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THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA - 52nd ANNIVERSARY 1970-2022



OUR VALIANT QUEEN

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"We all have a responsibility to listen, understand and act in ways that foster relationships between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada."



CHARLES & CAMILLA: KEY MESSAGING IN PERIPHERIES



A REALM WE REMAIN

"When I hear from Canadians about the things they're preoccupied about... it's not about constitutional change."

CANADIANS CELEBRATE OUR PLATINUM QUEEN!

QUEEN APPROVES DESIGN OF PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDALS AS SIX PROVINCES SHOW THEIR LOYALTY, REBUKING FEDS

The Queen in right of each jurisdiction, on advice, has approved the creation of a Platinum Jubilee Medal via the Governor in Council, and then HM herself approved the use of the effigy and Royal Cypher on the Medals - thus six of Canada's provinces will honour their un-

sung volunteers by issuing a Platinum Jubilee Medal as a Provincial Honour! The common elements in these Medals will be differenced in ways appropriate to each province.

This development constitutes a stunning rebuke to the failure of Ottawa to issue a National Honour in the Canadian tradition. Thus Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta residents will be eligible for nomination by organizations and individuals in those jurisdictions.

Of the remaining Provinces, the Monarchist League of Canada and many other associations have urged the newly-elected Premier Ford - an avowed and enthusiastic monarchist - to make Ontario the seventh in the list of loyalty. It is understood some of his civil servants are less than enthusiastic, and telling him how difficult it would be to mount such a program. One hopes that the Premier will act on his instincts, and remember, too, that the nomination and presentation aspects of such a Medal could properly extend into 2023 - another celebratory year

as the 70th Anniversary of the Jubilee. Such a window might also give Mr Trudeau a further opportunity to do the right thing and to stand up a Federal Medal; and of course the same could happen were there to be a change in the Ministry by election or resignation.

The three remaining provinces are British Columbia, Quebec, Newfoundland & Labrador. BC's participation seems uncertain at press time. Quebec's complicated politics rendered it non-starter from the beginning, although the loyal and enthusiastic Lieutenant Governor has proved a fine example to his vice-regal colleagues of standing for the Crown in our country's most challenging environment. Of Newfoundland and Labrador's loyalty there is no doubt; however, it is commonly thought, and not without reason, that raising a Medal in times of the province's great economic challenges might be seized on as unnecessary expenditure and be used by republicans as an argument for the inappropriateness of expenditure on "frillery." So it may be wise in this instance for discretion to trump valour.



Nova Scotia (left) and Alberta (above) are two of the provinces issuing a Platinum, Jubilee Medal.

MONARCHICAL HOMECOMING FOR JUBILEE

Much accomplished during a brief tour

by monarchica perito

Despite the best efforts of some in the media, the whirlwind Royal homecoming was a significant success. Although the briefest Royal Tour undertaken by the Prince of Wales in Canadian history, much was accomplished by Their Royal Highnesses as they travelled to St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador, Ottawa and the Northwest Territories.

The theme was obviously The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and her remarkable seventy years of service to Canadians, and through this lens, TRH were able to meet with many Canadians. The tour included an overall focus on Indigenous Canadians and the long journey towards meaningful reconciliation.

There were amusing occurrences, such as HRH being introduced to crafted woolen effigies of The Queen and himself at Government House in St. John's. In Ottawa moments of formality included the investiture of the Prince of Wales as an Extraordinary Commander of the Order of Military Merit and presentation of RCMP Long Service Medals to members of Canada's national police force. Support for the people of the Ukraine and Ukrainian-Canadians was on full display when TRH's attended a service at the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Ottawa where His Royal Highness was clearly moved.

Onward to the Northwest Territories and an opportunity for the Prince of Wales to introduce his Consort one of the first places in Canada he visited during his first tour of Canada in 1970. Here we witnessed our future Sovereign ably commenting on the changes that he has witnessed in Canada's north over the last half a century. A number of events in NWT, including the Ceremonial Circle and meetings with Residential School survivors, will no doubt have a lasting impression on those whom TRHs met with

Readers will appreciate that the enormous volume of Jubilee news means that much good material could not be fit into this issue. We will continue sharing non-time-sensitive items in the Fall issue of CMN. You will also notice that due to a shortage of our normal coated stock, the current issue is being printed on different paper: your comments will be appreciated.



Charles & Camilla light candles in Ukrainian Church, Ottawa

and listened to. It was also a part of the tour that has clearly resonated with the Prince of Wales given his recent comments on Canada and Reconciliation at the opening of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Rwanda late in June.

Credit for the creative and meaningful programming can almost certainly be given to the Canadian Secretary to The Queen, Donald Booth. While nearly invisible for the entire tour he certainly played a pivotal role in ensuring that the 2022 Canadian Homecoming was relevant, memorable and appropriate. This deft planning and sensitivity towards a number of central issues in Canadian life aided TRH in avoiding some of the media pitfalls which other Jubilee realm tours have encountered.

The formal reception which took place at Rideau Hall - the modern day replacement for an official state dinner - was well executed and very well attended. It was grand to hear Her Excellency the Governor General, speak with such warmth about The Queen and her service to Canada and Canadians. One might hope that Her Excellency will continue to praise our Sovereign and the Crown which she is uniquely positioned to represent and promote. Although weary from a whirlwind series of events, TRH continued to exude warmth and interest in all those whom they met, this endless well of energy was all the more on display at

the end of the tour when the Royal Couple arrived in the Northwest Territories.

For those keen observers of protocol and the Canadian Crown it was difficult to observe the slew of federal ministers, none of whom did anything meaningful to ensure the success of this year's Jubilee celebrations, front and centre for ever media shot - while Lieutenant Governors and Commissioners - those who actually promote Canada's constitutional monarchy - were relegated to the periphery. Similarly disappointing was the lackadaisical approach the Department of Canadian Heritage took to ensuring that His Royal Highness's personal Canadian flag was flown at appropriate locations. Various partner organizations voiced concern over the broadly dismissive attitude of some officials from PMO and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The sincere and abiding interest which Their Royal Highnesses have taken in Reconciliation and to listening and learning from residential school survivors is a lesson in empathy and care which many in the political sphere could take to heart. Participating in the 1,000 year old Dene Drum Dance, while residents delighted in watching the Royal Couple greatly enjoy the culture, people and history of Canada's North, was evident from the sea of selfies' showing up on social media almost immediately following the event.

The Duchess's warmth and connection

with young people while making Bannock harkens back to The Queen, Prince George along with the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cambridge making Christmas pudding together a few years ago.

Once again TRH demonstrated they are able to do what the Crown in Canada, the Royal Family and vice-regal representatives do best - bringing people together while acknowledging history and the good works that help to make our communities large and small, vibrant and rich places in which to live.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR WOOL GREET'S ITS PATRON IN ST JOHN'S

We welcomed our Patron HRH The Prince of Wales home to Canada with a special event at Government House in St. John's, Newfoundland featuring our partners in fashion, interior design and fine art alongside representatives of NONIA, a historic Newfoundland knitting cooperative. One of the enduring images of the visit was The Prince viewing 100%



As Chairman of Campaign for Wool Canada, Charles enjoys all-wool busts of Queen and himself at Government House, St John's

Canadian wool sculptures of The Queen and himself, created by Manitoba artist Rosemarie Péloquin. Canadian wool was highlighted by media outlets around the world resulting in our largest media reach ever, including this charming TV interview with the artist.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR: REFLECTIONS

by Heather Taylor, Branch Chairman

What a day! Luckily the weather in Newfoundland co-operated because the visit to Government House was a couple of hours behind schedule, but nothing, even standing in 6" heels for four hours was going to keep me from seeing Their Royal Highnesses! I met some lovely people while waiting... Folk of all ages were there and you could feel the excitement in the air. The Duke and Duchess were very warmly and respectfully welcomed at all three venues they attended. Much of the visit was spent with Indigenous peoples who also seemed to think the visit was a success and a step toward healing....This is the highlight for me....I got to shake hands with both of them! The Prince of Wales has the same twinkle in his eyes that his mother, our dear Queen has. His smile seems rather mischievous! The Duchess has the kindest

Excerpts from the Prince Of Wales' Speeches...

