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MARY SIMON SWORN GOVERNOR GENERAL

A new beginning at Rideau Hall



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GOVERNOR GENERAL SIMON ASSUMES OFFICE: SOME IMPRESSIONS

Clearly no “bossy old lady.”



In a July 26 ceremony which ran like clockwork, and was attended by only 44 people, due to pandemic restrictions, Mary Simon became Canada's 30th Governor General. The lack of the customary crowded Senate Chamber in fact added gravitas to the occasion – instead of the good and great gabbling energetically prior to one of the great ceremonies of State, there was a sepulchral silence, reflective of the moment and the importance of the Office upon which Ms Simon was about to embark.

At times the musical elements of the occasion seemed to constitute almost a concert performance within such a ceremony; but the performers were all highly talented. Highlights for many were the haunting Armaq, an Inuit song celebrating the strength of women; and a soulful rendition by Lourin Zucchini of a moving melody sung in French. Perhaps the choice of the

CF Band to play the Victory March from Aida during what was billed in “Interlude” while the 21-gun Salute was rendered might have been reconsidered, both in terms of the inauspicious plot of Verdi's opera and the availability of many stirring Canadian melodies.

The reference to the event's taking place on the historic territory of the Algonquin people was repeated by the excellent Master of Ceremonies, as well as the Prime Minister and Governor General. A day when the emphasis was appropriately on reconciliation.

Long-time observers of these types of events might properly lament the lack of corporate singing rather than a soloist, though this might be excused this time in a masked environment. Still no place was found on this of all occasions for the singing of the Royal Anthem which we continue to find inexcusable. And to descend to quibbles – it

is evident that few folk who should know in fact do know how to stand to attention during an Anthem, and how to perform a neck bow. One supposes that of all the challenges facing Governor General and nation, the latter will not figure first!

Our Governor General is evidently a thoughtful person – and how bravely she uttered a good many words in French. Not a natural “public speaker” in the popular sense of the phrase, the gravitas of the day alluded to earlier was served well in Her Excellency's solemn delivery, one of authority and determination rather than oratory and bombast. Thus a good thing.

We leave you to read Mme Simon's text. It was solid and evidently sincere, the substantive elements focused on three points to be her agenda – environment, recovery, reconciliation. How she finds a way for the vice-regal office to make these watchwords without straying into the partisan political area will be a challenge in which her long experience as a diplomat and negotiator will be of enormous use.

Policy apart, standing out were a gracious reference to The Queen's “abiding love for Canada,” the ability to ad lib in stumbling over a multi-syllabic French verb – “I have a little trouble with this, but I am learning”; her thanks to unsolicited correspondents who had even offered to help her learn French; and the GG's revealing that her Inuit name actually means “bossy old lady.”

Your Ex, you don't come across that way at all: serious, determined, thoughtful, modest, yes – and good on you for that subtle reference of bossiness during which you turned to address the Prime Minister. All in fun, to be sure. But every politician needs reminding that you represent the Head of the Nation, even one as respectful of the Crown as M. Trudeau!

Madam, we wish you well, and have every confidence that you will represent The Queen with distinction, restore trust and high standards to Rideau Hall which now becomes your family home and earn the affection of Canadians, so many of whom see their aspirations for a better country incarnated in you and your office.



Installation Speech of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, 30th Governor General of Canada



With great respect, I would like to acknowledge that today we are standing on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe people, who have lived and cared for this part of the world for thousands of years.

To Prime Minister Trudeau, thank you for your faith in me and for your commitment to reconciliation. I am honoured, humbled and ready to be Canada's first Indigenous governor general.

Where we gather today is of enormous significance to me. 39 years ago, when this was the Government Conference Centre, I worked with other Indigenous leaders and First Ministers to have our rights affirmed in the Constitution of Canada. That moment made this one possible.

I also want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to Her Majesty The Queen for placing her trust and confidence in me. I know she has an abiding love for this magnificent country.

And to my family: thank you to my husband, Whit, to my children, Richard, Louis, and Carole, to my step-children, Rhonda, Diane and Whitney, to my siblings, and, of course, to my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All of you have given me strength, purpose, love and inspiration over the course of my life.

To the Canadian Armed Forces, I am honoured to be taking on the role as Commander-in-chief of Canada. Thank you for embodying the meaning of sacrifice, valour and service on behalf of all Canadians. Your conviction and courage is of the highest order and represents the very best of all of us. I'm looking forward to meeting those serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Canadian Rangers and other Reserve units in the days ahead.

Since the announcement of my appointment, I have been deeply touched by the responses from Canadians who have reached out to me.

- I have heard from Canadians who describe a renewed sense of possibility for our country and hope that I can bring people together.
- I have heard from Canadians who have challenged me to bring a new and renewed purpose to the office of the governor general to help Canadians deal with the issues they are facing.
- I have heard from Canadians who have expressed their support in my commitment to learn French, and have even offered to assist me in my training!
- And I have heard from Canadians who see Rideau Hall as the people's hall – reflecting the values, aspirations and diversity of our great Canadian family.

I am truly grateful for these words of support and guidance.

As governor general, I am fully committed to setting and maintaining the highest possible standard of work and ethics in all aspects of my duties.

Today is an important and historic day for Canada. But my story, to these chambers,

began very far from here.

I was born Mary Jeannie May in Arctic Quebec, now known as Nunavik. My Inuk name is Ningiukudluk.

I spent my adolescence in Nunavik, living a traditional lifestyle with my parents. My mom, Nancy, was Inuk. My father, Bob, who was from the south, managed our local Hudson's Bay company post.

Many months out of the year we lived on the land – travelling by dog team or boat ... hunting, fishing and gathering food.

Over the years I have exchanged stories with Canadians about favourite childhood memories. This is mine: lying in our family's tent along the George River, on a bed of spruce boughs and caribou skins, listening to the early morning sound of birds, and the crunch of snow under the feet of our dog team.

What I valued most about my upbringing was my parents teaching my siblings and I how to live in two worlds – the Inuit world and the non-Inuit southern world.

This foundation of core values has both served and shaped me throughout my life, and I believe helped me get to an important turning point as a young girl, when I stopped being afraid.

It took time before I gained the self-confidence to assert myself and my beliefs in the non-Indigenous world. But when I came to understand that my voice had power and that others were looking to me to be their voice, I was able to let go of my fear.

My first language – Inuktitut – is the language that defines Inuit as a people, and is the foundation of our very survival.

My second language – English – became a gateway to the world beyond.

And now, I am committed to adding Canada's other official language, French.

At this point in our shared history it is clear that many languages are part of the fabric of our nation, as are the stories of those who have come to Canada in search of a new life.

Later, in my early 20s living in Montreal, I worked for the CBC, and found myself sight translating the news and explaining to Inuit listeners across the Arctic the news stories from around the world.

But there has always been another guiding force in my life – the importance of promoting healing and wellness through all forms of education, from creating public policy, to legislative reform, to improving school curricula, to advocating for human rights.

I have had the privilege in my career of travelling extensively to all provinces and territories. What I remember most is not the meetings or conferences, but the mix of cultures and heritage that make Canada a beacon to the world.

I will never forget the selfless work of Canadians in every corner of this country. Every day, inside small community halls, school gyms, Royal Canadian Legions, places of worship, and in thousands of community



service organizations, there are ordinary Canadians doing extraordinary things.

As governor general I will never lose sight of this – that our selflessness is one of our great strengths as a nation.

I pledge to be there for all Canadians.

Canada is an Arctic nation. Our Arctic is one of the most unique places on the planet – from spring geese to winter darkness, to some of the largest wildlife migrations anywhere on earth. Our North is also a well-lived and lived-in homeland for Inuit, First Nations and Métis people.

The Arctic matters a lot to Canada and to the world. Canada has championed the creation of the Arctic Council and the Central Arctic Ocean Fishing Agreement. We have settled modern treaties with Inuit. We have passed the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act to assure sovereignty over the Northwest Passage, and developed a circumpolar dimension to its foreign policy, which recognized that human security must include environmental security.

For many years, Canada has experienced a disproportionate level of impact from climate change because the Arctic is warming faster than almost anywhere else on the planet. The Arctic represents nearly 40 per cent of our landmass, and may be free of summer sea ice in the coming decades.

The twin global crises of nature destruction and climate change are undoubtedly the challenge of our time. For evidence, we need only look at the Arctic, and what has happened this past month across the country: the devastating impacts of forest fires, prolonged droughts, record heat waves.

I believe that in order to have a healthy future, we must reset our thinking to understand that nature contains and creates our climate. Our climate allows society to be possible, and within our society is our economy.

As governor general, I will promote and recognize leading examples of community and Indigenous-driven conservation and of



climate action that are making a real difference and can inspire other Canadians to do the same. I hope to promote these examples of Canadian leadership nationally and around the world.

I have always viewed Canada as a metaphor for family.

As members of our large and diverse Canadian family, we have to replace the hurt with hope and find the grace and humility to stand together and move towards a more just and equitable future.

Addressing mental health and wellness within our families, our schools, our work places and our front-line services is hard and necessary work, but think of the possibilities for stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities.

I would like to acknowledge all Canadians who have sacrificed their own safety by providing essential services during the pandemic so that the rest of us could stay safe. You stepped up when the rest of us were told to stay home. Thank you.

As governor general I am committed to using this moment in our country's history to build on the work of de-stigmatizing mental health so it is viewed through the same lens as physical ailments, and receives the same attention, compassion and understanding.

Since the publication of the Truth and Reconciliation report 6 years ago, we have

learned as a country that we need to learn the real history of Canada. Embracing this truth makes us stronger as a nation, unites Canadian society and teaches our kids that we must always do our best, especially when it's hard.

The discoveries of unmarked graves on the grounds of residential schools in recent weeks has horrified me, along with all Canadians.

A lot of people think that reconciliation will be completed through projects and services. All Canadians deserve access to services.

My view is that reconciliation is a way of life and requires work every day.

Reconciliation is getting to know one another.

As stated in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report: "Reconciliation must support Aboriginal peoples as they heal from the destructive legacies of colonization that have wreaked such havoc in their lives."

We are reminded daily that even though diversity is a core Canadian value, our country must do more to respect all languages, cultures, ethnicities, religions and ways of living.

As governor general, I will embody our nation's commitment to diversity and acceptance. I've always believed the Right Honourable Kim Campbell held the country up to the correct standard when she said, "Canada is the homeland of equality, justice and

tolerance." Recognizing that one fifth of all Canadians were born somewhere else, it is more important than ever to make sure we live up to this commitment.

To meet this moment as governor general, I will strive to hold together the tension of the past with the promise of the future, in a wise and thoughtful way.

Our society must recognize together our moments of regret, alongside those that give us pride, because it creates space for healing, acceptance and the rebuilding of trust. I will strive to build bridges across the diverse backgrounds and cultures that reflect our great country's uniqueness and promise.

I pledge to meet Canadians in all provinces and territories to learn first-hand what people are facing, and what could be done to make their lives better.

On the strength of those governors general who served before me, I commit to Canadians that I will move forward with humility and purpose to meet this moment in our shared history.

Whit and I, and our dog, Neva, are excited and honoured that Rideau Hall will be our family home. We also plan to spend time living and working at the Citadelle in the City of Québec.

I am truly honoured by this call to service and I will do my best each and every day to be worthy of it.

Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch. Nakurmiik.

Extraits du discours d'installation de Son Excellence la très honorable Mary Simon, 30^e gouverneure générale du Canada

Avec beaucoup de respect, je tiens à reconnaître que nous nous trouvons aujourd'hui sur le territoire non cédé du peuple algonquin anichinabés, qui vit dans cette partie du monde et en prend soin depuis des milliers d'années....

