

LEAGUE NOTES...

JOHN HALL ARCHER, OC, SOM, PhD 1914-2004



John Archer served as President of the University of Regina from 1974 to 1976, and was the author of many books on Saskatchewan history. In 1981 he was admitted to the Order of Canada and in 1987, to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. Among his other appointments he served as Honorary Colonel of the 10th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. A long time member of The Monarchist League of Canada, Dr Archer addressed its Branch in Regina on more than one occasion, and contributed a memorable article entitled "Regina - A Royal City" to its former publication *Monarchy Canada*. A champion of his beloved Province, ardent bridge player and noted raconteur, he died on April 5th, full of years and honours.

PETER FITZGERALD MOORE, MC 1919-2004

One of the 16 original members 'inherited' from the International Monarchist League, London, when the Monarchist League of Canada was founded in 1970, Peter Fitzgerald-Moore died on June 5th. He served for several years as the first Chairman of Calgary Branch, hosting the initial meeting of members in his home when John Aimers visited in the fall of that year. A graduate of Cambridge, Peter served with the Royal Artillery, and won his MC while engaged as a Forward Observation Officer with the Eighth Indian Division in Italy. Post-war, he became Mayor of Bowness, and was employed with the Royal Dutch Shell group of companies, serving for a time as Chief Geologist of Shell Canada. On retirement, he taught at the University of Calgary - he was also a Senate member - where he designed and instructed a course on "Technology and Contemporary Society." I remember vividly his telling me of his Buddhist-Humanist sympathies at a time when such an outlook was rare indeed amongst a person of English background. One also saw stock bubbling in his kitchen - again, Peter was ahead of his time and the gender limitations of his day by a good decade or so! Although his interests fairly quickly

moved on beyond involvement with the often-rather curious image of the League in those early days, memories of Peter's kindness and generosity of spirit remain very much alive in heart and mind. JLA

ROBERT CLIFTON WESTBURY 1936-2004



Dr. Robert Westbury

I met Robert in the early 1980's while teaching two of his sons who were boarders at St John's-Ravenscourt School, Winnipeg. The Calgary Branch was in the doldrums due to a long-standing lack of leadership; and after only a modicum of arm-twisting, Robert agreed to take on the daunting task. It was made more difficult as the various fires of experimental thought spread through the independent-minded province, American in attitude, increasingly Reform in political orientation and generally blithely unheeding of much tradition or history beyond its Stampede, Klondike and pioneer icons. Thanks to Robert's persistence and energy, the League sprang back into life. Though his own tenure as Chairman was relatively brief, the Branch has thrived on the firm foundations he laid, the credibility he gave it. Robert was born in London and educated at Cambridge and Guy's Hospital, London. He came to Calgary with his wife and eldest son in 1962, and interned at the Holy Cross Hospital. He joined the Cambrian Clinic in 1963 and worked there as a family physician until his retirement in 1991. Robert was widely recognized for his interest in research and teaching. He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee medal in 1977 and was named Family Physician of the Year by the Alberta Chapter of the College of Family Physicians in 1986. He was granted a Doctor of Medicine degree by Cambridge University after writing a thesis in 1979 on the effect of medicare on his practice. After his retirement, Robert had more time for his hobbies of family history and bookbinding. He was an active member of the Alberta Family Histories Society until his illness, and was also a member of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild. Many will remember the influence of this devoted husband, father, friend and physician, and feel saddened by his passing at such a relatively young age. JLA

Laura Legge Receives Order of Ontario



Congratulations to the League's long-time member, and a distinguished former head of the Law Society of Upper Canada, Laura Legge, QC, who was invested on March 31 by the Lieutenant Governor as a Member of the Order of Ontario.

Stop Press

At press time, word was received of the death of Gerald Iles, the distinguished zoologist and long-time active worker in the League's Montreal Branch. An appreciation of Gerald's life will appear in the Fall issue of *Canadian Monarchist News*.

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LEAGUE DONATION TO LEGION AS D-DAY TRIBUTE

To acknowledge the bravery and service of our loyal soldiers, and especially to commemorate those Canadians who participated in the liberation of Europe beginning on D-Day 60 years ago this June, the League responded to the request of Royal Canadian Legion Wilson Branch 527, Toronto, and made a special donation to allow the Branch to replace its worn Royal Union Flag. This was done at the initiative of the Branch's Sergeant-

at-Arms, League member *Stuart McLaughlan*.