Welcome Ceremony at Confederation Building, St John's, NL - May 17

La Reine m'a demandé de vous transmettre ses meilleurs vœux en cette année spéciale et d'exprimer la profonde affection qu'elle éprouve pour le Canada et ses habitants. Tout au long de sa vie, et depuis sa toute première visite ici en dix-neuf cent cinquante et un, Sa Majesté s'est profondément attachée au Canada et elle s'estime extrêmement heureuse d'avoir rencontré tant de Canadiens et Canadiennes de tous les coins du pays. Je sais que la Reine garde un souvenir particulièrement touchant de la visite qu'elle a effectuée avec feu mon père, le duc d'Édimbourg, en dix-neuf cent cinquante neuf, au cours d'une tournée remarquable de quarante-huit jours - la plus longue jamais effectuée! - sa Majesté avait alors visité toutes les provinces et tous les territoires. On that occasion, The Queen opened the St. Lawrence Seaway to commercial traffic in the presence of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower. On a subsequent visit in 1982, she has recalled signing the proclamation of the Constitution Act alongside Prime Minister, your father, Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau. At these defining moments, and many others like them, The Queen was with you as Canada's history was written.

Pour ma part, le Canada et les Cana-

diens occupent une place très spéciale dans ma vie depuis ma première visite ici il y a plus d'un demi-siècle. J'ai eu l'occasion de visiter toutes les provinces et tous les territoires, et je garde un souvenir impérissable des endroits remarquables que j'ai appris à connaître - des superbes forêts de la Colombie-Britannique au littoral majestueux des Maritimes en passant par la magnificence de l'Arctique. Above all, time and again, I have seen what makes this country truly great - her people and what they stand for - outward-looking, big-hearted and embodying Canada's inherently global values. As I get older, it is particularly heart-warming to see my children coming to know and to love this great country - just as The Queen and my late father have, and my wife and I in turn.

Canada has always taken its responsibilities as a global citizen to heart in the most remarkable way. Time and again you have shown your country to be:

A safe haven to those in need;

A respected leader on the world stage;

A much-needed voice in advocating for a greener and more sustainable future;

And, in an era where the global institutions of democracy look distressingly fragile, a model of determination and humanity.

Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, nous avons besoin de l'esprit d'initiative, de la

compassion et de l'humanité des Canadiens et des Canadiennes.

However, as we look to our collective future, as one people sharing one planet, we must find new ways to come to terms with the darker and more difficult aspects of the past: acknowledging, reconciling and striving to do better. It is a process that starts with listening.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss with the Governor General the vital process of reconciliation in this country - not a one-off act, of course, but an ongoing commitment to healing, respect and understanding. I know that our visit here this week comes at an important moment - with indigenous and non-indigenous peoples across Canada committing to reflect honestly and openly on the past and to forge a new relationship for the future...

As we begin this Platinum Jubilee visit, which will take us from the newest member of Confederation to among the oldest communities in the North - and to a much-storied capital at the heart of a great nation - my wife and I look forward to listening to you and learning about the future you are working to build. As so often in the history of this country and her people, Canadians have embarked on a journey that demands commitment and courage.

eyes and warmest of smiles. Apparently when the Royals were greeting some school children one little boy curtsied to The Duchess and she stopped to speak with him! ... All in all I think the visit was wonderful and I hope Their Royal Highnesses could feel the affection that we feel for them.

A QUEBECKER SHARES A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

by Jean Thévonet, Deux Montagnes, QC

... My wife and I were present both at the War Memorial and at the Byward Market, and there were many people attending both events, even though it was a regular workday for most. Not once did I hear an unkind or critical remark by anyone in the crowd, au contraire. The people were respectful at the wreath-laying event, and exuberant and joyful at the Byward Market walkabout. The large number of people there, crowding in for a glimpse of the royal couple, was very

impressive. I have not experienced such camaraderie and enthusiasm for a very long time.....the actions and attitude of the Prince and of the Duchess towards the well-wishers of all ages was so very touching. Prince Charles really does love his people, and no one could honestly deny that. It shone through his actions, his words, and most of all through his attitude as he seemed to relish each moment with the crowd. Canadian, a wonderful time to recognize that we are indeed, a special people, a people who have been singularly blest...

A RIGHT ROYAL VICE-REGAL RECEPTION AT RIDEAU HALL

by two Monarchist League members who had the privilege of attending:

Logan Liut is a student at the University of Toronto, and the League's Social Media Coordinator; Karim Al-Dahdah, of Montreal, is the League spokesman/media contact for the Province of Québec.

Karim writes: Wonderful and surreal. These are the words I would choose to describe yesterday's reception for about 150 guests at Rideau Hall in honor of Their Royal Highnesses. I arrived early and was directed to the Tent Room. We were divided into groups of 5-6, each standing around a bar table named after a Canadian park (mine was Florillon) with a platter of cheese and other appetizers. The crowd was a mix of political figures, indigenous leaders and military personnel, but mostly regular folks such as a schoolteacher on my table who received the Medal of Bravery for confronting a mentally ill shooter. I recognized some cabinet ministers, the interim Conservative leader, the chief justice of Canada and the ever-lovely Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (whom I complimented on her regal sense of style). Drinks and finger food were served on platters by friendly waiters. The food? One always gets asked! We enjoyed burger sliders, veal bites, an unusual

...during recent Canadian Homecoming...

Sustainable Finance Roundtable, Ottawa, May 18, 2022

... some of you may not know that I have been trying to bring people from around the world together on sustainability for well over forty years now and trying to encourage corporate and social responsibility for all that time. And, I must say that I have rather subscribed to an outlook shared by many indigenous peoples that we must be thinking seven generations ahead really to have any chance to be sure that we leave a better world behind us. So, what we do today fundamentally impacts the future of our children and our grandchildren.

To help put ourselves on a more, what I can only describe as 'war-like-footing' in order to meet all these immense challenges, because we do face a real emergency now and recognizing that achieving a sustainable future is the economic growth story of our time, I launched my Sustainable Markets Initiative at Davos in 2020 and its mandate, the Terra Carta, in 2021, in order to find ways of accelerating the transition of the global economy.

Now, as you know, far better than I, Governments alone simply do not have the trillions of dollars required to reach our stated climate, biodiversity and SDG targets. And, now, after endless procrastination, time is running out. With



trillions of dollars in assets, the private sector and private finance hold the ultimate key to our success. And, I can assure you, they are looking to be part of the solution in both developed and emerging economies.

Similarly, I know Canada is helping to lead the way, including through your 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, which includes \$9.1 billion in new investments, and reflects economy-wide measures such as carbon pricing and clean fuels, while also targeting actions sector by sector ranging from buildings to vehicles to industry and agriculture.

However, to accelerate our efforts at a global scale, we need to ensure that the

right market signals and mandates are implemented in order to unlock the massive amount of investment needed for the transition and all the mandatory services.

Canada has incredible influence in the international system, be it through the G7/G20, the Commonwealth, La Francophonie, the OECD or as a shareholder in some of the world's multilateral development banks. And, I must thank the Prime Minister for his leadership in these forums, particularly on accelerating action on the climate and biodiversity crisis.

So, if I may, I would just like to urge us here today to make best use of Canada's leadership in the world, particularly with

“duck consommé” served in shot glasses, and cheesecake bites amongst other good things. The crispy lobster balls were especially delicious.

The official party, composed of TRH, the Governor General and her husband as well as the Trudeau family entered the room at 7pm and split in different directions, each tackling a separate section of the room. The crowd’s excitement was naturally most palpable around TRH, who were extremely generous of their time, greeting and chatting with almost everybody. I was lucky to shake hands and enjoy brief conversation with both Charles and Camilla! The Duchess of Cornwall told me she loves Montreal and enquired about the upcoming provincial elections. I told the Prince of Wales how lovely it would be to see him in Montreal, to which he replied “really”? with a little bit of irony in his voice, and then joked that he did not envy my position as League media liaison. We then proceeded to the glittery Ballroom, where HM’s



Their Excellencies welcomed the League’s Quebec media spokesman Karim Al-Dah-dah to Rideau Hall Reception with Charles and Camilla.

portrait (on an extended tour of some Canadian capitals) had been temporarily replaced by a giant (and messy looking, in my opinion) Riopelle painting. Brief welcome speeches were given by Chief Herald Samy Khalid and GG Simon. TRH and PM Trudeau stood next to them but

did not speak. The deep and affection was very palpable between TRH.

Before they left the room, I managed to take a selfie with PM Trudeau and a picture with GG Simon and my fellow League member Logan Liut, and introduced us to Mrs Simon as representatives of the League. The crowd kept mingling for a few to the sound of a military music band, but it was time to leave. We received souvenir printed invitations at the door. Outside, I witnessed the moving sight of the Prince of Wales’ personal Canadian flag flying in the starry sky over the brightly lit facade of Rideau Hall.