Ce lieu où nous réunissons aujourd'hui revêt pour moi une énorme importance. Il y a 39 ans, lorsque ce lieu était le Centre de conférences du gouvernement, j'ai collaboré avec d'autres dirigeants autochtones et des premiers ministres pour que nos droits

soient confirmés dans la Constitution canadienne. Ce moment a rendu possible le moment présent.

Je tiens également à exprimer du fond du cœur ma gratitude à Sa Majesté la Reine pour avoir mis sa foi et sa confiance en moi. Je sais qu'elle voue un amour indéfectible à ce magnifique pays....

Aux Forces armées canadiennes, je suis honorée d'accepter le rôle de commandante en chef du Canada. Je vous remercie d'incarner le sens du sacrifice, de la bravoure et du

service au nom de tous les Canadiens. Votre conviction et votre courage sont des plus remarquables et représentent le meilleur de nous tous. Je suis impatiente de rencontrer dans les prochains jours les membres de l'Armée de terre, de la Marine, de la Force aérienne et les Rangers canadiens et d'autres unités de réserve.

Depuis l'annonce de ma nomination, j'ai été profondément touché par les réactions des Canadiens qui se sont adressés à moi....

J'ai entendu des Canadiens qui ont ex-

primé leur appui à ma promesse d'apprendre le français et qui m'ont même offert de m'accompagner dans ma formation! ...

En qualité de gouverneure générale, je suis déterminée à établir et à maintenir les normes de travail et d'éthique les plus élevées qui soient dans toutes les facettes de mes fonctions....

À ma naissance je m'appelais Mary Jeannie May dans le Nouveau-Québec, dorénavant connu sous le nom de Nunavik. Mon nom inuit est Ningiukudluk.

J'ai vécu mon adolescence au Nunavik, selon un mode de vie traditionnel avec mes parents. Ma mère, Nancy, était inuite. Mon père, Bob, originaire du Sud, était gérant du comptoir local de la Compagnie de la Baie d'Hudson.

Pendant plusieurs mois dans l'année, nous vivions sur le territoire – en déplacement en traîneaux à chiens ou dans une embarcation ... à la chasse, à la pêche et à la cueillette de nourriture.

Au fil des ans, j'ai échangé des anecdotes avec des Canadiens sur leurs plus beaux souvenirs d'enfance. Voici le mien : couchée dans la tente de notre famille aux abords de la rivière George, sur un lit de branches d'épinette et de peaux de caribou, j'écoutais au petit jour le chant des oiseaux et la neige craquer sous les pattes des chiens de notre attelage.

Ce que j'ai apprécié le plus de l'éducation que reçue, c'était que mes parents nous enseignaient à mes frères et sœurs et à moi comment vivre dans deux mondes : le monde inuit et le monde non inuit du Sud.

Ce socle de valeurs fondamentales m'a servie et façonnée tout au long de ma vie, et je crois qu'il m'a aidé à franchir un tournant important comme fillette, soit le moment où j'ai cessé d'avoir peur....

Ma langue maternelle, l'inuktitut, est la langue qui définit les Inuits comme peuple et c'est le fondement même de notre survie.

Ma langue seconde, l'anglais, m'a ouvert les portes du reste du monde.

Je m'engage à apprendre l'autre langue officielle du Canada, le français....

Au cours de ma carrière, j'ai eu le privilège de beaucoup voyager dans toutes les provinces et tous les territoires du Canada. Ce dont je me souviens le plus, ce ne sont pas les réunions ou les conférences, mais bien le mélange de cultures et de patrimoines qui font du Canada un phare de la planète.

Je n'oublierai jamais le travail altruiste des Canadiens dans tous les coins du pays. Chaque jour, dans les petites salles communautaires, les gymnases des écoles, les Légions royales canadiennes et les lieux de culte, ainsi que dans des milliers d'organismes de services communautaires, des Canadiens ordinaires accomplissent des choses extraordinaires.

En tant que gouverneure générale, je ne perdrai jamais de vue que notre altruisme est l'une de nos grandes forces en tant que pays...

Le Canada est un pays de l'Arctique. Notre Arctique est l'un des endroits les plus uniques de la planète – des oies du printemps aux ténèbres de l'hiver, en passant par certaines des plus grandes migrations d'animaux sauvages

de la planète. Notre Nord est aussi une patrie bien vivante et bien habitée pour les Inuits, les Premières Nations et les Métis.

L'Arctique compte beaucoup pour le Canada et pour le monde entier. Le Canada s'est fait le champion de la création du Conseil de l'Arctique et de l'Accord de pêche dans l'océan Arctique central. Nous avons conclu des traités modernes avec les Inuits. Nous avons adopté la Loi sur la prévention de la pollution des eaux arctiques pour assurer la souveraineté sur le passage du Nord-Ouest, et développé une dimension circumpolaire à notre politique étrangère, qui reconnaît que la sécurité humaine doit inclure la sécurité environnementale....

La double crise mondiale de la destruction de la nature et du changement climatique est sans aucun doute le défi de notre époque. Pour s'en convaincre, il suffit de regarder l'Arctique et ce qui s'est passé le mois dernier dans tout le pays : les effets dévastateurs des feux de forêt, des sécheresses prolongées, des vagues de chaleur record.

J'estime que pour avoir un avenir sain, nous devons revoir notre façon de penser et comprendre que la nature contient et crée notre climat. Notre climat permet à la société d'être possible, et l'économie est une composante de notre société

En ma qualité de gouverneure générale, je vais promouvoir et reconnaître les exemples de conservation et d'action climatique menés par les communautés et les Autochtones qui font vraiment une différence et peuvent inspirer d'autres Canadiens à faire de même. J'espère promouvoir ces exemples de leadership canadien à l'échelle nationale et internationale.

J'ai toujours considéré le Canada comme une métaphore de la famille.

En tant que membres de notre grande et diverse famille canadienne, nous devons remplacer la souffrance par l'espoir et trouver la grâce et l'humilité voulues pour rester unis et avancer vers un avenir plus juste et équitable.

Aborder les enjeux de la santé mentale et du bien-être dans nos familles, de nos écoles, de nos lieux de travail et de nos services de première ligne est un travail ardu et nécessaire, mais pensez aux possibilités de créer des communautés plus fortes, plus saines et plus prospères.

J'aimerais rendre hommage à tous les Canadiens qui ont sacrifié leur propre sécurité en fournissant des services essentiels pendant la pandémie afin que le reste d'entre nous puisse rester en sécurité. Vous êtes intervenus quand on nous a dit de rester à la maison. Je vous dis un grand merci....

Depuis la parution il y a six ans du rapport de la Commission de vérité et réconciliation, nous avons su en tant que pays que nous devons apprendre la véritable histoire du Canada. L'acceptation de cette vérité nous rend plus forts en tant que pays, unit la société canadienne et enseigne à nos enfants que nous devons toujours faire de notre mieux, surtout dans les situations difficiles.

La découverte de tombes non identifiées sur les terrains des pensionnats indiens ces dernières semaines m'a horrifié, à l'instar de



tous les Canadiens.

Bien des gens pensent que la réconciliation se fera par le biais de projets et de services. Tous les Canadiens ont le droit d'avoir accès aux services.

Je suis d'avis que la réconciliation est un mode de vie et nécessite un travail quotidien. La réconciliation, c'est apprendre à se connaître.

Comme l'indique le rapport de la Commission de vérité et réconciliation : « La réconciliation doit appuyer les Autochtones pendant qu'ils guérissent de l'héritage destructeur de la colonisation qui a fait tant de ravages dans leurs vies. »

Chaque jour on nous rappelle que même si la diversité est une valeur canadienne fondamentale, notre pays doit faire davantage pour respecter l'ensemble des langues, cultures, ethnies, religions et modes de vie.

En tant que gouverneure générale, j'incarnerai l'engagement de notre pays envers la diversité et l'acceptation. J'ai toujours cru que la très honorable Kim Campbell avait placé le pays sur la bonne voie lorsqu'elle a affirmé : « Le Canada est la patrie de l'égalité, de la justice et de la tolérance. » ...

Dans cette situation en tant que gouverneure générale, je m'efforcerai de concilier les tensions du passé et les promesses de l'avenir, de manière sage et réfléchie....

Je m'engage à rencontrer les Canadiens dans l'ensemble des provinces et territoires pour apprendre de première main ce à quoi les gens font face et ce qui pourrait être fait pour améliorer leur vie.

En m'appuyant sur la force des gouverneurs généraux qui m'ont précédé, je m'engage envers les Canadiens à aller de l'avant avec humilité et détermination afin de vivre ce moment de notre histoire commune.

Whit et moi, ainsi que notre chienne, Neva, sommes ravis et honorés que Rideau Hall devienne notre maison familiale. Nous avons également l'intention de vivre et de travailler à la Citadelle de Québec.

Je suis honorée d'être gouverneure générale. Je ferai de mon mieux, tous les jours, pour être à la hauteur.

Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch. Nakurmiik.

Reflections on the appointment of Mary Simon as Governor General

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Upon learning of the appointment of Mary Simon as Canada's 30th Governor General, my first impression was one of "it's about time" which was quickly followed by a sense of pride that Aboriginal people are achieving respect and honour after centuries of neglect, abuse and dishonesty. Coupled with that was a profound relief that the Inuit of Canada's Far North are finally receiving the platform they've lacked and so richly deserved for decades.

As a Canada's premier and most honoured person of state, our Queen has given both her overt (as well as tacit) nod of approval to represent the service and duty which are hallmarks of the Canadian Monarchy.

The Inuit, Metis and First Nations of Canada have a very special relationship with the Crown which differs from that of non-Aboriginals. By declaration and decree, the Indigenous people of Canada are considered Allies of the Crown rather than Subjects of the Crown. It is this seemingly minor difference that represents centuries of Nation-to-State alliances, fellowships and vows of Allegiance, most often detailed via the power of Treaties.

Canada's future lies north; in many aspects, it has always been a northern focus that drives the agendas of the southern society and communities. However, for centuries, the Far North has been neglected unless something was needed, belittled unless their importance was wanted for national defense purposes and seen as insignificant and unimportant unless something like global warming threatens Canadian sovereignty in the newly opened shipping routes in and around the Northwest Passage.

Mary Simon's C.V. tells a tale of senior appointments in broadcasting, academia, business, governmental affairs and a variety of Inuit organizations such as the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and the creation of the Arctic Council. As President of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, she was in charge of the body representing Inuit interests and serving as a sounding board so that the voices of the Inuit are heard. As a diplomat, she served as the Canadian Ambassador to Denmark which will prove useful in her appointment as Governor General.

I'd heard of Mary Simon in passing, along with other notable Inuit leaders such as the up-and-coming current President of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Natan Obed and Nunavut's first Premier, Paul Okalik. While some Canadians might be inclined to see prejudicial preference towards the Aboriginal segment of Canada she serves, given Ms. Simon's

extensive background in diplomacy, negotiating and representation, it's difficult to imagine Canada's first Indigenous Federal Vice-Regal will ignore her mandate as Her Majesty's emissary and resort to favoritism.

It might be fair to say The Queen will pay particular attention to her newest Canadian Governor General after Ms. Simon's predecessor's unfortunate performance and the toxic culture she helped create in Rideau Hall.

