



Our valued member Ian MacDonald is a proprietor of the well-known Toronto establishment MAJESTEAS, purveyors of quality loose leaf tea. To celebrate the Jubilee, Ian and his partner obtained permission from Buckingham Palace to sell the tea used at Garden Parties in a Diamond Jubilee tin. Very generously, they then decided to make a portion of the proceeds a gift to the League. This attractive and useful commemorative may be purchased either at their shop at 950 Queen St E, just West of Carlaw or on line by accessing majesteas.ca/shop/diamond-jubilee-commemorative-tin-buckingham-palace-garden-party

The Tin is \$11.75, and shipping is free for Canadian orders of \$50 or more. We thank MAJESTEAS for their kind support. *Not available through the League.*

"Queen's Tea Garden-Party": une partie des profits pour la Ligue

M. Ian McDonald, un de nos membres, est le propriétaire de la compagnie "MAJESTEAS" bien connue à Toronto en tant que fournisseurs de feuilles de thé. En l'honneur du Jubilé Ian et son partenaire ont obtenu la permission du palais de Buckingham pour vendre du thé dans une boîte décorative en fer blanc à l'effigie du Jubilé de diamant. Dans leur grande générosité ils ont décidé de verser une partie des recettes à la Ligue. Cette jolie boîte décorative peut être achetée à leur magasin au 950 rue Queen Est, à l'ouest de Carlaw ou en ligne au:

majesteas.ca/shop/diamond-jubilee-commemorative-tin-buckingham-palace-garden-party

Le prix de cette boîte est de 11.75\$ et les frais de livraison sont gratuits pour toute commande de 50.00\$ et plus au Canada. Nous remercions MAJESTEAS pour leur soutien financier. *Disponible uniquement via Majesteas.*