Logan writes: what an honour to attend the Platinum Jubilee reception tendered by the Governor General at Rideau Hall for the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall’s homecoming to Canada! at Rideau Hall! My designated “standing table” of all- Canadian names was Fundy! There stood diverse people: museum curators, advocates against gender based domestic violence, repre-

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the G7 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting next month, by shining a light on your examples and your solutions.

Critically as we start this discussion, I would ask us all to recognize that ‘tweaking’ existing mechanisms may not be enough. The reality is that the private sector now has volumes of assets that far exceed what our domestic and multilateral mechanisms can absorb. We now need bold, innovative and creative public-private solutions at scale if we are ever, ever to see results. Taking the risk off the table is central to this effort. But what we must realize is that not doing so is the greatest risk of all.

Ceremonial Circle, Yellowknife, 19 May, 2022

I would like to begin, if I may, by acknowledging that we are in Chief Drygeese territory. It is an honour to visit what has, from time immemorial, been the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, and more recently, the homeland of the North Slave Métis Alliance.

Je ne saurais vous dire à quel point mon épouse et moi sommes heureux d’avoir eu la chance de revenir au Canada cette semaine et de renouer avec les gens, et les lieux, de ce remarquable pays. Pour ma part, ce fut un grand plaisir de revenir à

Yellowknife pour la première fois depuis plus de quarante ans... more than 40 years since I have been here.

... Time and again, we have heard about such marvellous instances of neighbours helping neighbours in need – whether in Canada or around the world.

You have told us for example, how communities and organizations are coming together with determination and compassion to support minorities, refugees and new Canadians. We were deeply touched, ladies and gentleman, by the stories of the Ukrainian diaspora, and of the atrocities being perpetrated in their homeland. We have also heard stories of so many Canadians, from all backgrounds and religious beliefs, who are constantly pulling together to offer support to those in great need, and of how members of the Canadian Armed Forces, for instance, have helped to care for the elderly in long term care homes, wielded fire hoses to combat forest fires and filled sandbags and rebuilt roads during devastating flooding, which I know has been a problem for The Hay River for instance.

On this, as on so many issues, Canada is determined to shape solutions to the challenges it sees in the world. The same is true of the existential risks of climate change. As some of you may know, I have laboured for so many years to bring this issue to the forefront of international con-

sciousness – not just with words, but with practical action. As I said at the G20 Summit last Autumn, this means we need to listen at least as much as we speak. And what I have heard and witnessed at first hand of the devastating impact of climate change here, in the North, merely convinces me of the supremely urgent need to take decisive, bold action on behalf of future generations, and of Nature herself.

Knowing how strongly Canada shares this sense of urgency, I was particularly pleased yesterday to be able, with the Prime Minister, to bring together public and private sectors from across Canada to identify how we can accelerate the transition to a more sustainable, inclusive and just future through public-private and Indigenous partnerships.

I am afraid that climate change and biodiversity loss know no borders; global markets and supply chains are deeply inter-connected and time is rapidly running out. To succeed, we will need to restore our relationship with Nature, challenge the status quo, innovate new business and financial models, work across borders at scale and ensure a just and sustainable transition for all. In this effort, ladies and gentleman, our children and young people have a vital role to play and we must listen to them too because, as it was put to me yesterday, our gener-

sentatives of the Algonquin people, and those who work for the support of the cause of Monarchy and the Commonwealth. Surprisingly, the feeling in the room was very laid back – no small amount because of the hard work of the staff at Rideau Hall – and one felt at ease to wander about and talk to other tables, at the same time enjoying a constant stream of hors d'œuvres, as simple as a mini gingerbread cake or as complex as roasted carrots infused with sesame! At a certain point, one saw Charles and Camilla emerge. After a short wait, I was able to meet the Duchess, who could not have been more gracious. I told her how excited our members and many other Canadians were for their homecoming. I also had the opportunity to meet our prime minister and the Chief Herald of Canada. After re-locating to the ballroom for a speech by the Governor General, guests had the opportunity to again mingle before taking their leave. This was an event unlike anything I have ever experi-

enced – and it was definitely the “high life.” I feel very honoured and humbled to have been considered worthy, young as I am, by Her Excellency and the League to attend – an event that will be one of my most proud memories for years to come!

A MEMBER IN NWT...

by Ben Hendriksen

It was 43 years since the last time that the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles visited the Northwest Territories. On Thursday May 19th Yellowknife and Dettah were happy to welcome the Prince and the Duchess of Cornwall back for another, if very brief visit. As was reported throughout a lot of media nationally and locally there was skepticism that Yellowknifers and Canadians would come out to welcome our future Monarch. Based on my observations living in Yellowknife this was not a concern (which we as monarchists know well).

From our local radio and news site



The Duchess of Cornwall meets local business owners during a visit to the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Cabin Radio hosting ‘Chuckwatch’ (A real time reporting of the Prince and Duchesses’ itinerary) to the warm welcome they received from the Yellowknives Dene First Nation in their community of Dettah, the trip seemed to leave a positive impression. As always there will be skeptics or the people who are indifferent toward Canada’s constitutional

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ation has borrowed the land from them.

I can only say how strongly I would encourage the leadership of the Northwest Territories to address this challenge by working alongside indigenous knowledge-keepers to restore harmony with Nature, while also looking at vital community scale renewable energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as biofuels, hydropower, solar and wind. We simply must learn practical lessons from traditional knowledge, through deep connections to land and water, about how we should treat our planet and, above all, recognize the vital importance of taking into account the seventh unborn generation...

As we depart from Yellowknife, I particularly wanted to express my special thanks to everyone in the community of Dettah for your willingness to share with us your traditions, your concerns and your profound wisdom.

... our visit has enabled us to deepen our understanding of this important moment in Canada’s journey. It has been deeply moving to have met survivors of residential schools who, with such courage, have shared their experiences. On behalf of my wife and myself, I want to acknowledge their suffering and to say how much our hearts go out to them and their families. All leaders have shared with me the importance of advancing reconciliation in

Canada. We must listen to the truth of the lived experiences of Indigenous peoples, and we should work to understand better their pain and suffering. We all have a responsibility to listen, understand and act in ways that foster relationships between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada.

Now, today, we have had the greatly valued opportunity of spending time with members of the Dene First Nation, renewing connections I established more than fifty years ago when I visited with The Queen and my late father, The Duke of Edinburgh. Here we have been honoured to learn more about self-determination, the vital preservation of culture and language, and the increasingly disastrous impact of climate change on ways of life and the balance of Nature.

And so, ladies and gentleman, we depart today with heavy hearts, having greatly appreciated the warmth and hospitality we experienced in St. John’s, Ottawa and Yellowknife. I know that even across the miles, we shall remain in close touch, including through the many Canadian organizations to which my wife and I are affiliated, and which we are so proud to support. Above all, we will be closely following the next chapter in this country’s remarkable story – and doing so with the greatest affection and admiration for everything that Canada and Canadians

stand for in the world.

As the journey continues, we remain with you. Massi cho.

**HRH’s important thoughts on the Commonwealth, with a tip of the hat to Canada
CHOGM Opening Ceremony at Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda, June 24, 2022**

...Throughout her reign, The Queen has placed – and continues to place – the greatest importance on the common friendship, humanity and values that all of us share in this room, not despite but because of the diversity the Commonwealth represents. And I know how grateful she is that, in recognition of Her Majesty’s unstinting service to our Commonwealth Family, all Commonwealth Member States have announced that they have now committed themselves to The Queen’s Commonwealth Canopy.

I treasure the friendships we have built over these past seventy years, and look forward to their deepening in the years ahead. As we build back from the pandemic that has devastated so many lives; as we respond to climate change and biodiversity loss that threatens our very existence; and as we see lives destroyed by the unattenuated aggression of violent forces... such friendships are more impor-

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monarchy. But, after a packed afternoon itinerary meeting with Indigenous leaders and community members, local artisans, students, residents and operators of a women's shelter, a visit to the territorial museum (The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre opened by HRH in 1979), and concluding with remarks on a thawing lake edge where he spoke about the critical need for action on climate change and working with Indigenous knowledge keepers, the Prince of Wales received warm applause. I believe the visit ensured another generation of Northerners will again now see the Crown as a living Canadian institution.

AND IN LONDON...

