

BRANCH NEWS

HALIFAX members mourned the death of long-time member *Miriam Blackwell*, who died on August 17th, aged 62, and joined in extending sympathy to former Chairman *Clive Schaefer* on the death of his wife *Mary* in March... They were delighted that Dalhousie University student *Matthew Goodwin* has assumed the position of Vice-Chairman, in succession to the long-serving *Bill Fisher*... They joined Branch Chairman *Scott Burke* in welcoming Hamilton, Ontario Branch Executive member and National Young Adult Coordinator *Bob Finch* to address a Fall Branch Meeting... Dominion Headquarters supported the cost of advertising devised by the Branch in local weekly newspapers... Branch members raised funds with their annual Mall Sale at the Halifax Shopping Centre... The Chairman hosted a holiday social at the Cambridge Military Library... The NORTHUMBERLAND, NS, Branch reports two successful fund-raisers, selling Christmas Wreaths and raffling a night in a local inn... Members remember with affection the lives of deceased members *Margaret MacMaster*, *Gladys Male* and *Anna Mackay*... Local schools appreciate the Branch's supplying information on the Monarchy's role... Branch Chairman *Olive Pastor* sent letters to Sobey's and Atlantic SuperStores to request that they decorate their stores for Victoria Day... March brought a members' luncheon, and planning for the June 2 Annual Dinner, in which the IODE will join... The Branch was acknowledged for its widespread volunteer efforts in Pictou community by supporting school graduation prizes, the food bank and the



Bob Finch (l) from Hamilton Branch Executive on summer visit to Halifax Branch, and its Chairman, Scott Burke.

Seafarers Mission... BELLEVILLE Branch has held regular meetings to reorganize under the leadership of *Errick Camolese*... Members anticipating the April 28 visit of *John Aimers*... KINGSTON Chairman *Marlene McCracken* was subject of a feature article in the *Whig-Standard*. The Branch held a "Show and Tell" meeting in October to allow members to display and discuss Royal memorabilia of importance to them... They also participated in a discussion about the use of the word "Dominion" within the League's various titles, as requested by the Dominion Chairman... A Founding Day get-together in February brought members to a Chapters' bookstore... Planning complete for an April 18 Tea to be addressed by the Dominion Chairman, *John Aimers*... GUELPH-GRAND RIVER Branch, *Martin Vierula* and his team of members have been active on many fronts, notably in distributing many Red Boxes of educational material in a joint project with Dominion HQ, and in placing framed portraits of Her Majesty in many schools and public buildings... In HAMILTON Branch, Executive members *Robert Oldham* and *Loretta Ray* joined Chairman *Sylvia Cook* in presenting a new framed picture of the Duke of Edinburgh to the Hamilton Library. Prince Philip had opened the facility in 1980, but his signed picture had faded in sunlight... *Robert* also appeared on CHCH Television to give expert reaction to the announcement of the Inquest into the death of Diana Princess of Wales... Members enjoyed a winter presentation on Hamilton's heritage homes, and are now anticipating the Branch Dinner scheduled for May 17th, to be addressed by *Quinn Newcomb*, former League Intern at Government House, Victoria...



Her Honour Mrs Lois Hole, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, with Past Edmonton Branch Chairman Ian Brown at Jubilee Portrait Unveiling Ceremony

TORONTO Branch members enjoyed a Dimpleby-narrated film of the Coronation in the Fall, and gathered in March to hear an interesting address by League member *Geoffrey Little*, now on the Lieutenant Governor's staff... Ontario's LONDON Branch successfully brought to fruition a project to place a framed portrait of HM in the Library of King's College, University of Western Ontario, which Executive members presented to the Director of the Cardinal Carter Library on November 24. This initiative was the result of the generosity and persistence of Executive member *Mark Ambrogio*... Plans set for the annual Branch Luncheon on April 24, with Guest Speaker *Prince Alexis Troubetzkoy*... In REGINA, members enjoyed a Fall Dinner at the RUSI with Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor as Guest Speaker... At the January Annual Meeting, they bade farewell to *Alison Fraser*, who retired after 13 years as Treasurer, and *Mary Salway*, who served a similar period as Secretary and then Director... mem-



Comox Branch members attend Golden Jubilee Banner presentation to Courtenay Historical Society.