In addition, the Prime Minister and the body which was charged with selecting a candidate for the vacant position will also be closely watching after the previous Governor General reflected badly on the PM's appointment that left many questioning both the National leader's skills and common sense in filling vacant positions at such a high and respected level.

In my opinion, the issue of the new G-G being non-conversant in French is a complete non-starter; she taught Inuktituk for four years at the university level at McGill University. As such, she already has the foundation of learning a new language and is eminently aware of the pitfalls, difficulties and challenges students face as they learn a language.

Fluent in an Indigenous language which uses syllabics instead of the letters most Canadians are familiar with, she also must be familiar (if not fluent) in the various dialects of Inuktituk which are spoken and written throughout the Arctic. Obviously completely articulate in English, Ms. Simon has the benefit of French which also has 26 letters in its alphabet making the transition easier than, say, learning the Mohawk language which has 12 letters of the Roman alphabet. Franco-phone Canadians need only be fair and understanding as the new Governor General tackles her French studies the same as any other student of languages.

I feel some of Aboriginal Canada will naturally be expecting special consideration will be given to the issues they face. Ms. Simon, of all people, must be well aware of the numerous issues the Nunavummiut deal with on a daily basis: food and job insecurity, shortages of affordable quality housing, community drug and alcohol addiction, suicides of young people, boredom and alienation, difficulties and challenges of accessing medical facilities, and a pervasive attitude of some southern Canadians who demand "why don't they just move south to where the money and jobs are?"

As such, she already has firsthand knowledge of the exact same vexing problems of any number of

First Nations communities. A resident of polar reaches, she understands how tenuous surviving can be as well as the acute sense of hopelessness in the face of simply securing the basics of all lives: food, clothing and shelter.

She's seen the wistful eyes of young people as they view southern peers enjoying a standard of living they know they'll never attain. It's one thing to say, "study and work hard and you too can have all the perks and consumer goodies of your age group that you see on TV". It's quite another thing to be faced with the decision to stay close to the family that nurtures and loves you or break loose and move south to a very alien culture with few if any support systems to assist when needed. That's a choice almost every young Aboriginal faces at some time or another. Now there's a Governor General who has witnessed that dilemma.

Survival across Native Canada takes in many scenarios.

In light of the shattering headlines of late, Aboriginals might have every right to expect the Queen's representative to invest some exceptional time into responding to what could easily become a tinderbox issue. However, I don't see addressing this particular issue as 'favoritism' any more than I'd accuse a G-G of Japanese ancestry as playing 'favorites' by responding to the historic and draconian measures taken against Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War.

This is a contemporary crisis brought upon the government of Canada that calls for a non-partisan act or address. Nothing more and certainly, nothing less. To hold a special Day of Remembrance nationwide might merit some consideration but to have a special apology in the House of Commons seems to ring hollow this time.

The tragedy of hundreds of children being discovered in unmarked graves calls for words of healing, perhaps some sort of initiative that adds a footnote of reality in the history books of Canada. Something of this gravity calls for the special State to Nation and Nation to State association which has guided, supported and affirmed the unique relationship between the Crown and the Inuit, Metis and First Nations for centuries.

Perhaps the timing of this appointment is providential in itself.

I feel nothing but grateful appreciation for the incoming Governor General and look forward to her serving, defending and supporting the people of Canada and our Canadian Monarch.



Governor General Simon: An Appraisal

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Throughout Canadian history, Aboriginal leaders have been among the staunchest supporters of the Monarchy, arguing that the direct treaty relationship between First Nations and the Crown has given them a superior legal status to that which first nations enjoyed in republican countries on this continent. In recent years, courts have consistently affirmed the principle of the honour of the Crown, and the fiduciary duty that the Crown owes to first nations. Indeed, from a legal perspective, the existence of the Monarchy has aligned very closely with the interests of first national leaders in the last thirty years.

It is somewhat ironic therefore, and perhaps a function of a failure of certain activists to appreciate first nations constitutional history, that recent revelations about unsavory aspects of residential schools and other examples of poor historical treatment of first nations, have led some to argue that the Crown is a symbol of historic oppression of Aboriginal peoples.

From a legal perspective, this is nonsense. That legal fact has now, however, recently held sway for a vocal minority who seem bent on erasing from our country a wide swath of place names, traditions, and constitutional offices which originated in the so-called "Colonial" era. While the policies of various Canadian governments clearly failed to serve Aboriginal Canadians, the institutions of the Crown have done nothing but temper such failures, and affirm the strong legal position of first nations with respect to their resources, land treaties, and traditional rights, there is a minority of aboriginals and their vocal supporters who extend their call for "reconciliation" to the abolishment of the institutions that make up the Canadian Monarchy.

It was in light of this poorly thought out argument that Monarchists were happy to see that our new Governor General will be in a position to speak authoritatively on Aboriginal matters on behalf of Her Majesty. Indeed, a look at the life history of Mary Simon reveals that she is very well qualified to restore respect for the office of Governor General in Canada, and for the institution that she now represents. This is not just because Ms Simon has

served as a prominent Aboriginal leader in Canada, but also because her life and her career indicates that while she is rightly proud of her Aboriginal heritage, she gives even more priority to Canada as a whole, and to the Arctic region which she has sought to develop for the benefit of all residents, aboriginal and non-aboriginal alike.

Governor General Simon was born in Kangisualujuaq, in northern Quebec, in 1947, the second of 8 children in a large family. As her father was an Anglophone manager of the local Hudson Bay Company outpost, and her mother was indigenous, young Mary Simon grew up with access to both the traditional culture of the Inuk people, and the English culture of her father. Educated locally at a young age, for high school, she was sent to Colorado. Although Fountain, Colorado is by no means a big city, it would have represented a substantial urban adjustment from life in a village of less than 1,000 people on the Arctic Ocean, where she spent much of her time exposed to a traditional Inuk lifestyle. This experience would have undoubtedly left an impression on Ms. Simon, and helped her to better understand the non-aboriginal side of her heritage and culture.

In her early 20s, Ms. Simon returned to the north to work for the CBC. There, she met her future husband, Whit Fraser, a fellow CBC journalist who was then gaining national recognition for his coverage of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, and other stories about Arctic development. Although Mr. Fraser left the North to work as a national reporter in the 1980s, the two remained fast friends, and when the Mulroney Government appointed him head of the Canadian Arctic Commission in 1991, he left journalism and was free to marry a woman who had by then become a prominent national leader for Arctic peoples.

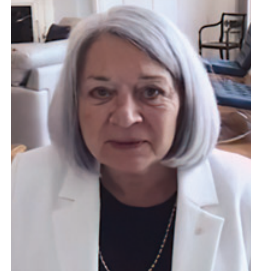
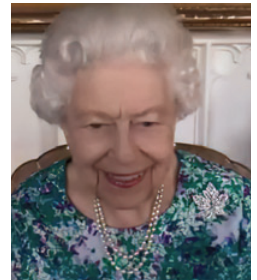
Mary Simon left journalism in the mid-1970s when she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Northern Quebec Inuit Association. Her obvious talent led her to take on greater and greater roles within the Inuit community, and soon she became one of the lead representatives of the Inuit people in both the 1992 and 1993 constitutional negotiations. While her principled advocacy for Innu people may have created difficulties for Prime Ministers Trudeau and Mulroney, they must have both recognised her talents, as the Mulroney government hired her as secretary for the Royal Commis-



sion on Aboriginal Peoples, and Prime Minister Chretien twice named her as an ambassador; first for circumpolar affairs, and subsequently to the Kingdom of Denmark.

As she had done in several previous capacities, Mary Simon made it clear during her career in federal government service that while she identified strongly with her Innu heritage, she was both Innu and Canadian, and she represented the interests of the country as a whole and all its people. As Canadian ambassador to Denmark, she attended a long list of diplomatic receptions and was said to have represented the interests of Canada very well. This Ambassadorship will likely be her most relevant on the job training for her new role as Governor General. The fact that she is familiar with diplomatic protocols and expectations will give her a head start on many aspects of her job as Her Majesty's representative in Canada.

Some have criticised Ms. Simon's appointment because of her lack of proficiency in French. As she pointed out in her announcement speech, this is something she is committed to working on, but she can hardly be faulted for the language upbringing she had in the 1940s and 50s. She is, in fact, the third of the last four Governors General to be from Quebec. And while it is true that we have not had a Governor General who was not fluent in French since Raymond Hnatshin (who was, like Mary Simon, nonetheless fluent in two other languages), most francophone Canadians appear to have accepted this appointment as one of an outstanding person who is certainly committed to being able to communicate effective-





**RT HON RICHARD WAGNER:
AN APPRECIATION**

In our peaceable realm whose court personalities, if not always their decisions, are far removed from the bitter controversies and politicking south of the border, we mean no disrespect to say that most Canadians outside the legal profession would not be able to name the Chief Justice, the Rt Hon Richard Wagner. However, as HE Richard Wagner, Administrator of Canada during the second longest vacancy of the Governor

Generalship in our history, he deserves our thanks. Following an unhappy departure from Rideau Hall, Mr Wagner's faultless exercise of his constitutional duties won him wide admiration.

His eloquent, modest farewell message is well worth reading: www.gg.ca/en/media/news/2021/message-canadians-administrator

- and one sentence deserves emphasis in our journal: ... I have gained a deeper understanding of and appreciation for our institutions and have seen the strength of our constitutional monarchy up close and at work. It has been a reassuring realization, and confirmation, for me. We are fortunate to have these institutional mechanisms in place.

As, we suspect with relief, the Chief Justice now once again may turn his complete attention to the issues which come before the Court, we say in respect of his emulating the tradition of selflessness set by The Queen and most vice-regals, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



ly in both official languages. Fair-minded Canadians recognise that not every appointee will tick every box, and that the remarkable career and ability of this appointee, and her generous attitude toward all cultures in Canada, will allow us to overlook her modest limitations in communicating directly with unilingual francophone Canadians.

Ms. Simon's distinguished career shows that she is more than qualified for the role of Governor General, but her two backgrounds, as an Aboriginal leader, and as a representative of all Canadians, make her appointment especially appropriate at this time in our history.

Aboriginal Canadians may rightly celebrate the fact that an occupant of our highest domestic office shares a lived understanding of their culture



and values. All Canadians should also rejoice that we have a Governor General who has always put her country ahead of herself, and has always sought, even in constitutional negotiations where she represented Aboriginals, to bring Canadians together to build a common future, rather than promote resentment of the past, and division in the present. Mary Simon will do well to honour

her Inuk and her English ancestors if she can play a role in reconciliation, and in building an understanding that the offices of the Crown, via the Governor Generalship, exist to support reconciliation, and have a great role to play in healing, rather than hindering, our coming together as Canadians in full reconciliation with each other and our common history.

Un peu d'indulgence, s'il vous plaît! A Little Understanding, please!

BY KARIM AL-DAHDAH,
QUÉBEC MEDIA SPOKESMAN, THE
MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA

On a beaucoup parlé ici au Québec de l'incapacité de la prochaine gouverneure générale Mary Simon à parler français. La réaction des médias francophones et du grand public a été, au mieux, contradictoire et, au pire, indignée par le rejet apparent d'une longue tradition de bilinguisme à Rideau Hall.

La plupart – y compris les organisations autochtones – se réjouissent du fait qu'une femme autochtone accède enfin au poste de représentante de la Reine au Canada. Son parcours impressionnant a été reconnu comme exemplaire et adapté au poste.