Il est bon de voir notre gouverneure générale avec un programme complet d'activités du Jubilé... et d'entendre les commentaires de tant de Canadiens qui ont bravé les foules, campé la nuit dans les parcs et pris plaisir à faire connaissance avec les foules diverses de frères et de sœurs nouvellement amis venus de tout le Commonwealth. Le meilleur de tous, bien sûr, c'est notre Reine, au centre de tout cela - entourée des membres loyaux de sa famille, dont beaucoup ne sont pas souvent annoncés - comme le Duc de

Kent - et d'autres de la génération montante qui ont conquis tous les cœurs. Une reine vénérable a souri à l'avion qui a remporté la bataille d'Angleterre, tandis que ses sujets, par centaines de milliers sur le Mall, utilisaient leurs Androïdes et autres pour immortaliser l'événement dans l'histoire de leurs familles - des souvenirs vivants qui perdureront dans le temps, tout comme les vieux exemplaires de l'Illustrated London News évoquent instantanément le début de ce glorieux règne.

Message magnifique de la gouverneure générale à l'occasion du jubilé de platine de Sa Majesté

Aujourd'hui, je joins ma voix à celle des Canadiens et Canadiennes et des gens du monde entier pour souligner un événement historique : le jubilé de platine de Sa Majesté la reine Elizabeth II.

Ce jubilé, c'est bien plus que les nombreuses festivités qui auront lieu. En plus des 70 années de règne de Sa Majesté, nous célébrons aussi son service au pays et son dévouement envers autrui.

Ce même dévouement a inspiré de nombreux Canadiens et Canadiennes à faire preuve d'altruisme, à défendre des causes importantes et à faire du Canada ce pays que nous aimons tant.

La responsabilité d'édifier un meilleur pays revient à chacun et chacune d'entre nous. J'encourage les Canadiens et Canadiennes à trouver une façon bien à eux de redonner et de contribuer à leur propre collectivité. Nos efforts collectifs sont la meilleure façon d'honorer véritablement la vie, l'héritage et le règne de Sa Majesté la Reine.

Et pour moi, voilà autant de raisons de célébrer.

LA FAMILLE LENNOX (OTTAWA) RAPPORTS DE LONDRES

En tant que Canadiens, nous nous sommes sentis tout à fait à l'aise dans les festivités et le rassemblement joyeux de millions de personnes à Londres et ailleurs aujourd'hui. Que ce soit au Mall, dans les rues du centre de Londres ou à Trafalgar Square, nous avons eu le sentiment de faire partie d'une énorme communauté et d'une famille de sympathisants. La Maison du Canada occupe une place de choix à Trafalgar Square, et ce soir, nous avons adoré nous joindre au Haut Commissaire du Canada, Ralph Goodale, et à la Gouverneure générale, Mary Simon, alors que le phare du Canada était allumé au sommet de la Maison du Canada.

...Excerpts from the Prince Of Wales' Speeches

tant than ever....

The Commonwealth contains within it countries that have had constitutional relationships with my Family, some that continue to do so, and increasingly those that have had none. I want to say clearly, as I have said before, that each member's Constitutional arrangement, as Republic or Monarchy, is purely a matter for each member country to decide. The benefit of long life brings me the experience that arrangements such as these can change, calmly and without rancour. But, as I said in Barbados last November, we should never forget the things which do not change: the close and trusted partnership between Commonwealth members; our common values and shared goals; and, perhaps most importantly, the strong and enduring connections between the peoples of the Commonwealth which strengthen us all.

...In the diversity of the 2.6 billion people on whose behalf you speak, comes great strength, which you can use, for instance, to speak up for the values which bind us, to invest in a rapid transition to a sustainable future and to create oppor-



Charles & Camilla remember the Rwandan Genocide during Commonwealth Meeting

tunities for our young people.

To achieve this potential good, however, and to unlock the power of our common future, we must also acknowledge the wrongs which have shaped our past.

Many of those wrongs belong to an earlier age with different - and, in some ways lesser - values. By working together, we are building a new and enduring friendship. In Canada recently, my wife and I were deeply touched to meet many of those engaged in the ongoing process of reconciliation - indigenous and non-indigenous peoples reflecting honestly and openly on one of the darkest aspects of

history. As challenging as that conversation can be, people across Canada are approaching it with courage and unwavering commitment, determined to lay a foundation of respect and understanding upon which a better future can be built.

It seems to me that there are lessons in this for our Commonwealth family. For while we strive together for peace, prosperity and democracy I want to acknowledge that the roots of our contemporary association run deep into the most painful period of our history. I cannot describe the depths of my personal sorrow at the suffering of so many, as I continue to deepen my own understanding of slavery's enduring impact...

If we are to forge a common future that benefits all our citizens, we too must find new ways to acknowledge our past. Quite simply, this is a conversation whose time has come. .. if we are to leave the world better than when we found it - and that is our duty and our privilege - we must be bold with our ambition, decisive with our actions and united in our effort.

In this mission, I know Her Majesty The Queen stands with us all.

Tory Leadership Candidates Give Opinions on Monarchy

As most members and readers of CMN will know, the Monarchist League of Canada is entirely non-partisan. Ideally, we hope that all the major federalist parties support the Crown – a wish largely fulfilled, as many NDP backbenchers have assured us of their loyalty despite Mr. Singh’s republican views. We call issues touching the Monarchy as we see them. We also know that many factors determine how one casts a ballot, and we hold as precious and confidential the highly-personal decision that voters make, be it for a party leader or their representatives in Parliament or a provincial Legislative Assembly. That said, we attempt to give information as to major party leaders’ positions in federal

elections, and as to candidates for federal parties’ leadership.

The following are responses by the Conservative Party of Canada’s leadership hopefuls. The statements are given *verbatim*, in response to our question to the campaigns: *I am interested to know what Mr/Ms X’s views are as to Canada’s polity continuing to be a constitutional monarchy* – responses are starred where the League or League member acting on our behalf did not receive a reply, but a trusted source provided one to us. When N/A appears beside a candidate’s name, it indicates that no comment has been received at press time despite at least four attempts to procure a response.



Scott Aitchison: I am a supporter of the monarchy and fully support Canada continuing to be a Constitutional Monarchy.



Jean Charest (*responses to two League members*): My position is consistent with the Party in maintaining our ties with the Monarchy and retaining the Queen as a Head of State. Constitutional questions involving the Monarchy are not high priorities for Canadians with our current state of the federation divided over issues like equalization and resources.

Thank you for your inquiry. Mr. Charest has no policy to change Canada’s Constitutional Monarchy status.



Pierre Poilievre: I am a monarchist. All of our freedoms come from the British Parliamentary tradition, the continuity of which is personified in the Queen.

Roman Babor: NA

Leslyn Lewis: NA

CANADA'S DEEP CROWN

Beyond Elizabeth II, The Crown's Continuing Canadian Complexion

by David E Smith,
Christopher McCreery
& Jonathan Shanks

University of Toronto Press, 2022

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Work on the Canadian Crown in Jubilee year could not be better co-authored than by this trio of monarchical heavyweights: David Smith, whose studies of the Crown such as *The Invisible Crown: The First Principle of Canadian Government* are both “academic” yet readable; Christopher McCreery has written a slew of slightly more “popular” – but no less authoritative – books touching the Monarchy, for several of which The Queen and other Royal Family members have written a preface; and Jonathan

Shanks is a senior counsel at the Privy Council Office in Ottawa.

This book sets out to explore how the Canadian Crown is “deep” in the sense of its dispersing power – in many senses of that word – throughout our system of government. It also lightly touches on the likely events attendant upon the “demise of the Throne” – which is what readers will think of as the nearly-unthinkable time “when The Queen dies.”

In his Introduction, the greatest Governor General of modern times, David Johnston, emphasizes that our Crown is not based on codified rules, but a series of tacit understandings – thus the “summoning together of Canada in non-partisan commitment to nation building.” More over – as he knows well – the vice-regal office which forms the visible aspect of the Crown day in day out carries

with it “a modest formality” and “limited resources.”

The authors’ preface and introduction frame the society in which our Crown exists – one that they correctly characterize as lacking “a robust republican movement” (*pace* Peter Donolo) – which in many ways was what the Prime Minister was getting at as he welcomed Charles & Camilla back to Canada in late Spring, declaring the things Canadians are pre-occupied with and want government to work on are “not about constitutional change.” Then too, the family members of the Monarch tend to dominate news coverage when in fact they are almost entirely-separated from the governance responsibilities of our Crown, while the vice-regal family “convenes” Canadians of enormous diversity in a host of different ways, thus making a significant contribution to national unity. And the Crown’s constitutional role is thus much more apparent to the population than it is in Britain – “there is more to see” – and yet “it is weightless.”