WEB SITE RE-DESIGN

Following consultations, the Dominion Webmaster, *Jay Payette*, is engaged in re-designing the League web site throughout the summer and fall of this year. Amongst the features to be incorporated are the ability of Branches to maintain their own sites through the Dominion site, the upgrading of the French site so it is equivalent to the English site in appearance, the revision of many documents and the simplification of the

menus guiding viewers through the site. Further suggestions would be welcomed by Jay, and may be directed to him at jpayette@hotmail.com

OTTAWA MEMBER'S LATEST NOVEL FEATURES CANADA'S FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL

Jennifer Baniczky is an enthusiastic Ottawa-area Monarchist, who writes historical fiction for young adults under her maiden name, Jennifer Cook. The plots of previous books focused on the Communist takeover in Laos in 1975 (*Flight across the Mekong*) and about three families – Christian, Baha'i and Muslim – in Iran in the 1950s, '60s and '70s (*An Iranian Mosaic*).



However, her new book (published by Borealis Press, familiar to League members as the publisher of *Governor Generals at Play*) was designed to be completed for the 160th Reunion of Lisgar Collegiate, a prominent Ottawa high school – and, so not surprisingly, it is about Governor General Lisgar! Jennifer mentions that our present Governor General also attended the Collegiate.

Jennifer told CMN: "It has taken me many years of travel and research to complete, and what had I had initially intended to be a biography became a novel as there was just not enough factual material. Although the main character and her brother are fictional characters, many are not because my great grandfather, who was related by marriage to John Young, came out to Ottawa on his staff with his young family. I have had great fun writing this book and I hope it will be a success as it describes life in Ottawa, the Red River Colony, Fenian Raids and, of course, the visit of Prince Arthur, later the Duke of Connaught and a Governor General of Canada."

It was thus appropriate that Jennifer presented a copy of her novel to HRH The Princess Royal during her visit to the League in June.

YOUNG ADULT MONARCHISTS MEET IN TORONTO CONFERENCE

Due to the influx of young members into the League over recent years, Teen Monarchist and Young Adult Monarchist groups have been formed. University and College Monarchists may opt to affiliate themselves with one or both groups. Principally these communities exist in cyber-space: members meet via email, Instant Messaging and the League's Bulletin Boards to share opinions. Occasionally, they meet to assist with ushering at special Dominion events.

June 19th brought a new approach to the Young Adult group, as co-Chair-



Young Adult Monarchists' Conference ended in a local pub: Ted Williams receives a lei from the waitress!

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CYNTHIA HILL SERVES ONTARIO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

First Female League Summer Intern ~ From Meeting Princesses To Lugging Boxes

[Ed: Cynthia Hill, who will be entering university this Fall, is the League's 8th Summer Intern in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at Queen's Park, Toronto. The Book Programme to which she alludes was reported on in the most recent issue of CMN: it is the phenomenally successful outreach initiative, the reach of which is still evolving, whereby Mr Bartleman encouraged Ontarians to give over 1 million books to fill the shelves of First Nations' school libraries and community centres. Cynthia responded to CMN's request for a brief assessment of her first three weeks with the following comments.]



Cynthia Hill, League Summer Intern to Ontario's Lieutenant Governor

My first weeks have been busy and unpredictable. I've been assigned to Anthony Hylton, who has been exceptionally busy as a result of his role as manager of the book programme. My job is to help him out with whatever he needs to have done. On my first day, His Honour held a Reception in the Suite for a member of the Japanese Imperial Family, Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado. HH said "good luck" to me in response to HH's introducing me as the summer intern on my first day. She was impeccably dressed in a white tailored suit, with white gloves and a matching white hat. After this elegant event, and my previous experience meeting The Princess Royal, there came a dramatic change: I spent a couple of days at CFB Downsview, labelling, moving and wrapping skids of books. I then helped oversee the shipment of books from the base to the respective destination communities. It entailed quite a bit of physical labour. On our final day at Downsview, Anthony rented a truck and we ended up having to transport some 50 boxes full of paper to Queen's Park, and then lift them from the West Entrance to the Suite. That day was rather long, beginning at Downsview at 7:30 and ending at 9:00 that night. I joked after carrying all those boxes that I now understood why all the interns had been males. I've been since calling all the First Nation communities to secure accurate contact numbers and ensure that the book shipments have in fact arrived. If the books have in fact arrived, I've been then asking for written confirmation from these communities for our records. Even my brief communications with these communities has given me insight into the issues that First Nations face. It certainly made me reflect upon my own privileged community.