D'un autre côté, beaucoup déplorent (peut-être à juste titre) son incapacité à communiquer dans les deux langues officielles du pays. Un éditorial du Devoir affirme que "plus de sept millions de Canadiens parlent français et ont le droit d'exiger que leur chef d'État 'de facto' soit capable de communiquer avec eux". « Des décennies se sont écoulées entre ses études et sa nomination au poste de gouverneur général, alors qu'elle n'a pas jugé utile d'apprendre le français », écrit aussi Patrick Lagacé, de La Presse, l'un des chroniqueurs les plus populaires au Québec. « Suis-je censé applaudir qu'elle promette d'apprendre le français à l'âge de 73 ans? ».

Cette déclaration, bien que pleine de sens, ne tient pas compte de la situation sociale actuelle. Nous ne vivons pas une époque ordinaire (loin de là), car cette nomination in-

tervient au milieu d'une période d'incertitude sur la voie de la réconciliation, alors que les Canadiens autochtones et non-autochtones doivent faire face à la découverte déchirante de plusieurs sites funéraires à proximité d'anciens pensionnats. La sensibilisation est plus que jamais nécessaire. Si les peuples et les organisations autochtones eux-mêmes applaudissent la désignation de l'un d'entre eux à la plus haute fonction, ne pouvons-nous pas, en tant que Canadiens francophones, faire preuve d'un peu de compréhension et de tolérance? Le fait que Mme Simon ne maîtrise pas le français ne devrait pas gâcher un moment aussi important pour les peuples autochtones. Elle a pleinement reconnu le problème et a fait la promesse d'apprendre le français le plus rapidement possible. Donnons-lui une chance car il y a tant de bonnes choses à faire et d'espoir à mettre dans cette nomination historique.

Much has been said here in Quebec about next governor general Mary Simon's inability to speak French. The reaction from the Francophone media and the general public has been, at best, conflicted and at worst, outraged at the apparent dismissal of a long tradition of bilingualism at Rideau Hall.

Most – including Indigenous organizations – are celebrating the fact that an Indigenous woman is finally taking over the job of the Queen's representative in Canada. Her impressive background has been acknowledged as exemplary and fit for the job.

On the other side, many are

lamenting (maybe rightfully so) her inability to communicate in both the country's official languages. An editorial in *Le Devoir* states that "more than seven million Canadians speak French and have the right to demand that their 'de facto' head of State be able to communicate with them". "Decades have elapsed between her school days and her nomination as governor general, when she did not feel it was useful to learn French," also writes *La Presse's* Patrick Lagacé, one of the most popular columnists in the Quebec. "Am I supposed to applaud that she is promising to learn French at the age of 73?"

This statement, while it makes sense, does not take into context the current social situation. These are no ordinary times (far from that), as this appointment comes in the midst of a shaky road in the path towards reconciliation as both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians come to term with the gut-wrenching and triggering discoveries of several burial sites near former residential schools. Outreach is needed now more than ever. If Indigenous people and organizations themselves are applauding the designation of one of them to the highest office, aren't we as Francophone Canadians able to show a bit of understanding and tolerance? Mrs Simon's lack of French fluency should not ruin such an important moment for Indigenous people. She has fully acknowledged the issue and made the promise of learning French as quickly as possible. Let's give her a chance, as there is so much good to be done – and much hope put into this historic nomination.

Statement by the Dominion Chairman, Robert Finch

Republicanism will not help with reconciliation

In the aftermath of the horrific discoveries of the bodies of Indigenous children at former residential schools across the country, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians have rightly been asking themselves what more can be done to help achieve reconciliation.

Recently, a school in Creston, BC removed its royal connection and renamed the Prince Charles Secondary School. Statues of Queen Victoria have been toppled and vandalized with barely a whimper of disapproval. On Twitter, so-called allies of Indigenous peoples without a shred of sober second thought equate anyone who supports the Crown with condoning and enabling genocide. All, of course, in the name of reconciliation.

Unfortunately, there is a belief among some that erasing symbols of the monarchy and the Royal Family will somehow help bridge the divide between us. Some want to go as far as abolishing the monarchy altogether, replacing the Queen and the Crown with a President and republican system of government. They argue that republicanism is the way forward

towards reconciliation. However, they could not be more wrong in that assertion.

Just as in the broader population, Indigenous opinion on the monarchy is far from being universal. Some support it, some do not, and some don't care. However, reconciliation does not mean republicanism. Nowhere in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is there a call for ending the monarchy in Canada. In fact, a general theme found throughout its ninety-four calls to action is how the Indigenous-Crown relationship can be fostered and strengthened. The final call to action called upon the government to amend the Oath of Citizenship to include a reference to treaties all while keeping references to The Queen and her successors. Hardly a republican manifesto.

It is surely worth asking what exactly a republic would even achieve in the first place for Canada's First Nations, Inuit, and Metis. Would the lives of Indigenous peoples be improved? Would they be better off? Well, have the Indigenous populations prospered in our republican neighbours to the south, the

United States and Mexico? Surely not.

Today, there exists great public support for Indigenous people, concern for their causes, and regret for past wrongs. But tearing down other institutions that are important to many – including Indigenous people – is not the way to go tactically or strategically to achieve reconciliation. Ditto for any widespread charges of colonialism and the like applied to today's Royal Family who, quite frankly, have done more to champion Indigenous issues than many of our politicians, bureaucrats, academics, pundits, and so-called activists.

Blaming The Queen or other members of the Royal Family for the misdeeds and mistakes of the past is undeserved and ultimately unhelpful to the reconciliation cause and the country. We have an exciting opportunity to come together and rebuild the nation-to-nation relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples. Perhaps the Queen herself has a special role to play in this rebuilding. Let's seize the moment. Let's not squander it with ill-conceived actions that will only further divide us.

Déclaration de Robert Finch, Président, la Ligue Monarchiste du Canada

Le républicanisme ne contribuera pas à la réconciliation

À la suite des découvertes horribles de corps d'enfants autochtones dans d'anciens pensionnats à travers le pays, les Canadiens autochtones et non autochtones se demandent à juste titre ce qui peut être fait de plus pour contribuer à la réconciliation.

Récemment, une école de Creston, en Colombie-Britannique, a supprimé son lien royal et a été rebaptisée Prince Charles Secondary School. Des statues de la reine Victoria ont été renversées et vandalisées sans que l'on entende un seul murmure de désapprobation. Sur Twitter, des soi-disant alliés des peuples autochtones, sans l'ombre d'une réflexion, assimilent toute personne qui soutient la Couronne à une personne qui tolère et permet un génocide. Tout cela, bien sûr, au nom de la réconciliation.

Malheureusement, certains croient que l'effacement des symboles de la monarchie et de la famille royale contribuera d'une certaine manière à combler le fossé qui nous sépare. Certains veulent aller jusqu'à l'abolition pure et simple de la monarchie, en remplaçant la reine et la couronne par un président et un système de gouvernement républicain. Ils affirment que le républicanisme est la voie à suivre pour la réconciliation. Cependant, ils ne

pourraient pas se tromper davantage dans cette affirmation.

Tout comme dans la population en général, l'opinion des autochtones sur la monarchie est loin d'être universelle. Certains la soutiennent, d'autres non, et d'autres encore s'en moquent. Cependant, réconciliation ne signifie pas républicanisme. La Commission de vérité et de réconciliation n'appelle nulle part à la fin de la monarchie au Canada. En fait, un thème général que l'on retrouve dans les quatre-vingt-quatorze appels à l'action est la façon dont la relation entre les Autochtones et la Couronne peut être encouragée et renforcée. Le dernier appel à l'action demandait au gouvernement de modifier le serment de citoyenneté pour y inclure une référence aux traités tout en conservant les références à la Reine et à ses successeurs. Ce n'est pas vraiment un manifeste républicain.

Il est certainement utile de se demander ce qu'une république apporterait exactement aux Premières nations, aux Inuits et aux Métis du Canada. La vie des peuples indigènes serait-elle améliorée? Leur situation serait-elle meilleure? Eh bien, les populations autochtones ont-elles prospéré chez nos voisins républicains du sud, les États-Unis et le Mexique? Certainement pas.

Aujourd'hui, l'opinion publique soutient largement les peuples autochtones, se préoccupe de leurs causes et regrette les erreurs du passé. Mais démolir d'autres institutions qui sont importantes pour beaucoup – y compris pour les autochtones – n'est pas la voie tactique ou stratégique à suivre pour parvenir à la réconciliation. Il en va de même pour les accusations de colonialisme et autres accusations de ce type portées à l'encontre de la famille royale d'aujourd'hui qui, très franchement, a fait plus pour défendre les questions autochtones que nombre de nos politiciens, bureaucrates, universitaires, experts et soi-disant militants.

Blâmer la Reine ou d'autres membres de la famille royale pour les méfaits et les erreurs du passé est immérité et, en fin de compte, inutile pour la cause de la réconciliation et pour le pays. Nous avons une occasion passionnante de nous rassembler et de reconstruire la relation de nation à nation entre la Couronne et les peuples autochtones. La Reine elle-même a peut-être un rôle spécial à jouer dans cette reconstruction. Saisissons l'occasion. Ne le gâchons pas par des actions mal conçues qui ne feront que nous diviser davantage.



PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE



At the news of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh in his one hundredth year, the nation and the Commonwealth joined in sorrow, yet also with thanksgiving for his singularly useful life of restless and many-faceted service in support of the Throne. Flags flew at half-mast throughout Canada, memorial books opened and religious services held – and even those commenta-

tors by no means “monarchists” found in his life and example much to praise. Both major Canadian networks carried live the Funeral, at once austere and hauntingly beautiful, with more than a few tears shed at the sight of our Queen, bereft, sitting alone due to distancing regulations.

Of course our chief concern was and must remain for The Queen, as she comes to terms with the loss of Prince Philip, whom she famously described as “my strength and stay.”

As subject, his duty to his Sovereign was unqualified. As partner in the reign, his innovative mind and forthright spirit added lustre to the achievements of the era of the second Elizabeth. As husband, and father of the Royal Family, his was the unqualified “love that asks no question.”

His the activities which anchored the Crown in the realities of the present age, and shepherded it through triumphs and difficult times alike. His the constancy whose forthrightness allowed a life of innovation based on keen perception of societal needs, while respecting tradition and welcoming change.

When Philip wed Princess Elizabeth in 1947, he promised “to love and to cherish” her “until death do us part.” In the Coronation of 1953, he was the first to kneel before Her Majesty, anointed and crowned, to render his Homage and swear “faith

and truth I will bear unto you, to live and to die against all manner of folk.”

In keeping these oaths during the foundational early days of the reign of the young Queen, in the emergent steps towards the modern monarchy co-existing with an un-deferential media as of the 1960’s, in the popular celebration of its Jubilee milestones mingled with the pressures upon members of the family, and in the rich contentment of the knowledge of absolute love given, duty done and years well spent, Philip became quite simply “the indispensable man.”

In private life and inmost being, acutely sensitive to the needs of others and full of faith in God; in public station often flinty, candid and self-deprecating, Philip became part of the tapestry of our times woven throughout the reign. Thus in following the multiplicity of his good example, we might long remember him as “Mr Valiant-for-Truth.”

Philip’s long life and good example ran “with patience the race that is set before us” and in faith that he might receive “the crown of glory that fadeth not away.” That glory lies not in riches or honours and tributes, but in his love unstinting of his wife and family, the respect of the world and the memory of the good deeds Philip did, the burdens of which all may now feel challenged to take up a share.