Even in colonial times, the Governors recognized that while they held executive power, they would do well govern by and with a party for which they had “no sympathy” – a realization we might think of as the tentative beginnings of “responsible government.” And the stability of the new country come 1867 was in no small measure due to its foundations being so different from the USA, as Confederation represented Canadians’ “turning to – not away from – our history.” It reinforced the “orderly process” which led to our independence – and to the important concept articulated by Sir Wilfred Laurier in 1897, describing Canada as “a nation of a new type – a nation within the Empire.”

And in every step of that nation-building, the Crown and its prerogatives were used to enhance that national identity and individuality! The result, as enshrined in *The Constitution Act 1982*,



Christopher McCreery, expert on Canada's Crown

demanding the assent of all provinces and Parliament to any change in “the Office of the Queen...” is that our Crown is “deeply, almost permanently protected.” And one wherein it “gives legitimacy to what the politicians have worked out among themselves.” Its presence has grown more visible in the last half-century; and it “always participates in the game,” an apt sporting metaphor indeed!

As the authors subsequently opine, the “symmetry” principle, affirmed by Canadian courts, provides for our Monarch to be the Monarch for the time being of the United Kingdom – so preventing endless mischief as, for instance, changes to the *Act of Succession* as were made in 2013 without triggering the constitutional provisions requiring unanimous provincial assent. The separatists – with good reason – and a handful of monarchists who should have known better – were the lone outliers in opposing this appropriate and convenient manner by which the welcome changes were passed unanimously by Parliament – and that was entirely sufficient.

The “powers” of the Crown often preoccupy media and portions of the public, with a great deal of uninformed speculation as to “what The Queen may DO” – such as in the working out of the 1987 BC election, when in fact the Lieutenant Governor skilfully (and entirely constitutionally) oversaw the competing claims and no small egos of the party leaders to a good end without consulting (and we would put odds on, without even thinking of consulting) The Queen – who in fact had no role to play. Such truth confirms one of the more memorable passages of this book – “The Queen and her representatives are more than automatons but less than free agents,” and fascinating examples of how this is so are provided. But the use of independent faculties by vice-regals “invariably transpire behind the scenes and are rarely revealed until many years after the fact.”

In a new era of concern, perhaps mis-dubbed, about “colonialism” the authors treat with great skill how the Crown is at once a symbol of colonialism and independence. But they put paid to the notion

that it ever blocked – and in fact facilitated – Canada’s steady march towards a decidedly uncolonial independence.

Perhaps necessarily treated but briefly, as the issue could fill many volumes, is the discussion on how “the Crown may hold out promise for reconciling with the Indigenous population and the Supreme Court’s reference to “the honour of the Crown.” Governor General Johnston cer-

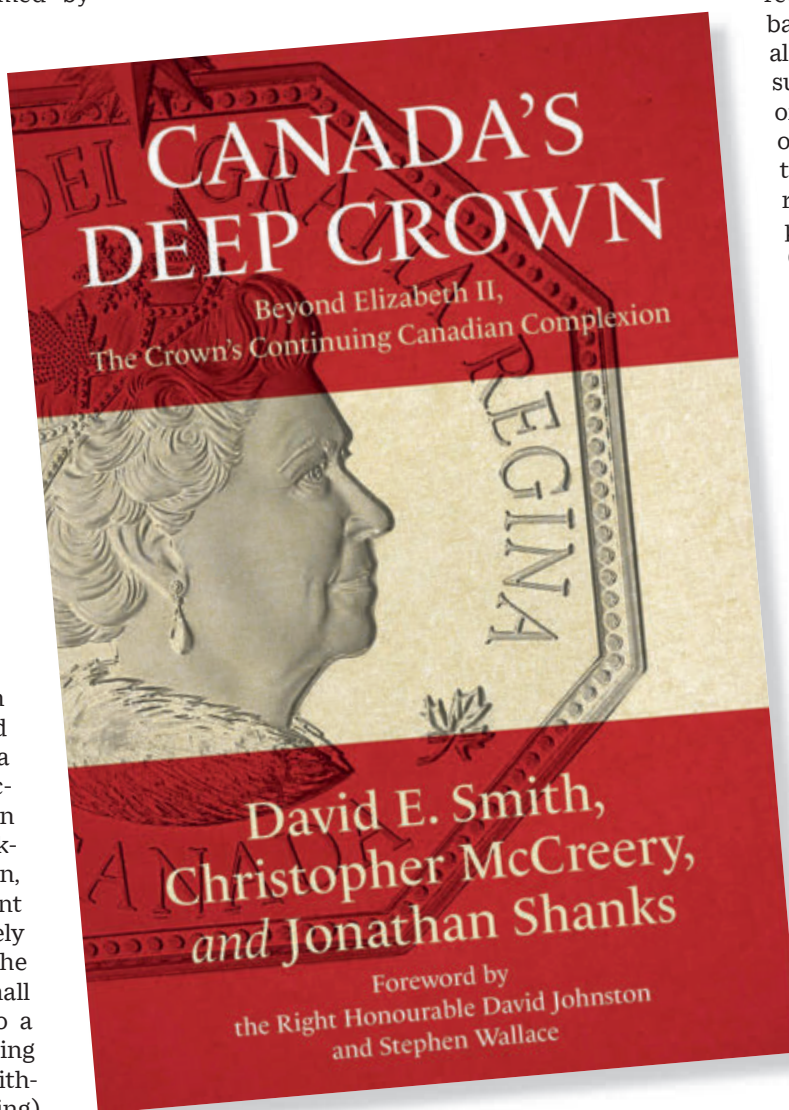
mittees for Lieutenants Governor and Senators became more a part of the landscape – resulting in some good vice-regal appointments, and probably casting a wider net for consideration than the PMO alone might have come up with. Flexibility, too, continues this supple utility of the Crown despite numerous fixed-election date policies in federal and many provincial jurisdictions – for the vice-regals still may agree, or not, to a request for an earlier or later ballot. Yes, flexibility – but yes, also a guarantee of democracy, such as for the likely the need of an early election after a vote of no confidence in the legislature. In this a Canadian vice-regal now continues to enjoy a prerogative denied to The Queen by statute in Britain.

A central proposition of the *Canada’s Deep Crown* lies in its focus on the Crown’s role in dispersing power throughout Canada’s government. While the authors argue that some of the prerogatives did not merely cross the ocean at Confederation (such as the Sovereign’s right to Sturgeon, or her role in the Church of England), many did, or have been created and affirmed here. While its statutory and constitutional powers are relatively easy to enumerate, certain powers “inherent in The Queen as a natural person and in the Crown as an institution” are lesser studied but in fact “among the most enduring” and that use of the prerogative “is central to the operation of our democratic institutions” and frequently turn up

as varied (and important) as refugee health care, conferral and revocation of Honours, the issuance of passports and the prorogation of Parliament” to name but a few. Thus they can be listed in five main groups, relating to the executive and legislative branches – and to the administration of justice, property, defence and foreign affairs.

The tracing of these within the governance process, and the explication of their development and useful nature, is one of the more fascinating elements of this work; in sum, the presence of the prerogative, in many instances affirmed

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tainly did his bit with consummate skill in convening the Chiefs early in his time at Rideau Hall. Whether the more inflamed passions of today, stemming from this as so many other cleavages in North American life, are susceptible to vice-regal assistance will be a challenge indeed – probably one greater than the Canadian Crown has previously faced, and with a deal of risk attached to even the most benign and well-intentioned efforts its representatives might choose to undertake.

The flexibility of our Crown is reinforced nationally as nominating com-

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through court rulings, remains a vital part of Canada's supple, flexible governance. To this add a further usefulness to the institution – the “dignified Crown.” Its influencing representation, information and participation through, for instance, the potency of appointments and the usefulness of royal commissions, while being shielded from become enmeshed in assenting to immoderate advice from the elected leaders of the nation, as from using the powers of the Crown in its absence, all contribute to the moderate, smoothly-oiled nature of Canadian polity.