My official summer project, I think, will involve organizing Phase 2 of the book programme which is set to take flight in the fall. That will emphasize twinning communities, details to be forthcoming. Otherwise, I log the invitations received daily for either or both of Their Honours. And this week I began to write briefing notes for HH about organizations requesting his Patronage. Everyone in the office is really friendly. Banter, singing and storytelling are really entertaining and lighten the hard work all His Honour's staff perform. I feel lucky to be a small part of the team for these 10 weeks.

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man *Bob Finch* of Hamilton convened a meeting in Toronto attended by more than a dozen members from 20-30 years of age. They were joined by Teen Monarchist co-Coordinator *Ted Williams*. The Saturday Conference took place in the Wings Room of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, by kind arrangement of *Major General Reg Lewis*.

Amongst the issues discussed were the suitability of existing League pamphlets; ways in which the League Web Site could be even more useful as an information and publicity/recruitment tool; the functioning of the League Bulletin Board; the role of and possible activities for the YAM group. Dominion Chairman *John Aimers* joined the meeting late in the afternoon. He heard directly of some of the conclusions drawn by the Conference, and shared frankly some of his concerns about the League's organization. Afterwards, he hosted an informal get-together at a nearby pub.

All present agreed that day had been worthwhile, that follow-up meetings should take place from time to time, and that a variety of social activities be considered for the group.

YOUNG CANADIAN MONARCHIST AT PALACE GARDEN PARTY

During this summer which she is spending abroad, Erin Rowe of Georgetown, Ontario, attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. She reports to *CMN*: "The Queen's Garden Party was a great success! After hours of shopping I finally found the perfect outfit... within budget... There were hundreds of people and they all looked smashing. The food was really good. Tea sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream, and a great iced coffee. I saw the Queen but didn't get to speak with

her. The scenery was magnificent with Buckingham Palace in the background, a large pond, grandiose trees, and of course the massive tea canopies. The only things that were unpleasant were my high-heel shoes... Moving back a bit... Canada Day in London was amazing. The High Commission had an event with free Canadian beer and wine from the Niagra Region. We then headed over to the Canadian Bar in Covent Garden – The Maple Leaf. There were hundreds of Canadians packed in the streets and the bar played Canadian music. It was unbelievable."

BEAVER ENDOWMENT FUND TO BE LAUNCHED

A generous member, who wishes to remain anonymous, is making a significant gift to the League in order to launch the Beaver Endowment Fund. Taking its name from the League's Badge (as appears on the masthead of *CMN*) it is the kind individual's hope that over the years the Fund will grow through additional contributions in order to provide an additional source of income for the League's operations. The member realizes that additional gifts must come as additions to, rather than substitutions for, the gifts annually made by members to the League's operating funds, so that the League is never put in the position of being asset-rich but cash poor in carrying out its mission. As well, the member asked that the capital of the Fund be segregated, but that the League not be precluded from using the principal in emergency – for example, if a government-led republican movement were to be initiated. This wonderful example must be seen as a great vote of confidence in the work and programmes of the Monarchist League of Canada. Thank you, benefactor!



Major Keene – Monarchist invested in Bosnia

Credit: Canadian Forces

MEMBER RECEIVES GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL DURING 4th TOUR OF DUTY IN BOSNIA

Major Tony Keene of Oro Station, Ontario, received the Golden Jubilee Medal on 15 May from Brigadier-General Stuart Beare, Commander Multinational Brigade Northwest during a ceremony at Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Major Keene is a Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian Forces Reserve, and this year is the 40th anniversary of his joining the Militia in 1964 at the age of 17. In civilian life he is a journalist and free-lance magazine writer. He is serving his fourth tour of duty in the Balkan country. Major Keene writes the Editor: "I thanked the Commander with 'Vive la reine du Canada,' and told him it was an honour I share with my mother-in-law, Viola Tuck of Crown Hill, who received the medal last year for her lifetime of work for her church and community."