KE OF EDINBURGH

League members remember Prince Philip

JOHN YOGIS, HALIFAX: I was given access to The Queen and Prince Philip at various times during their 1994 Halifax visit including the State Dinner. Even though I was in the royal presence for hours I never expected to actually speak to either HM or HRH. On their last day I think I was the only photographer permitted to take pictures at a private coffee gathering following a ceremony where HRH presented Duke of Edinburgh Awards. I snapped away as he spoke to various guests, and then he surprised me by coming over and saying, "I understand you are a law professor?" I replied, "Yes, sir." He then said, "what the hell are you doing taking pictures?" He moved on and I never had the chance to make a reply. I later realized he had been filled in by the then Chairman of the League branch. I guess that counts as part of a conversation. I must say, however, that I was pleased to get quite a few very good photos some of which I copyrighted.

JOHN FRASER, OF TORONTO (SOMETIME MASTER OF MASSEY COLLEGE): Prince Philip came to Massey College during The Queen's Golden Jubilee visit to Canada... The College was founded by the late Vincent Massey and its cornerstone was laid by Prince Phillip in 1962. When Philip returned in 2002... the most fun was when I took him on a tour of the quadrangle where hoping to meet him were over 300 of the College community. This included all the members of the Southam journalism fellowship.... When we approached the six journalists, I said to Himself: "Well, Sir, here are the journalism fellows." Prince Phillip looked at them suspiciously. He wasn't the greatest friend the media had then – or now. "And what the devil do they do?" he asked, narrowing his eyes. "Well Sir," I responded helpfully and enthusiastically, "they get a year off from work, they also get to study any subject the university offers and go on trips of discovery to Europe and other places." "A bit of a holiday then, is it chaps?" asked Prince Phillip as he kept walking past the journalists who all nodded enthusiastically; but he didn't linger to hear the answer... "....and a bit of a holiday for your



victims," he muttered under his breath. But I heard him.

THE FOUNDER RECALLS: I covered the Royal Homecoming of 1976 for the League's publication, *Monarchy Canada*. On the first afternoon, Gordon Winter, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland, held a reception at Government House for the media on tour... Each of us was presented to the Royal couple including the news outlet we were representing. We were asked to move briskly through it, as The Queen and the Duke would then chat informally as we assembled in small groups in the spacious gardens. The Queen smiled and shook my hand; but the Duke maintained his grip as I began to turn away, and shall we say propelled me back, turned to HM and said with great enjoyment, "Did you hear? He's in competition with us." The Queen gave him what one might call her 'O, Philip' look, a faint half-smile. I was then released from the tent to the cool of the gardens, only to be kidded in my "group" by Charlie Lynch, the Southam correspondent and a great monarchist. Some years later, in the course of the Golden Jubilee homecoming to Canada, I took my Mother to a Garden Party at Rideau Hall to realize her life-long ambition to meet The Queen – we were presented when a League member's diorama was given her. I had been at several events during the tour, so was not surprised when the Duke, following HM,

greeted me by saying, "Ah, you again!" But my Mother was absolutely thrilled!

JUDY HAGEN, OF COURTENAY, BC: In the 1980's, my husband, Hon Stan Hagen was Minister of Science and Technology so he squired the Duke around all day to show off technology at BCIT and UBC. There was a large official dinner that night. As the Duke walked slowly behind Her Majesty and the Premier, down a row of tables leading to the Head Table. the Duke spotted Stan, stepped back and whispered to him... "so you have to come to this sort of thing too!"

RODDY MACKENZIE, OF VANCOUVER: In 1993, I had lunch with Prince Philip at the Seaforth Armoury in Vancouver... When HRH arrived, I was the midpoint of the receiving line, ten of us formed to meet him. The atmosphere was stiff and formal. When I was introduced we shook hands. Then he asked what I do when I'm not being a Seaforth. I replied: "I'm a lawyer sir". As the Prince was about to move on, I added: "and my wife (with whom he had just shaken hands) is a Judge." Prince Philip stopped so abruptly the senior Seaforth escorting him almost bumped into him... "A lawyer married to a Judge?" He paused, looked at us both, and then added: "There isn't any collusion here, is there?" Then he threw back his head and laughed, thereby breaking the formal tension in the room, and creating an amiable atmosphere.

COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE QUEEN APRIL 21, 2021

I have, on the occasion of my 95th birthday today, received many messages of good wishes, which I very much appreciate.

While as a family we are in a period of great sadness, it has been a comfort to us all to see and to hear the tributes paid to my husband, from those within the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world.

My family and I would like to thank you all for the support and kindness shown to us in recent days.

We have been deeply touched, and continue to be reminded that Philip had such an extraordinary impact on countless people throughout his life.



How might monarchists contribute to a better understanding of the monarchy during a time of concern about indigenous matters?

BY IAN McKECHNIE

Ian is a resident of Lindsay, Ontario, where he is a freelance writer and researcher who writes about issues of cultural and historical significance.

FIRST: The League should consult with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples in developing a concerted strategy as to its initiatives relating to Indigenous matters, from advertising and CMN articles to responses to media queries. The issue here, as I am sure many can appreciate, is that it will not do our cause a service in the present climate to have “settlers” perceived as lecturing First Nations/Inuit/Metis about the Crown and its importance – in so many ways, this needs to be done by FN/Inuit/Metis peoples themselves. **SECOND:** Has the League considered engaging current/former Indigenous Lieutenant Governors, by way of gentle suggestion, to help spread the word about how reconcilia-

tion does not equal republicanism? I’m not sure how this would be accomplished in practical terms – newspaper op-eds, perhaps? Certainly, through speaking to the leaders and members of First People communities. **THIRD:** How could more be done to enhance public awareness of specific, impactful ways the Royal Family and the Vice-Regal team have advanced reconciliation? I think here of James Bartleman’s book drive whereby tens of thousands of volumes were donated by Ontarians and curated by His Honour’s staff in order to provide books for the woefully-stocked libraries in Indigenous communities – and the Prince of Wales’ efforts to raise awareness about Indigenous languages. There are several other examples – sadly, due to the media’s apparent indifference to the provincial vice-regal office, the public – Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike – rarely is made aware of these initiatives.

FOURTH: It has been clear for some time clear that we as monarchists can no longer take for granted that people know why portraits of the Monarch hang in public places, or why there are statues erected to current and past Sovereigns. Perhaps a QR code, or some such digital link, should be included on future portraits of the Queen (and, later, King). The curious could then scan these codes, which would take them to the Government of Canada’s [Canadian Heritage’s] website about the Crown; to the Governor General’s website; or to the League’s website – or perhaps all three! As for statues and other types of public art relating to the monarchy, perhaps the League should advocate for the installation of interpretive signage which presents a balanced view of history, while also informing and educating passers-by about why the Crown matters today?

Is the monarchy ‘conservative?’

A REFLECTION, BY LOGAN LIUT

A recent graduate of St Michael’s College, Toronto, Logan is a member of the League’s media team. He will begin his university studies in the Fall.

As a member of the New Democratic Party, I often hear people – especially in the social-ist part of our movement – refer to our Maple Crown as a ‘conservative’ institution. Whenever I hear this argument, I am perplexed. It is true that the Monarchy in its current form was brought to Canada’s shores by colonial force – no learned person would ever dispute this fact. However, this does not mean that institutions retain the same meaning throughout their history.

For instance, what one would call ‘conservative’ in 1867 would be a very different thing from our modern day ‘conservative’ definition. Same with New Democrats – Tommy Douglas defined the moral situation of ho-

mosexuality as “a mental illness, [...] it’s a psychiatric condition.” Is this the current stance of our New Democrats, or of Canadians today? Of course not! Institutions and what they stand for change! We are a progressive people, and we have a Monarchy to match.

So, is the monarchy ‘conservative?’ No. The monarchy in Canada is meant to transcend definitions of New Democrat or Conservative, left-wing or right-wing, socialist or capitalist. The monarchy represents at the same time all those opinions... and none of them. The monarchy is meant – in modern times – to prevent events like the Insurrection at the Capitol and the lack of a peaceable transfer of power from happening here in the ‘true North, strong and free.’

Canadian ‘republicans’ often use this as a hitting point against monarchists. Doing this proves our point, which has lasted since time

immemorial: full republics without constraints are inherently broken. They are broken because they have no allegiance to a common institution or creed or person, but are rather founded on an abstract ideal. The human condition in its natural state does not do well with realities founded on abstract ideals.

The monarchy is not conservative nor liberal nor socialist nor communist. It is our national heritage – from the chiefs and tribal leaders of the first peoples of this land, to our colonial heritage, to our modern reality. Canada is not a republic. We are not stuck with a perpetually ‘conservative’ head of state. We are the recipients of a heritage that protects our democracy while uniting our nation around a common ideal. That’s not a conservative ideology. That’s a nation, from sea to sea to sea. *Honi soit qui mal y pense.*

La monarchie, est-elle ‘conservatrice?’

UNE RÉFLEXION, PAR LOGAN LIUT

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En tant que membre du Nouveau Parti démocratique, j’entends souvent des gens – particulièrement dans la partie socialiste de notre mouvement – qualifier notre Couronne d’institution ‘conservatrice.’ Chaque fois que j’entends cet argument, je suis perplexe. Il est vrai que la monarchie sous sa forme actuelle a été amenée sur les côtes du Canada par la force coloniale – aucun savant ne contesterait jamais ce fait. Cependant, cela ne signifie pas que les institutions conservent la même signification tout au long de leur histoire.

Par exemple, ce que l’on appellerait

‘conservateur’ en 1867 serait une chose très différente de notre définition moderne de ‘conservateur.’ Idem avec les néo-démocrates – Tommy Douglas a défini la situation morale de l’homosexualité comme ‘une maladie mentale, [...] un état psychiatrique.’ Est-ce la position actuelle de nos néo-démocrates ou des Canadiens d’aujourd’hui ? Bien sûr que non ! Les institutions et ce qu’elles représentent pour le changement ! Nous sommes un peuple progressiste et nous avons une monarchie qui partage ces mêmes valeurs.

Alors, la monarchie est-elle ‘conservatrice?’ Non. La monarchie au Canada est censée transcender les définitions de néo-démocrate ou conservateur, de gauche ou de droite, de socialiste ou de capitaliste. La monarchie représente à la fois toutes ces opinions... et aucune d’elles. La monarchie est censée – dans

les temps modernes – empêcher des événements comme l’insurrection au Capitole et l’absence d’un transfert de pouvoir pacifique de se produire ici dans le ‘vrai Nord, fort et libre.’

... C’est notre héritage national – des chefs et cheffes tribaux des premiers peuples de cette terre, à notre héritage colonial, à notre réalité moderne. Le Canada n’est pas une république. Nous ne sommes pas coincés avec un chef d’État perpétuellement ‘conservateur.’ Nous sommes les récipiendaires d’un héritage qui protège notre démocratie tout en unissant notre nation autour d’un idéal commun.

Ce n’est pas une idéologie conservatrice. C’est une nation, d’un océan à l’autre. *Honi soit qui mal y pense.*

A Platinum Jubilee Medal? Call to action!

Note: this action project was sent in an EComm to Monarchist League members during the Spring. Since that time, we have been delighted at the thoughtful, thorough efforts to support the issuance of a Medal in the Canadian tradition by members who have contacted the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and, most important, their own MPs – in many cases arranging telephone calls with the latter via their constituency office. There has been some indication that the Government may be re-considering its initial refusal to create such a Medal; also notable has been the multi-partisan nature of MPs' supporting the initiative. **So please, keep up the pressure – and urge everyone you know to do likewise!**

BACKGROUND

The League knows that most Canadians feel an enormous respect and affection for our Queen. You don't have to be a monarchist – capital or lower-case "m" – to admire the sense of continuity and example of dedicated service which Her Majesty has given Canada and the entire Commonwealth for over 70 years, as Princess and then Sovereign.