The Vice-Regal family in Canada provides a breadth of backgrounds, purposes and personalities whose individual administrations are distinct, but at the provincial level, are very much executed, inasmuch as possible, “in the name of The Queen,” a phrase not heard often at Rideau Hall! The expected duties of a Lieutenant Governor occupy about two-thirds of their time, leaving one-third for focussing on specific interests. Their Honours own conferences, formal with the Governor General, informal through their own and their staffs' exchanges of views, for the most part brings good ideas and best practices to the ten provincial governors. Occasionally, the feathers are ruffled – a hapless Assistant out of Rideau Hall once told his provincial counterparts, “we really have nothing to do with the Palace,” – he was soon sped on his way. A Lieutenant Governor's ill-judged suggestion that colleagues might profit from engaging with the priorities and predilections of a polling group possessed of a distinctly republican bent was quickly smacked down. But in general, overt linkage with and support for the monarchical foundations of the office thrive in the Provinces – one factor that at once overcomes and celebrates the disparities, economic, social and population numbers and ethnicity, and help to bind together Canadians. And they do so on a minuscule budget, with far fewer resources than the Governor General.

A good part of the success of Lieutenant Governors derives from their having moved in recent decades from the Victorian role model of formality – a mini-Court if you will – focussing on being “fount of honour” and a meeting place for those of power and rank to a far broader engagement with people as they are, “where citizens from a broad cross-section of society are brought together, to be recognized, celebrated and honoured.” Then too, the widening of Canadian Honours to include an astonishing diver-

sity of Provincial Honours, has brought Lieutenant Governors into contact with many who in previous generations may were certainly not recognized, not to mention much less likely to be welcomed at Government Houses.

The authors also make the point that the dispersal of vice-regals both in their varied talents, as “a rotating cadre,” (5-6 years being usual time in office) and in their very impermanence reinforce loyalty to the symbols of the Crown and the Monarch whose identity seldom changes). Some are “firsts” (as in gender, faith, ethnicity, sexuality). allowing for freshness and diversity during long Reigns by a Sovereign who is of course ‘non-resident’. A telling statistic: in modern history,

The Canadian Crown: “woven into the furniture of the state”

Canada three Monarchs (George III, Victoria and our Queen) who occupied the Throne for a total of 190 years – yet in their epochs the three were represented by 467 Canadian vice-regals! With or sometimes despite the media coverage, and given that inherited tradition and knowledge of civics are less true in these days – the rainbow of royal representatives has indeed anchored and dispersed many a pot of gold.

From what some considered the audacious book drives for empty libraries on Indigenous reservations, championed with finesse by James Bartleman, to the less dramatic and more typical vice-regal focus on environmental and volunteerism initiatives, the visible Crown promotes the things Canadians largely agree about, freeing our politicians to work out the issues on which we disagree. Through all this, the book argues, the Crown can assume “multiple personalities” and be “tailored for the realities and requirements of each of the jurisdictions over which it holds sovereignty.” Thus one might think it advantageous that Canadian enjoy a flexible Crown, one capable of being seen in its potent world-wide reach via the Commonwealth and its Realms, but also as local in its visibility and influence “where I live.” Each depends on the other – moons are visible only as the sun shines on them.

Such adaptability, it is argued, also surrounds the symbols of the Crown, with their presence, often taken for granted without any particular thought, “woven deeply into the Canadian state and soci-

ety” as “the furniture of the state.” Thus the term encompasses not merely flags or seals, but ceremonies, language and “traditions” in how the Crown disperses identity and pride throughout the country. From Canada's inception, we are reminded Governor General Lord Dufferin had to innovate – such as the including of Roman Catholic dignitaries in the tables of precedence and the means of giving Royal Assent. In the same way the celebration of our Centennial, the creation of Nunavut as a Territory and the inclusion of land acknowledgments demanded new forms, fresh symbology if you will – all pointing, as does the ever-expanding creations of Honours, to the Crown's presence as evolutionary, never static.

That same suppleness will be seen again when our Queen dies. The form of immediately proclaiming the Reign of our King, the official memorial observances in Parliament and throughout Canada will derive from but be far from identical to those attending George VI's death. The Queen will be genuinely mourned – not as a wartime leader and someone who was called to duty unexpectedly as was her father, but as an example of devoted service in peace time, complete commitment and courageous longevity: a constant in Canadian lives (more than 85% of us have lived only under her Reign) with the additional circumstance so that so many Canadians met her, and millions were in her presence during homecomings, with tens of millions more via electronic media. And even more significant, from the point of view of the Crown's place in Canada, will be the symbolism surrounding the ceremonial of the Coronation – which surely will be more reflective of the Realms' interests, as our King too, as well as probably being at least some secular elements being included in or adjacent to its unfolding.

The three authors of this seminal work write from a deep appreciation of our Sovereign as a person, the Canadian State as a Realm and the Institution of the Crown as woven, deeply, into the very fabric of our being, nation and person alike. “Ubiquitous and engrained” – thus “Canada's Deep Crown.” They write clearly and realistically – and loyally. Thus it is a primer which every intelligent Canadian from late high school years up should “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.”

There could be no better Jubilee gift to Elizabeth our Queen than *Canada's Deep Crown*.

CROWNS & MACES

(all Crowns this time around – in the spirit of Jubilee year!)

👑 to HRH PRINCESS EUGENIE for her article in *The Spectator*, paying an eloquent and heartfelt tribute to her Grandmother our Queen: "... Her Majesty



Eugenie with Queen

the Queen is an incomparable monarch who has reached a record-breaking milestone. She also happens to be my grannie, and I am a very proud granddaughter... When I was thinking about memories of the 2012 Jubilee...I remember seeing my grannie and grandpa standing for eight hours in the rain, waving and smiling, and keeping the family and the nation moving forward like they had done for so many years.

"Seventy years is really quite something, isn't it? The Jubilee stands as a testimony to a woman who has transcended time and has been that constant rock for so many when the world can feel so fragile. I remember during the worldwide lockdown, when Her Majesty gave a speech saying 'we will meet again', and in an instant we were all connected in a collective confidence that everything would be OK and life would continue one day"

"...I think about my son August and what I'd like for him, what kind of world I'd like him to grow up in. And I think of my grannie and what she has stood for, for so many people and for our family during these 70 years. I'd love Augie to have her patience, her calmness and her kindness, while always being able to laugh at himself and keep a twinkle in his eye."

👑 to Her Excellency THE GOVERNOR GENERAL for her positive remarks about our Sovereign in her Canada Day address in Ottawa: *This year, we mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Her Majesty has earned our respect during the last seven decades with her commitment to service and her steadfast and reassuring presence.*

👑 to PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU for his accurate summation of public opinion when questioned by reports during the May 17 arrival of Canada's future King & Queen: "When I hear from Canadians about the things they're pre-occupied about, and the things they want their governments to work on, it's not about constitutional change..." The PM's remarks (curiously not found on his website) also referred warmly to The Queen, and used the phrase "Her Majesty's Canadian government," both accurately, eloquently – and alas, rarely used for decades as the best mini-civics lesson around!

👑 to distinguished (Oscar-nominated) Canadian hair and makeup artist (and League member) DONALD MOWAT, on his appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada, his citation reading *For his contributions as a makeup and prosthetic designer in the film industry.* Among the many movies Donald has enhanced with his artistry are *Dune*, *Moon Knight*, *Sicario* and *First Man*.



Monarchist
Donald Mowat
appointed CM.

👑 to ANTHONY HYLTON, whom The Queen honoured by appointing him LVO, in her personal gift as a long-time team member and then Private Secretary to Ontario Lieutenant Governors. Anthony mentored League interns for many summers, and later hired a good number of them onto the vice-regal staff. An actor manqué, he orchestrated numerous programmes by which Their several Honours and the Office of Lieutenant Governor enhanced its public reputation and outreach, often in a contemporary approach without prejudice to dignity.



Anthony Hylton
honoured by
Queen



Vancouver duo with terrific arrangement of Royal Anthem!

👑 to BC musicians ELI BENNET and ROSEMARY SIEMENS, two talents who overlaid hundreds of voice and instrumental tracks to produce a beautiful – traditional and briefly lightly jazzy in the nicest way – of our Royal Anthem. Schools should use this at assemblies, as all of us in our places of gathering during these two years of Jubilee!

see at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZlyK9W6Ks8

👑 to our friend and benefactor BYRON THOMAS of Georgetown, ON, who impresses many (and perhaps



Byron Thomas – organized Jubilee Dinner with Brian Mulroney

shames a good few with his achievements) by showing what one individual can do. It was his lone intervention with the city fathers of Halton Hills which resulted in – town officials wearing the Jubilee Pin; social media posts by the city; raising of the Platinum Jubilee Flag at City Hall; Halton Hills Library display of Queen/Monarchist memorabilia in the History Room (representing settler history) and contact with the Acton and Georgetown Legions to stay connected with their Jubilee planning. Oh, and on the side he organized and chaired a major Jubilee Dinner with former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. *Indefessus!*

CANADIAN GUNNERS FORM THE QUEEN'S GUARD

*By Brigadier-General J.J. Selbie
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Commandant (2014-2021), The Royal
Regiment of Canadian Artillery*

The year 2021 marked a significant Canadian military milestone - the 150th anniversary of the establishment of "A" and "B" Batteries, the first "full-time" or "regular" elements of the post-Confederation Canadian army.