Some members of the Northumberland, NS Branch attending Volunteer Night for the Town of Pictou. Front row (l-r): Eleanor Heighten, Gladys Male, Ella Langille & Chairman Olive Pastor. Back row (l-r): Mary Turner, Joan MacPhail, Sharon Holmes.



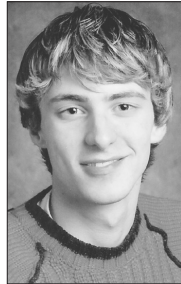
Young Adult Monarchists Pub Night December 15: Bob Finch, Coordinator, and a number of members of the fledgling Young Adult Monarchist Group (which mainly meets in Cyber-space) held a pre-Christmas social at a Toronto pub

bers also attended a presentation of a video recounting the Earl of Wessex's summer tour of Saskatchewan... another meeting brought an address by the Provincial Archivist, *Trevor Powell*... EDMONTON Branch reports its plan to celebrate 2005 Alberta (the commemoration of the centenary of the Province's joining Confederation which The Queen will be attending) is to create a mobile display about the Canadian Crown, suitable for libraries, schools and other locations... Past Chairman *Ian Brown* attended a ceremony where Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor unveiled a new Jubilee photographic portrait of Her Majesty The Queen... CALGARY members were delighted that Branch Chairman *Fr Bob Greene* replied to a *Sun* reporter's query by stating that he most certainly would not be attending a lecture being given locally in March on behalf of the IRA's political arm, Sinn Fein activist *Gerry Adams*... This Fall saw VICTORIA Branch members enjoy a very special Luncheon, with Guest Speaker *Robert Bateman*, world-renowned wildlife artist and environmental activist, who showed slides to illustrate his life's journey... Earlier, at a summer meeting, they heard from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the BC Legislature. *Col Tony Humphries* traced the Royal origins of his office... Branch Sales Convenor *Margaret Mace* and her volunteer team sold hundreds of dollars worth of Royal books at the 3-day Saanich Fair... At the Branch's Annual Meeting, Vice-Chairman *Bill Blore* agreed to lead the Branch during Chairman *Bruce Hallsor's* six-month leave of absence due to the pressure of professional commitments... COMOX Branch members expressed concern about the health of their Chairman, *Brian Scott*, hospitalized in Victoria... Nonetheless they joined *MLA Stan Hagen* in presenting two Golden Jubilee banners to the Courtenay & District Museum – the banners had hung in Victoria during Jubilee summer...



Head Table at Victoria Banquet included two MP's, Keith Martin & Gary Lunn; one Victoria and four Saanich City Councillors along with League Officers.

SASKATOON BRANCH FORMING Teen activist Nigel Molaro to head fledgling branch



Nigel Molaro to chair new Saskatoon Branch

April 17th sees the inauguration of the League's newest Branch, in Saskatoon. In the past the Regina-based Saskatchewan Branch has on several occasions organized functions for Saskatoon members. Henceforward, members in Saskatoon and area will have their own organization, operating independently of the Regina members under their dedicated and long-serving leader *Derek Nicholls*.

The Branch will be chaired by NIGEL MOLARO, a senior student at *Walter Murray CI*, a gifted musician, athlete, committed church worker and volunteer, a leader in his school and an exceptionally skilled negotiator and 'people person' – not to mention a Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation National Finalist. He brings commitment, considerable experience belying his years and the energy of youth to our organization which has hitherto on the Prairie not enjoyed the influx of teen and young adult members so invigorating to our work in Central Canada. Nigel has been a member of the League for several years, recruiting members; with his Father, he has generously arranged framing placement of Royal pictures in several public locations.

Nigel's emphasis will be not on meeting for meetings' sake, but on a slow and deliberate programme of outreach: of raising community and media consciousness about the work of the League, of educating fellow citizens about the role of the Crown, and of exploring the diversity of influence and interest which our constitutional monarchy reflects. He intends to build a team to carry on this work regardless of where his university plans may take him.



Using slides of his sketches, paintings and photos, Robert Bateman took Victoria members on a memorable journey through his life: teaching high school art (he himself never took a formal art lesson!); a round-the-world expedition by means of a vintage Land Rover in the 1950's; his successful – and not so successful – New York Gallery shows; even a memory of queuing to enter Saint James's Palace for a display of Wedding gifts to Charles & Diana, and there finding a tiny painting he had done, commissioned by the Governor General as Canada's official present! (from a report by Colleen Mills)