Next year marks the 70th Anniversary of The Queen's reign. Our Monarchy has never before seen a Platinum Jubilee! Thus the occasion calls for celebration, thanksgiving and above all, a sense of gratitude and unity.

The last time this was apparent throughout Canada was our Centennial year, 1967. The question, "what is your Centennial project?" was a common-place in conversation, not a mere slogan, or an idea imposed by government. With Expo '67 as a centerpiece, Canadians overwhelmingly bought into the idea that there was good reason to celebrate and create – modestly but deeply-felt projects at home – and throughout the land through larger initiatives, we still can see numerous plaques identifying skate parks and community centres, seniors' residences and tree-filled public spaces, not to mention the Flame burning on Parliament Hill, lit by our Monarch – all these bear testimony to the notion we must now seek to re-create: an anniversary can be at once fun and useful!

PROPOSAL FOR A PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

(We are informed that its design and form of certificate of notification are ready and waiting in Ottawa, lacking only the Prime Minister's "go" order.)

At a Spring virtual Honours and Awards presentation on The Queen's birthday, ICol Carl Gauthier, DND Honours and Awards, stated that there would not be a Canadian Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022.

Offering a widely-distributed Medal for those who normally would never seek nor be honoured with recognition is a great mirror of our Queen's service. It affirms the value of volunteerism in our society. And for 2022 it would particularly give an opportunity to thank the many folk who stepped forward to help in myriad ways during the pandemic, not to mention others who have worked for reconciliation, or have led the nation in calm discourse rather than vitriolic disagreement or have helped to keep The Queen's Peace is

so many different ways.

The life of any nation is not determined only by the great and the good – the folk who receive major Honours such as the Order of Canada... Their distribution is, rightly, kept controlled in terms of numbers; find many extremely deserving Canadians, household words or especially eminent in their professional lives, receiving this special level of recognition.

However, less nationally notable people every day make a sustained difference, in modest ways usually unsung. We think of the feeding program volunteer who every Friday toils in a church or synagogue basement to prepare, serve and clean up after meals for homeless people. The innumerable families who made welcome our new fellow Canadians who made their way here from, say, Syria. The organizer of patrols to pick up and bring to care and shelter abandoned pets. The Scout, Guide or 4-H leaders who inspire responsibility and skill among their charges. The driver who takes patients to and from chemo or dialysis – and provides an ear for them which no drug can afford. And so on it goes, the above list not even accounting for the brave care-givers amidst the pandemic, and the morally brave persons seeking to foster reconciliation in our land.

These people form the fabric of a civil society. They fill in the cracks and provide the personal touch that "official" and overtaxed social services cannot always show. They do their good works down the decades, seek no recognition and at most are given a round of applause when they "retire." Those knitters of the warp and woof of our nation are precisely the ones for whom receiving a Platinum Jubilee Medal would come as an amazing surprise, and a cherished reminder that they "made a difference..."

Canada is a blessed country. Most of our natural wealth – be it oil or diamonds, wheat or cod – we harvest from the Earth. But we ignore at our peril the human wealth we often take for granted. A Jubilee provides a wonderful opportunity to shine a spotlight, however briefly, on many thousands of those good Canadians who, as our Sovereign urged us all to do, "represent all that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal."

"WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?"

"THIS MUST NOT BECOME A PARTISAN ISSUE" – Chairman Robert Finch

Alas, in this time of hyper-partisanship, our preferred route is likely not to occur as it might have even a generation back. In this scenario, as one Privy Councillor speaking confidentially to another, militant monarchist Opposition Leader O'Toole would have had a quiet word with the Prime Minister (whose record of respect for The Queen is laudable) to say "please make this happen – and you can take all the credit for it – you'll get nothing but support from me." We'd be delighted to be proven wrong in our doubts, so we can focus on other plans!

So here's where you come in – we need EVERY – and we mean ALL LEAGUE

MEMBERS – to contact their MP and the Prime Minister's Office – to make your own brief, but heartfelt, and above all, positive case for a Jubilee Medal to be issued.

Use your own words – feel free to take our ideas, and think of others too; but form letters do not impress our representatives, whereas a pithy phrase, sincerity of thought and two minutes on the phone can make a difference!

Remember our Chairman's warning: this must not become a partisan issue. It is not the time for threats, attacks, venom – but for conciliation, suggestions, calm and reason! Nothing could injure the Monarchy more than having Party A portrayed as FOR the Crown/Medal and Party B AGAINST. With the exception of Mr Singh, all major parties – Grits, Tories, Greens – support the Crown – and a republican resolution got nowhere at the NDP policy conference a few months ago!

While Parliament, if sitting, is very limited in terms of "physical" attendance, you will find most MPs are more often in their home constituencies. So by all means, supplement your letter or email with a call to the constituency office, and ask for a return call from the MP – make it clear you want to speak to the MP and not be fobbed off on an assistant, no matter how pleasant most of them are!

EVERY MP is listed at www.ourcommons.ca/members/en/ – if you press the CONTACT button once you hit your MP's page, you will find complete information – phone, address, email for Ottawa and the constituency office.

TO CONTACT THE PRIME MINISTER – You may write or fax his office at: Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2. 613-992-4211. You may also use the form available at pm.gc.ca/en/connect/contact

CHAIRMAN FINCH concludes: I am counting on you to help in this campaign, and to circulate this message with its practical suggestions as widely as you can. We have various other means of communicating our views, which will be keep me busy, as well – most are better left unreported! And we will be using media and social media, too. But nothing is as important as your words and your sensible communications to our elected representatives.

For the young in age or in spirit, how about getting onto your favorite social media platforms, and post, tweet – whatever – pithy and good-humoured questions/observations about this to provoke others to join in positive action with their MP and the PM?

Such a fighting spirit involving considerable effort by members was characteristic of the League from its early days, when it grew, as one member put it, "because you clearly stand for something." One cause, one voice, one determination – and one abundant loyalty to Crown and nation. We stand on guard!

Please help us today to make the Platinum Jubilee an unforgettable occasion for a nation whose inhabitants feel proud of those who day in day out emulate our Queen's devotion to service!

League Notes



Father Ed

EDWARD JOHN ROWELL JACKMAN, PRIEST – “FATHER ED”

February 20, 1940 – June 18, 2021

A generous supporter of the League down the decades, Fr Edward Jackman died in Kleinburg, Ontario. Personally and through the Jackman Foundation, this priest of the Dominican Order of Preachers was instrumental in supporting many causes ranging from the book series McGill-Queens Studies in the History of Religion, to Records of Early English Drama at the University of Toronto. In telling us of his death, his friends and caregivers wrote: “He was humbled by the number of sincere and loving comments he received about his generosity to each of you and to so many organizations. He said to me several times, “I can’t believe I did all this!” I reminded him that this is why so many people loved him and wished him well.... He spent his last evening as he always did, saying the rosary and watching Steve Paikin. Quite a combination, I know, but that was the Father Jackman or Edward that we all knew and loved.” Our sympathy to his blood family and brothers in faith – truly “a Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek.”

LEAGUE RETURNS TO ADVERTISING

In the midst of a failed Governor General being used as an excuse for republican opinion, and more seriously, attempts to link the need for reconciliation with calls to abolish our Monarchy, the League thought it wise to return to print advertising in national and city newspapers, and community weeklies. This was not so much to recruit members: that objective requires a different sort of ad. Rather, our objective was for the League to be visible in the national conversation, and seen as both firm and reasonable amidst a certain amount of “the sky is falling” in media and by public. Other than the weeklies, it is very expensive undertaking!

The great generosity of members, and the attractive ads coupled with skilled negotiation on the part of our graphic designer, Ted Sancton, allowed the League to appear four times in the National Post, as well as in dailies in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia – and well over a dozen weeklies throughout the country. A different focus, based on success of decades ago, will be launched in the next Anglican Journal, followed by ads in others of

the few remaining religious periodicals.

Several special initiatives of support are widening our reach; Jane Harris sponsored an ad in community papers near her Lethbridge, AB, home. The Halifax/SW Nova Branch gave a generous unconditional gift. A member in Kitchener, ON, gave \$1000 and helpful text suggestions – and he was not alone in doing so! And members in the nation’s Capital suggested community papers that are well read, then advanced advertising by their gifts in memory of the late Bill Silver.

Below, we are showing you some of the ads, (the colour was possible only due to a specific promotion). We hope you will find them inspiring, make suggestions for future ads and continue your terrific donations to make them possible.

LEAGUE INFOPICS

Many thanks to our Social Media expert, and media spokesman in Québec, Karim Al-Dahdah, for his talented designs of Infopics which members can use in their SM postings that relate to the Crown. They can be requested via domsec@sympatico.ca

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MONARCHY: THE BEST POLICY!

Canada's Crown: essential to our governance and way of life

GET THE FACTS

RECONCILIATION ≠ REPUBLICANISM!

Canadians regret past injustice inflicted on our First Peoples. Most are prepared to work towards reconciliation in a more enlightened present.

However, our constitutional Monarchy – enshrined in our Constitution and a provision of the Citizenship Oath which also entrenches respect for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights – is no less fundamental to Canada's polity. This institution is not a mere bargaining chip in the difficult process of resolving issues which emerge from our history. Neither loyalty to the Throne nor Aboriginal issues should hold the other hostage: the only result? ill will and perpetual discord.

The Monarchist League of Canada is the moderate, informed voice of Canadians who are loyal to the Crown. The process of “The Aboriginal Circle widening to include us all” – as former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson put it – cannot advance by attacking Allegiance to the Crown and all those who deeply believe in it.

Free information about the Canadian Crown & the League's work

www.monarchist.ca

MONARCHY: THE BEST POLICY!

As a constitutional monarchy, Canada thrives. The Crown guarantees our democratic institutions, reflects our history, differentiates us in a positive way from the USA, is the exemplar of citizenship and links our diverse populace to a multi-racial Commonwealth. Our Queen and the Monarchy guarantee and remind us of the values on which we all agree and must strive to maintain (tolerance, the rule of law, reconciliation, freedom), while Parliament debates and resolves issues on which we disagree.

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“BIEN-FONDÉ DE LA MONARCHIE CONSTITUTIONNELLE”

LEAGUE POETRY COMPETITION: THE QUEEN'S 95th BIRTHDAY CONCOURS DE POÉSIE DE LA LIGUE: 95e ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA REINE

FIRST PRIZE – by an anonymous member who donated its value to giving a food treat to the homeless on the birthday

QUEEN OF THE SIXTEEN REALMS

On the 95th birthday of Elizabeth II

PROLOGUE

Elizabeth, to your Realms grandmother, sister, friend and Queen:

How can we embrace you, and today let you know
That we would your sorrow share, wish you could lean
On our sixteen hearts, like the drums, beating slow.

We look back as you must on Philip's decades:

Your strength and stay during storm and fair days.

We gaze also to our future wish: grief 'midst memories fades
To joy of life full-lived, walked on the fields of praise.

So follows our birthday wish, from Realms richly diverse,
Who now tune their heart-strings to the happier times

Which will follow, dear Ma'am, as sure as sunrise:

A great truth of life, which we need not more rehearse,

But, rather, assure you: north, west, east, southern climes

Gather round to uphold you, dear Queen – loving and wise!

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Elizabeth, our Queen and friend, the nations' joy and pride,  
Her 95th today is hailed through Realms both far and wide;

And since all share in most fond wish to serve special birthday treat –

These lines some local fare suggest – loyal banquet so replete!

In ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, small islands to be sure,

But big in heart and loyalty – FUNGIE 'tis special allure:

Polenta-based and spicy hot, with pepperpot 'tis served,

A treat for their beloved Queen, one surely well deserved!

Down Under, AUSTRALIAN mates present their VEGEMITE:

This brewers' yeast extract not yet the world's delight!

But served on toast throughout the land, a tribute singular – quite –

Antipodean Queen finds on Aussie plate a most distinct delight.

THE BAHAMAS offers special dish: folk there pluck CONCH from sea:

And dressed with lime and vegetables – 'tis rich in Vitamin C!

Bahamian Sovereign will enjoy devouring "Queen Conch" recipe,

Dressed with fruit, offered with love and Island loyalty

BARBADOS, amidst disloyal dance, bakes up its famed RUM CAKE

On which Monarch's pain at such dalliance might well her

sweet tooth slake;

Since toothsome confection is topped up with frequent  
rum infusion:

EIIR hopes (though'd never say) "Drink deep: to  
republican confusion!"

BELIZE proffers its BOIL UP, reminiscent of the pie in rhyme:

No blackbirds for its Queen today, but fish, eggs, veggies: good time!

Tis topped with broth and dough, then baked – a treat fit for  
a princess,

The Central American domain diverse could offer her no less!

CANADA may indeed be home to most loyal Maple Throne:

Thus on this day POUTINE shall stand in prominence, alone:

Like the Dominion, flavours many, with toppings beyond measure –

As each in own way toasts our Queen, the True North's  
splendid treasure!

GRENADA's OIL DOWN, savoury-sweet, a one pot dish of stew,

With coconut leaching flavours out to make each casserole new

To taste – and variegated ever for all this island nation.

Which prospers under Reign of she whose birthday brings elation!

Next in our roll of Realms, JAMAICA, island, of many peoples, blest

To keep cool 'neath tropical sun with ACKEE AND SALTFISH zest:

Its spices mirror nation's mix, from planters to Bobsled team;

And dread-locked Rasta men, who share deepest love of Queen.

PAVLOVA is NEW ZEALAND's gift to the arts culinary,  
Its Kiwi, cream, meringue mix cherished by settlers as by Maori;  
Whether Hobbits share such taste, brave Frodo first and foremost,  
We know not – but all in the island realm drink to EIIR a toast!

If MUMU you were offered while exploring

PAPUA NEW GUINEA shore,

Polyglot island lines hot coals with leaves – adds meats, fruit,  
veg and more,

To make a stew from ground oven of savour nonpareil,

Thus honouring their Queen and friend with two  
Hemispheres' "hooray."

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS to birthday brings

STEWED SALTFISH, which they blend

With coconut dumplings and plantains for feasting without end,

As no close they ever sight in good Queen's service to  
tiniest sovereign state

In Hemisphere – large they be in duty, love – thus this day they fete!

SAINT LUCIA pairs fish and fig, GREEN FIG AND SALTED COD!

Antilles population takes a week to give the nod

To stew that melds, as island does two seas, Atlantic and Caribbean,

And mix a Bounty cocktail to raise their glass to Queen!

A BREADFRUIT ROASTED in iron pot, add fried jackfish

for great repast,

Is SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES' entrée,

not easily surpassed:

Its thirty-two islands celebrate their Monarch's special day,

Sing "...Land, so Beautiful" to big drum, calypso, steel pan and reggae!

Now Taro roots make sticky POI, SOLOMON ISLANDS' favorite food,

The wise old King lends his name to 900-strong island brood;

Thus Melanesian Queen presides, with Governor-General elected:

Their birthday bouquet beauteous, as from 200 orchid  
strains selected!

TUVALU brings to feast PULAKA, swamp taro cooked for hours:

Raising ocean discourages cultivation – 'tis time for

Commonwealth powers

To use their world wide fellowship to save this crop essential:

Their Queen fears global warming looms, Polynesian threat potential.

The UNITED KINGDOM is Elizabeth's home, of sixteen Realms  
The Queen:

No longer a colonial power, but from Empire's legacy yet seen:

Its "national dish" CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA now claims pride  
of place,

Transcending old-style differences of climate, Raj and race!

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EPILOGUE

So, all hail, dear Queen, gracious Lady: your true realms lie
deep within,

Not geographic, to be sure, but values kingly, gracious, human;

Constant Commonwealth care for its nations great and small,

Reflects deep-reciprocal, hailed to your heart, one voice echoed
by all!

So here's to Elizabeth – long may she reign, long live our monarch
so great!

Here's to her courage in fair weather or foul, duty done, chosen not –
happy fate!

Here's to the faith ever kept, beyond clamour of sectarian creeds;

Here's to the hope she brings all, so nourishing humankind's needs;

Here's to her ninety-fifth birthday, her years' gift to us, thus today
we proclaim:

God willing, all your Realms do their duty

And each subject in turn do the same!

SECOND PRIZE – TIED
by Tom MacGregor, Ottawa

On Queen Elizabeth's 95th Birthday

On her ninety-fifth birthday,
I think of the Statue on Parliament Hill
Of her confidently seated
On a horse named Centennial
Given to her by
The Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The small woman unveiled it
In 1991 after she had given up riding.
Still, she carried on
More than 60 years as Queen
And 95 of service.

EX AEQUO POUR LE DEUXIÈME PRIX
par Luc Charles Carrière, Gatineau, QC

Hymne d'anniversaire pour notre reine

(Inspiré de l'hymne patriotique britannique:
I Vow to Thee My Country
Paroles anglaises originales : Sir Cecil Spring Rice;
Musique originale: Gustav Holst)
d'après la nouvelle version anglaise de Larry Muller)

Nos voix s'élèvent, notre Souveraine,
jusqu'à la fin du jour.
Puisse joie, force et vigueur vous
envelopper toujours.
Merci de votre service.
Merci de votre amour.
Il vole au-delà des océans comme
une colombe autour
Qui bénit tous vos gens et émeut
chaque cœur
De cet appel à partager, l'appel
d'un jour meilleur.
Vous êtes source de liberté, l'essence
de nos devoirs.
Pour le bien-être de vos gens, vous
donnez jour et soir.
Nous saluons grand votre élan ; lançons
aux quatre vents
L'appel d'agrandir la famille, en traitant
dignement les gens.
Comment vous rendre, en ce jour, pareille
abondance d'amour
De votre famille de nations : notre affection
pour toujours.

ZOOM CALL & YOUNG MONARCHIST TOAST MARK QUEEN'S 95th BIRTHDAY

The Queen's loving subjects could not have better expressed their loyalty in April 21 than in the words of Dominik Wrona, a YM who proposed the Loyal Toast at a national Zoom call for League members, kindly organized by Jonathan Brickwood and Jon Bradshaw, celebrating HM's birthday, as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a young Canadian and student at the University of Toronto, I am proud to be a subject of the Queen of Canada. I have always admired the Canadian monarchy for its culture, meaning, and authority; for its links to the immemorial past, but also for its potential for a stable, prosperous future; and above all, for its power to bring together and unite Canadians of diverse backgrounds, talents, and temperaments. Today, we think of our Queen with love, and with sympathy too, trying to imagine her life without the Duke of Edinburgh after 74 years of marriage. Yet, we know she will do her duty, as the shining years of Her reign show, an example to us all. So today may I ask you all to raise your glass and join me in drinking to – The Queen.

LEAGUE PRIORITIES & COVID UNCERTAINTY RULE OUT PLATINUM JUBILEE TRIP

After careful consideration, and consultation with a number of members, the League has decided, with regret, that it will not offer a tour to include the central weekend of celebration in London of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June of 2022. It takes an enormous amount of time to plan and secure staff for such a trip, as we remember from the past. The benefit to perhaps 40-50 individuals, not all League members, is outweighed by our obligation as all emerge from the pandemic to focus on advertising, outreach, branch re-development which aid our cause directly, so providing activity for the entire League. By the time we look after our tour leader expenses, and as always keeping the tour price as low as possible, any financial benefit to the League is minimal. Add to that the opportunity to heighten Jubilee publicity and arrange events across the vastness of Canada throughout Jubilee year – as we did most recently for the Diamond Jubilee – and you understand how we already face a very full plate.

Second, and perhaps as important, we

focused on liability issues were for any reason the central celebration of the Reign in London to be cancelled or re-scheduled, perhaps at the last minute. Normal travel insurance may not cover further pandemic issues, a terrorist incident or "the changes and chances of this mortal life" which would either negate the celebration or cause enrolled participants to hesitate to travel. Quite apart from the ill-will that even usually-reasonable people may feel when anticipated plans are changed or cancelled, this is too great a risk for a responsible League to assume. We understand this decision will disappoint some members; but we believe it is the right one in terms of the League's priorities and prudent management.

BY THEIR LAST WILL and TESTAMENT – 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 is as follows:

I give and bequeath to the Monarchist
League of Canada,
PO Box 1057, Lakeshore West Station,
Oakville, ON L6K 0B2,
the sum of _____.

The Monarchist League of Canada gratefully remembers those departed members whose bequests over the years have assisted to provide for the maintenance of the League's work across Canada. Among late members whose bequests have been received in the last several years are

Vera Olive Booth, Toronto, ON
Annie Monique Daguet, Victoria, BC
Lois Humphrey, Kingston, Ontario
Joyce Kirby, Victoria, BC
Madeline McCue, Halifax, NS
Alexander Ray Paton, Victoria, BC
Frank Price, Winnipeg
Erik Searight, Burnaby, BC
John Middleton Sturgess, London, ON
Alison Watson, Regina, SK

IN THE NEXT EDITION OF CMN

The Autumn issue of CMN will contain a number of our usual features; however, it will also contain the 8th triennial edition of our authoritative survey "The Cost of Canada's Constitutional Monarchy." Edited for the third time by Jon Bradshaw, the survey provides authoritative information about what excellent value the Crown gives in return for the service of the Royal Family, the Governor General and

the Lieutenant Governors. This edition will take into account the challenges facing the vice-regals due to the pandemic, and will ensure that comparisons of costs, number of engagements and the like are fair and complete. The League's Survey helps to correct inaccurate media reporting as well as putting the lie to assertions, beloved of republicans, that our Monarchy is an expensive form of government.



The Monarchist League of Canada Branch Plan (2021)

INTRODUCTION

For 50+ years of existence, the Monarchist League of Canada has represented the interests, values, and spirit of the Canadian monarchist movement. This movement, built on a belief in the enduring value of the Canadian Crown, has represented the cause well. However, the combination of a membership recently becoming rejuvenated, age-wise, as well as generally more diverse, the impact of Prince Harry and Meghan's departure as working Royals, the aftermath of the resignation of the Governor General, along with possible calls for a change in our constitutional arrangements to come at the conclusion of The Queen's reign, makes it imperative that work be done to aid in providing fresh energy and direction to the League as we all emerge from the global Pandemic.

In particular, local branches have expressed a need for more direction and support from the national office, a demand which has occurred alongside wishes from some members for more activities on a local level.

It should be remembered that the primary purpose of the League is the promotion of the Canadian Monarchy, and this must be done in ways that appeal to ordinary Canadians. Branches should reflect the community values presented by the monarchy, but they should also endeavour to reflect the work being done by the younger generation of the Royal Family to seem less "aloof" and more "accessible" to the public.