Following the American Civil War, Britain's policy was to make self-governing colonies responsible for their own defence and, in 1871, all Imperial troops in Canada, excepting the Halifax garrison, were withdrawn. In response, Militia General Order No. 24 dated 20 October of that year, authorized the formation of "A" and "B" Batteries of Garrison Artillery and Schools of Gunnery at Kingston and Quebec City respectively. They were commanded by Lieutenant Colonels G.A. French and T.B. Strange, on secondment from the British Army, and manned by officers and men on attachment from Active Militia field and garrison batteries around a nucleus of instructors formerly of the Royal Artillery. They were very much "total force" or "one army" units and their impact was profound.

As distinguished Canadian historian George F.G. Stanley states:

"... the Royal Schools of Gunnery at Quebec and Kingston, within a few years, provided the militia artillery with a leaven of well-trained NCOs and gunners which it had never before possessed. Owing to this, perhaps more than to anything else, the artillery established itself as the most efficient branch of the Canadian militia service and acquired a pride in itself which it has never ceased to possess."

The significance of their creation transcends the heritage of a single regiment or corps - even one as large and deeply rooted as the artillery. Replacing as they did the withdrawing British Army garrisons, their formation marked a watershed in Canadian military history. Henceforth, Canada would bear responsibility for its defence commensurate with its new political autonomy.

"A" and "B" Batteries exist today as elements of 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1RCHA). The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, of which they form part, comprises twenty-three regular and reserve force regiments and independent batteries represented in thirty-three communities from Victoria

to Yarmouth and is renowned for its service to Sovereign and Country at home and abroad, in war and in peace - "Ubique", "Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt" as our regimental mottos proclaim ("Everywhere", "Where Right and Glory Lead").

Thus, the 150th anniversary of this event was of historical importance not only for The Royal Regiment but for the Canadian Army and for Canada itself. And so it was that The Regiment undertook, under the rubric of UBIQUE 150, a series of events and activities through the spring, summer, and fall, from Artillery Day (26 May) to St Barbara's Day (4 December) to celebrate the occasion accordingly. Of these, the undoubted highlight was the profound honour of forming the Queen's Guard for three weeks in October at Her Majesty's residences in London (Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace) and at Windsor Castle and, also, at the Tower of London. Since 1952, Her Majesty has been our Captain General - a relationship we treasure - but this was the first time we have had the opportunity to demonstrate publicly our loyalty and devotion in such a tangible and symbolically meaningful way.

Preparations for the mission began in earnest in August, at The Royal Regiment's Home Station in Shilo, Manitoba. It was here that the RCA United Kingdom Public Duties Contingent, as we termed it, came together with a strength of 130 all ranks. The command team and most members were drawn from 1RCHA stationed in Shilo. These were joined by representatives from other regular force artillery units in Petawawa, Valcartier and Gagetown as well as public affairs and medical personnel. Also part of the contingent was the Royal Canadian Artillery Band from Edmonton.

Drill, especially ceremonial drill of the sort employed by the Queen's Guard, is not as frequent a feature of a soldier's life as it once was, and so "square bashing", conducted with the assistance of a Colour Sergeant and a Warrant Officer of the Grenadier Guards deployed to Canada for this purpose, was one of two dominant features of the preparation programme.

The second was the tailoring of uniforms. I am especially proud of our success as a Regiment in readopting and procuring the traditional dark blue RCHA





“Undress” or “Patrol” order of dress, complete with shoulder chain mail, for wear by members of the Guard. The Band, for their part, wore the traditional RCA “Full Dress” uniform. Ensuring the perfect fit of so many uniforms was a mammoth undertaking and would not have been possible were it not for an exceptionally talented and dedicated team comprising the Master Tailor from King’s Troop Royal Horse Artillery, also flown over from the UK, and two highly capable seamstresses and Friends of The Regiment from Brandon who volunteered their services, and in whose debt we will always be.

Preparations culminated with the “Fit for Role” inspection held at Wellington Barracks, London on September 27th. Drill, dress, and deportment of a rare high standard – these were the criteria applied by the Brigade Major and the Garrison Sergeant Major of the Household Division in assessing the Contingent’s readiness to perform its assigned “Public Duties”. Having put them through their paces and cast their eagle eyes over every detail, their pronouncement was, “really outstanding”.

As Colonel Commandant, it was my great privilege and pleasure, along with

the Regimental Colonel, to join the Contingent for their first week of duties. It was a delightfully proud and memorable seven days beginning with the Contingent photograph taken at the famed Royal Artillery Barracks at Woolwich – as iconic a venue as one could choose for such an historic picture.

Monday was spent at Larkhill – headquarters of our Allied Regiment and home of the Royal School of Artillery. That evening we dined, back in London, at the Army and Navy Club as guests of Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Gregory KBE CB Master Gunner St James’s Park. The Master Gunner provides the link between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the Captain General and is accorded the status of senior Gunner of the Commonwealth.

Tuesday, the Contingent’s Windsor Castle Detachment mounted guard for the first time. What a thrill it was standing in the forecourt of the Castle and seeing the detachment march through the gate led by the RCA Band playing our Regimental March (British Grenadiers /Voice of the Guns). During the inspection of the Guard, the Band played a series of carefully curated Canadian pieces

including the Hockey Night in Canada theme – our second national anthem – and a real crowd pleaser on that occasion, I can assure you.

Later that day, after dinner with the Contingent officers at St James’s Palace, it was off to the Tower of London to witness the ancient Ceremony of the Keys, denoted by the famous exchange between the sentry – for the first time in history a Canadian Gunner – and the Chief Yeoman Warder:

“Halt! Who comes there?”

“The Keys”

“Whose Keys?”

“Queen Elizabeth’s Keys”

“Pass Queen Elizabeth’s Keys. All’s well”.

And the, between the Chief Yeoman Warder and the balance of the Guard:

“God preserve Queen Elizabeth!”

“Amen!”

The balance of the week included viewing, from within the forecourt, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and visits to King’s Troop Royal Horse Artillery and to Pooley Sword near Brighton. (Pooley have supplanted Wilkinson as leading supplier of “swords,

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dirks and lances” to the Armed Forces of Britain and the Commonwealth). As well, we were able to thank many of those who helped make the Public Duties mission such a success by greeting them at a UBIQUE 150 reception at Canada House.

However, the occasion whose memory I will most treasure occurred on Wednesday, October 6th at Windsor when Her Majesty, who was in residence there throughout the Contingent’s tour of duty, visited the Windsor Castle Detachment in the Guardroom where the soldiers live when not on duty at a sentry post. Many readers will have seen the television film coverage of the visit and doubtless remarked upon the maple leaf broach she wore and her radiant smile which she generously shared with us all.

Palace officials told us that this was the first time, of which they were aware, that The Queen had actually toured the Guardroom – a notably spartan facility in accordance with its function. Inside, standing by their beds proudly at attention, were the detachment members. Her Majesty exchanged words with each of them in turn, including one Master Bombardier who reminded her that they had met once before – at the opening of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg. It was then back outside where I introduced to her the senior members of the Contingent including the Regimental Colonel; Commanding Officer and RSM of 1 RCHA; the Officer Commanding the Contingent and the Contingent Sergeant Major; and the Commanding Officer/Director of Music and Sergeant Major of the RCA Band. Her Majesty allowed to the OC, Major Crosier, that she thought it kind of The

Times to have featured him on the front page of its Monday edition!

It was then time for Her Majesty to graciously make a presentation to The Regiment – an RCA pattern sword crafted by Pooley Sword and inscribed:

“Presented by
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Captain General of The Royal
Regiment of Canadian Artillery
On the 150th Anniversary of the
Formation of “A” and “B” Batteries
20 October 2021”

This sword, known now as The Captain General’s Sword, will be used to recognize annually, a Captain of each of the regular and reserve components of The Royal Regiment, assessed to have exhibited the most exemplary leadership dur-

ing the course of the year.

As a last-minute request, I had asked the Regimental Colonel to lead “three cheers for Her Majesty” as The Queen returned to her Range Rover. I thought she would hear them as she entered the vehicle. Instead, she stopped and turned to face and acknowledge her Canadian Gunners as they heartily cheered their Captain General and Sovereign. Judging by the strength of the voices and the smile on Her Majesty’s face, it was, I believe, a moment of shared pride and affection.

A few minutes after her departure, the Range Rover returned with The Queen’s Royal Marine Equerry, who conveyed the message that Her Majesty had very much enjoyed her visit and that she hoped arrangements would be made for all members of the Contingent to “see the sights” while in London.

While I returned to Canada on October 9th, the Contingent continued to perform its duties, with distinction, until October 22nd. As soldiers and as Gunners, we are aware of and understand more than most Canadians, the role of the sovereign in our constitutional monarchy. From the Crown on our cap badge, to the Royal Cypher inscribed on the barrels of our guns, we are constantly reminded of our enduring duty of loyalty and service to the state, as personified by the Queen or King in an office above and beyond the political frays of the day. As such, there could have been no finer nor more fitting celebration of our 150th anniversary than to have enacted this relationship as we did, for the first time in our history, at Windsor in October. May the next 150 years bring continued opportunities for service UBIQUE – QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT!



PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT

Many Canadians will share sadness at reading that Prince Michael of Kent is “retiring” from his unenviable but always bravely-born status as a member of our Royal Family who had to navigate the inevitable shoals of earning a living while maintaining dignity and fending off the inevitable efforts of some to use him for infelicitous purposes.

The League had the privilege to host Prince Michael on an exhausting ten-day coast-to-toast tour of Canada during Golden Jubilee year. Whether reviewing hundreds of excited Cadets packed into an Armoury gymnasium, addressing the Canadian Club, visiting at-risk youth on a training boat, undertaking events with Lieutenant Governors who represent The Queen in each of our provinces, visiting his Regiment in Windsor – some 50-odd engagements – HRH showed enormous resilience, an absolute focus on those whom he met and an instinctive awareness as to how he might best meet the expectations and interests of diverse audiences.

Add to that Prince Michael’s keen sense of humour (engaging a plush animal in ‘conversation’ as he left his day room at a Victoria inn), and poise when an arrangement ran long or a flight was delayed: all of these qualities and much more endeared him to members and the public as well as our travelling contingent. What shone through all was, as we know remains, a deep devotion to the Sovereign. “Well done, good and faithful servant” might well someday be carved on his tombstone – but may it be only after many years after a long and happy retirement.



Prince Michael addressing Alberta Legislature during Golden Jubilee tour.



HRH presents League’s Silver Badge of Service to Margaret Mace at Victoria Luncheon.

LEAGUE NOTES

Howard "Kent" Jackson

September 5, 1927 - June 30, 2022



Kent worked in Chatham at Walker Stores and in Wallaceburg at Whiteside Interiors until he moved to Toronto in 1960 where he became a 25 year Club member of Simpsons, from where he retired.

He was a long time member of Bloor Street United Church where he was a 31 year choir member.

An ardent supporter of the Monarchy, he joined the Monarchist League of Canada, and served the Toronto Branch in many capacities, including Chairman in the days of its significant strength. In recognition of his support he received the Queen's Jubilee medals in 2002 and 2012 and the Provincial Volunteer Award in 2015.

Chairman Finch particularly remembers Kent as the individual who reached out in a supportive way to him during his early days as Dominion Chairman.

He was a modest, loyal and devoted man - humble, too: he once told the Founder, "I was just a draper." His dignity was natural, as was his commitment to service. We will long remember his example. RIP.

JLA

LEAGUE RECEIVES \$187,000 GRANT FROM CANADIAN HERITAGE TO DISTRIBUTE 70,000 COPIES OF OUR EDUCATIONAL BOOKLETS!



Chairman Finch writes: I am delighted to share with you the news that I received a call from the Office of the Hon Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence, and MP for Oakville, Ontario - in which the League is located from a corporate point of view - in which I was informed that our application for a Jubilee project of distributing our educational booklets had been approved! We are tasked with distributing it across the country in both English and French versions during both the current Platinum Jubilee year, and the Coronation Jubilee year which follows.

It is a tremendous opportunity for the facts about our Monarchy to be disseminated throughout the country; and it brings with it, of course, a responsibility to make the best use of public funds. Classroom education being a provincial responsibility, the first approach has been sent to the 13 provincial and territorial Premiers to whom we have offered booklets for their classrooms in proportion to each jurisdiction's population - and we hope the vast majority of them will be distributed and used in this way.

Another vital component of this undertaking is you - our members and friends. Your role will be significant in encouraging schools, youth groups and communities to request copies that will be put to work, so to speak, and delivered into the



hands of learners.

We should all spare a thought to our great friend and benefactor, the late Richard Robarts. Dick suggested we develop educational booklets; and during several decades he funded the printing of every single English-language copy - tens of thousands.

He was also delighted that simultaneously we produced a French booklet, and found support for the related expense. With deep loyalty and abundant cheerfulness, this man of faith - small and capital "f"s - encouraged us with his generosity of substance and spirit until his death last November. We would like to think he is tickled pink at today's news, and rejoices with us upon a further shore, and in a greater light, as he so fervently believed.

No one would have thought in 1970 - or even 2000 - that the League would enjoy the confidence of Her Majesty's government in Canada and be funded in order to undertake a significant project to educate our fellow citizens about an institution which lies at the basis of our polity.

Our thanks to the Minister and our friends at Canadian Heritage with whom we've worked on the Queen Portrait and Jubilee Pin undertakings - and to all of you who continue to support our efforts.

LEAGUE NOTES

JUBILEE PIN DISTRIBUTION HITS 50,000... AND CLIMBING



Between group orders - from every organization under Canada's sun, such as Guides, Rotary and similar service clubs, Cadet Corps, Legion branches, churches, party and picnic organizers - you name it - the demand continues strong. Canadian Heritage's supply chain issues have been at times vexing, but most of our new friends have been understanding and patient in awaiting their orders.

A final supply of 15,000 Pins is coming our way at the end of July; designed to meet the requests through the rest of Jubilee year, we shall see if the enthusiasm for this really beautiful Pin continues apace.

It has certainly taxed our work at Dominion HQ, which has been made possible only by two of the best student workers we ever have employed: Alec Nilsson, a Swedish twenty-something now studying in Toulouse with his girlfriend, and

The Government of Canada's Jubilee Website

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/platinum-jubilee/celebrate

Le site web du jubilé du gouvernement du canada

www.canada.ca/fr/patrimoine-canada/campagnes/jubile-platine/celebrer

who worked from February 6 to the beginning of June; and Nolan Krug, entering his second year in Finance at Carleton University, who began work in June for the summer months.

THE AUCTION IS COMING...THE AUCTION IS COMING...



Early September brings our annual Silent Auction online. Dominik Wrona will soon be photographing the treasures of all stripes (and starting bids) for the catalogue; and the Dominion HQ team is busy arranging the final details of over 35 items which will be open to bidding by all members and friends shortly after Labour Day. What item might we tease in the august pages of *CMN*?

Well of course - a Barbie Platinum Jubilee Doll, mint condition and unopened - long sold out in primary markets! Slightly more weighty in all senses of the adverb: Arnold McNaughton's *Book of Kings* in magnificent binding and case. Yes, and we'll have some Royal biscuits, too!

CALGARY BRANCH CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Chairman Finch has written members in several areas during Jubilee Year (with more to come) to introduce new appoint-



ments by which League branches are being re-activated under the program laid out by the three-year Branch Development Plan circulated about a year ago. All are mandated to gather a team of members dedicated to outreach and action, rather than the clubby self-satisfaction which (as true of many organizations!) sometimes had characterized branches of yesteryear. Calgary is now led by JARED ROSS - with a background in hospitality as but one of his strengths.

QUEBEC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY SEEKS LEAGUE MATERIALS

Interesting that Québeckers' Legislative Library recently sought a number of League materials. It evidently sees value in our writings and research even when some other "academic" compilers and cataloguers do not - *honi soit*...



Jonathan Bradshaw, who edits our triennial *Cost & Value of the Canadian Crown* decorated his Toronto home for the Jubilee with the Canadian Platinum Jubilee flag, and bunting of all 54 national flags of Commonwealth members - AND a white board explaining it all. Many children walking by were excited to learn about it, - and neighbours and others walking in the neighbourhood yelled "God Save the Queen!" It was up the week preceding June celebrations in London - I didn't hear a single negative comment, or a single rude gesture!