League membership is national. Branches should be, and be understood by members to be, a pleasant and hopefully a useful adjunct to the League's national activities, not as an end in itself. Members are a part of "the League" and not of "the X branch." Branches need to be connected

to Dominion leadership to ensure that activities being undertaken are in line with League priorities.

Branches have three key roles to play: **Growing the membership. Promoting the monarchy locally. Fostering community/camaraderie amongst local members.**

BRANCH LEADERSHIP

Each branch should have a leadership team, headed by a **Branch Chair** appointed by the Dominion Chairman, who of course, will consider the opinions of existing members in making his choice. The Branch Chair is responsible for convening and leading branch meetings and activities and is the primary liaison between the branch and the national office. Other members of the branch leadership team are appointed by the Branch Chair.

A **Vice Chair** assists the Branch Chair and fulfills his/her role in his absence. Alternatively, a branch may have two **Co-Chairs** who work together the same as do a Branch Chair and Vice Chair.

A **Secretary** helps maintain membership lists in conjunction with the Dominion Secretary, may keep records and notes of branch activities, and may maintain correspondence to and from the branch.

A **Treasurer** maintains and monitors the use of branch funds.

Members at Large are other volunteers who make up the branch leadership team and may have specific responsibilities. They may bring diversity and/or expertise to the branch leadership team.

In some branches an individual may hold more than title and handle multiple responsibilities. In others there may not even be a need for some positions at all. All members of the branch leadership team **must** be League members in good standing.

GROWING THE MEMBERSHIP

Branches should identify community leaders who in various ways should be informed of activities once branch has substantive "life". Such individuals could include inter alia, mayors and councillors, city clerks/staff, Indigenous leaders, school principals, fire chiefs, etc.

For first year, the annual membership fee of any new members recruited by the branch may be retained by the branch, providing the details of that person are forwarded by Email to Dominion HQ within one week. This arrangement may be continued upon discussion with the Dominion Chairman and a review of the previous year's recruitment successes and challenges.

Branches should adopt a modest target of growing the membership as a result of their own efforts within a given time period: "We will recruit X new members within Y weeks/months/year." This "at home" recruitment is in fact a joint effort. It will be supplemented in two ways: by the Dominion League's national presence in news outlets, website, social media and EComms which go to both members and interested persons, regardless of payment status; and through the print and social media advertising executed by Dominion HQ.

Branches can be supplied with lists of lapsed members in the area. Assign one or two people to call these lapsed members, offering a special one-time only "welcome back" fee of \$20. Branches will get to keep this fee, with the same proviso of giving details to Dominion HQ within a week.

Maintaining accurate local lists of members in collaboration with Dominion HQ is essential.

How else can the branch grow the membership?

BY PROMOTING THE MONARCHY LOCALLY

- Here are some suggestions:
- pro-actively identify and offer public places to display the new portrait of the Queen. The League is the official distribution partner of the Government of Canada for print copies.
 - distribute our educational booklets to MLA for their school and community visits.
 - hold a display table at a fair/festival or mall with League literature.
 - organize a garage or lawn sale.

If after reading the following Plan, you would consider possibly becoming involved in a reconstituted or re-energized branch, no matter whether the area where you live is or is not listed below, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Dominion Chairman, Robert Finch at chairman@monarchist.ca





Sell “stuff” and raise money for the branch while offering Queen portraits and League literature.

- participate in community events where direct visibility/benefit is obvious. Note: We do **not** participate in other causes (such as abortion/women’s rights, LGBTQ issues, strikes, protests, etc.). Good monarchists differ on these and a variety of other issues: the League must mirror the Crown’s being “the big tent” which unites Canadians about values held in common. The partisan part of our democracy works out the things which cause disagreement.
- host information events to celebrate important events for the Crown such as Royal weddings, funerals, etc.
- monitor Victoria Day celebrations in the community. How is the monarchy and the institution of the monarchy celebrated? Witness the local celebrations and then reach out to the municipality with suggestions for improvement.
- identify where the Crown is present in the community and create a flyer to enumerate them, and to identify other appropriate areas where the crown could be made visible (e.g., parks, streets, buildings, etc.)
- engage with local Indigenous communities to determine ways to honour and celebrate the special relationship between the Crown and First Nations. Always reflect a spirit of unity and good will without becoming enmeshed in varying solutions to complex issues which lie in the responsibility of government and the courts.
- seek local media coverage and support via letters to the editor, call-ins to radio shows, etc.

What else can the branch do to promote the monarchy?

FOSTERING COMMUNITY/CAMARADERIE AMONGST LOCAL MEMBERS

While the League is not a “club” there are opportunities for branches to hold events from time

to time to celebrate our cause. Ideally these social events should also help the branch with its recruitment and outreach efforts, as well.

Here are some event ideas for branches to undertake:

- Host an information session on the crown (general or a particular topic of interest) where members can learn more about the institution they support.
- Host a seminar for members on subjects such as “Explaining the Canadian Crown”, “The Future of the Monarchy in Canada”, “The Monarchy and Canada’s Indigenous People”, etc. The format can take the form of giving several brief presentations to rotating groups or in the form of a
- larger “discussion”.
- Host a trivia night, perhaps using a gameshow format complete with prizes.
- Hold a “show and tell” event where members can share amongst one another royal memorabilia and stories.
- Organize a simple get-together at a local restaurant to celebrate a Royal event or anniversary. This is much easier (and cheaper!) to organize than a formal dinner or lunch.
- If the time and desire permits, organize a formal dinner or lunch to mark a Victoria Day,
- Queen’s birthday, Canada Day, Accession Day, etc. Keep in mind that this type of event can be difficult to pull off often with little reward. But, in the right circumstances the event can be a success – especially if it attracts attention and new members. It should never assume an importance which draws from the branch’s chief outreach responsibilities, nor be a principal reason that members support the Branch.
- Hold a movie or TV night about the monarchy followed by a discussion.
- Invite a guest speaker to discuss

the monarchy or a monarchical topic with local members.

Please check with Dominion HQ on the appropriateness of the guest speaker.

- For groups with committed members, form a dedicated “monarchy” team in a recreation group (cards, curling, golf, bowling, etc.). This is a great way to increase camaraderie and build outreach.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO BRANCHES

The following materials are available to branches to distribute on request to Dominion HQ:

- Educational booklets in English and French (the face of demand for Canadian materials in French for bilingual and French programs in schools across Canada is something not to be ignored!)
- Current and past copies of CMN, especially the triennial study of the Cost of the Crown Application forms (bilingual, allowing for payment via credit card)
- Assorted flyers about the League and its work (brief, colourful, and either bilingual or in two language versions)

DOs AND DON'Ts FOR BRANCHES

DO....

- Start small, share work, and lead by example.
- Stress electronic communication. **Branch Chairs and Secretaries must have email addresses which they use.**
- Try and find a centrally located, accessible to public transport, and inexpensive regular meeting place. A room in the local Legion hall or library is ideal. A room at a place of worship is OK too as long as it’s made clear it is a purely commercial arrangement.
- Set an example as a current member. **Branch chairs and all branch executive team members must be paid-up League members.**



- No exceptions.
- Get prior approval by the Dominion Chairman for any event that could incur a loss in the League's name (e.g., overly ambitious efforts too early in a reinvigorated branch).
- Manage expectations to be realistic and then build on successes.
- Restrict who deals with the media. Anyone who speaks on behalf of the League should be approved by the Dominion Chairman and added to the League's media team communications list.
- By all means offer coffee and a cookie at meetings if it is doable – but don't provide much more than that – and do pass the hat even for "just that."
- Remember 12 people in a room for 10 is a sell-out crowd whereas 25 in a room for 100 is dismal attendance. Perception is everything.
- Share with us reports and pictures of your events so we can include them CMN and on our social media accounts.
- Remain 100% non-partisan at all times. Our League is not affiliated with any political party.
- Be Canadian! Promote the idea of the Canadian monarchy. And, remember the Crown belongs to all Canadians not just those with British backgrounds.

DO NOT...

- Contradict a message, policy, or position set out by Dominion HQ. As "big tent" monarchists we may not always agree on a given matter, but it is vital we speak with one voice.
- Have prayers at League meetings or grace at League meals. Any objections? Simply say "of course everyone is free to pray in their own way without expecting others to join in their particular faith practices".
- Organize church services. By all means participate in ones organized by others around Royal occasions, making sure that any annual observance rotates amongst faith groups present in the community (Jewish, Muslim, etc.)
- Have a bank account and incur banking expenses. Instead, trust the branch chair or treasurer to keep modest books and give a simple statement (income/expense/balance), which should also be forward to Dominion HQ.
- Organize joint programs with other "Loyal Societies". By all means, have friendly relations but what's the point, some

members would say, of a local branch if it just hooks up with other groups whose main purpose is not ours? Stick to our sole cause – it's plenty wide enough.

- Use Robert's Rules, minutes, resolutions, and other formalities. Nothing is duller or kills a meeting more quickly. Operate on good manners and consensus.
- Tolerate weird types – you know them when you see them. Their presence will discourage others' attendance and participation. Same goes for white nationalists, extremists, and people who try to bring partisan politics or other causes into the League.
- Sing or play O Canada or GSQT at regular League meetings: save them for special occasions.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Members entrust the League with their identities, addresses and phone numbers. In turn, the League shares these details with branches.

It is very important that all information of this sort be safeguarded by the Branch Chairman, and not made available to others except on a strictly "as needed" basis. It may seem to you harmless to identify so-and-so as a member; however, individuals these days have a high expectation of privacy. It is the job of the Branch Chairman or Secretary to check with any members and have their specific agreement before giving out their information.

The need to have this sort of information would normally extend to the Branch Secretary, but under normal circumstances details it should not be shared with others. For instance, there is no reason to share with all members of the branch executive the details of new members, or Dominion's information as to their status (trial, paid, delinquent in fees). Again, such details, if disseminated at all, must be strictly on a "need to know" basis. If you feel hesitation about sharing information with someone, then don't do it!

One egregious fault is the addressing and sending of group emails using the cc line. **This must not happen.** Use the bcc line in order to keep everyone's identity secure.

Another bad error involves passing on names and email addresses to another society in order to publicize its activities. Leaving aside the wisdom of joint activities, covered elsewhere in



this document, is the breach of confidentiality made thereby. Remember, you might not object to the United Empire Loyalists inviting you to a barbecue; others might feel upset.

It is also important for Branch Chairmen to obtain a specific agreement from the Branch.

Secretary that on the latter's giving up the role, electronic and physical information and files are to be turned over to the Chairman, and the outgoing officer is to delete/destroy other files.

PRIORITY BRANCHES

These five cities have been identified by the Dominion Chairman as the five priority branches to relaunch/restructure: Vancouver, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Quebec City

The following branches are less of a priority but will be prioritized to be relaunched/restructured once the five priority branches above have been taken care of: Calgary, Newfoundland, Saskatoon, London, Windsor, Niagara, Waterloo-Wellington, Grand Erie – (a new branch to incorporate Barrie, Haldimand, Norfolk, and the Six Nations/New Credit Reserves)

The following branches will be supported as they are for the time being, though the Dominion Chairman will of course be encouraging them to retain what is good in their work, and to consider the suggestions in this document to build new strength focused on outreach: Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Barrie-Huron, Kingston, Ottawa, Halifax, Northumberland/NE Nova Scotia, New Brunswick.

NOTE: WE WELCOME MEMBERS' SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW BRANCHES

For but one example, it is to be regretted we have no Branch in Newfoundland & Labrador! A three-year plan does NOT mean we want to wait three more years if a viable Branch can be formed. Please contact the Dominion Chairman with your suggestions and offers of assistance.



