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



OUR PLATINUM QUEEN

"Champion of our most cherished values"

JUBILEE FLAGS RAISED, MEDAL HOPES DASHED

Alberta to issue Medal - Other Provinces May follow

Tributes To Queen Happening & Planned - Pins Fly Out The Door

“Champion of our most cherished values” – Trudeau “...our essential unity under the Crown in a time of challenging divisions...”

MONARCHISTS RESOLVE TO REVIVE MEDAL FOR CORONATION JUBILEE 2023

Accession Day, 2022 brought most of the vice-regals to morning Jubilee Flag-Raising ceremonies, public attendance severely limited by pandemic restrictions. The Governor General issued a loyal and personal Message, the Lieutenant Governors followed suit, with perhaps the warmest of all the day's tributes coming from the Prime Minister.

Alas, Mr. Trudeau's well known regard for our Sovereign, ceaseless campaigning by the Monarchist League and its members and a last-minute intervention by two members of the Tories' shadow cabinet did not influence him sufficiently to cause a Platinum Jubilee Medal in the Canadian tradition to be struck - and to honour those persons who normally receive no reward and seek no recognition, which would have been such a happy reminder of all who have risked their lives to help COVID sufferers, those working for reconciliation and countless others who volunteering in food banks and women's shelters, driving patients to chemo and leading Rotary Clubs and Boy Scout troops indeed personify “all that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal.”

The decision's being blamed on “the Cabinet” of course rang hollow to Ottawa observers, who know very well that if a Prime Minister wants something to happen, it does. The other line being advanced by the feds is that no Realm other than Britain is issuing such a Medal for this Jubilee. However that may be a fact, it is scarcely an argument - in truth, it is

No Platinum Jubilee Medal for Canadian volunteers. Governor General David Johnston so respected its recipients that he signed every one of the accompanying certificates by hand! Those were the days...



irrelevant. And, speaking of truth, here is a second fact: the Government of Canada chose not to honour The Queen's singular selfless service by issuing a Medal which would have brought Jubilee consciousness and Jubilee pride to more Canadians than almost any other aspect of the celebrations. It did so in 1977, in 2002 and in 2012. It is not doing so now.

As CMN went to press, five or more provinces were considering issuing their own Provincial Jubilee Honour: Alberta announced February 22 its Act to award 7000 Medals “to recognize 70 years of service.” The provinces have experience with honours; their loyalty will to some extent ease disappointment at Ottawa's refusal. Many in the Canadian Forces and RCMP, to name but two, are hoping for permission to wear the Jubilee Pin on uniforms throughout the year.

Of course, good things are happening, too. For a number of which the Government, especially exemplified at the Department of Canada Heritage, rightly deserves credit. There is to be a Royal Homecoming in the Fall: if the Palace is

wise, a plethora of such Homecomings by various Royals should follow over the next several years. The Monarchist League of Canada was named to fulfill requests for the Jubilee Pin - the demand for which has caused it to hire additional staff as enthusiasm is so evident for this beautifully designed and executed statement of Jubilee loyalty excitement - and above all, our essential unity under the Crown in a time of challenging divisions. Funding is being made available for community events. More initiatives may yet be announced.

Even better, outside of government, Joe, Marie, Imran and Vidula Canadian are planning their own celebrations: green gardens and the Commonwealth Canopy; a project to light bonfires, wail bagpipes and host “big lunch” picnics; having neighbours and new Canadians over to watch together the UK festivities in June; naming local landmarks; a great initiative in BC; arranging concerts; inventing more appropriate lyrics for *The Maple Leaf Forever*; special religious services - plans for all these and much more are springing up from coast to coast to coast throughout 2022.

By nature, monarchists are optimists. Remember the first Prime Minister Trudeau, who mused in 1969 that “the new values of the up and coming generation might cause Canada to give up its





connection with the Monarchy”? The move to prevent our Queen from opening the Montreal Olympics in 1976? The original Constitutional proposals of the 80’s which would have relegated the Sovereign to become a fairy tale monarch? The repeated attempts to remove Allegiance to Queen from the Citizenship Oath? The millennial project to abolish the Crown by some on Prime Minister Martin’s staff? The repeated republican bias and present meddling on the part of the Angus Reid polling outfit?

Yet, and yet: Loyal she remains: loyal to the Crown and to The Queen who signed her Jubilee Message “Your servant.” No comment needed.

The Maple Monarchists will be at it still to see if the Coronation Jubilee of 2023 may yet provide an opportunity for an enlightened PM to restore the Medal tradition most shamefully abandoned in 2022.

And all of us will be of one heart and voice in marking this momentous year.

LE LIEUTENANT-GOUVERNEUR DU QUÉBEC : NOUS REND TOUS FIERS

Applaudissons tous l’homme qui exerce la fonction la plus difficile au Canada, le lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec. La voix de M. Doyon, qui défend l’importance de la Couronne, et surtout de la Couronne provinciale dans les petites et grandes provinces, est entendue et respectée dans les conseils des vice-royaux.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I7Y-WgunfA



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC: MAKES US ALL PROUD

Three cheers for the man with the most difficult job in Canada: the Lieutenant Governor of Québec. M. Doyon’s voice defending the importance of the Crown, and especially of the provincial Crown in provinces both small and large, is heard and respected in the counsels of the vice-regals.

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EXCERPTS FROM JUBILEE TRIBUTES:

The Governor General: “The Queen is revered in the North...In northern communities, there’s always a picture or portrait up on the wall of the Queen, and people are often having conversations about her.” (quoted in *Hello Canada* “She’s one of us” Platinum Jubilee Special)

“En grandissant dans le Nord du Québec, ma grand-mère nous montrait des photos de la Reine. Sa Majesté était vénérée dans l’Arctique, car la relation entre la Couronne et les peuples autochtones est considérée comme sacrée. Au cours des 70 dernières années, Sa Majesté a été une figure rassurante et constante de compassion et de pondération. Elle a été le témoin privilégié de l’évolution de notre pays lors de ses nombreuses visites au Canada, qu’elle appelle son “second foyer”. (Message de 6 février)

The Prime Minister: A very fine message came from Prime Minister Trudeau,



rightly being one with which all Canadians, regardless of party, can agree! Mr Trudeau referred to “her constant presence in the lives of Canadians,” as “champion of our most cherished values” and to the “unique bond” HM shares with us.
pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2022/02/06/statement-prime-minister-mark-platinum-jubilee-her-majesty-queen

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta: “She is an indelible part of the fabric of our society. More than a living embodiment of the Crown and a central part of our cherished system of government, our Queen also represents the power of service above self to Canadians...”

Nova Scotia LG Tribute

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I7Y-WgunfA will take you to an eloquent tribute to The Queen by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, a touching addition being Mr. LeBlanc’s tribute to George VI on this day of mingled memory and celebration.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I7Y-WgunfA

The League’s Tribute

Seventy years our Queen! A day of Thanksgiving for the Queen’s 70 years on the throne and a time of holding in



THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION DAY MESSAGE

HM expresses wish that Camilla become Queen Consort, signs "Your Servant"

Tomorrow, 6th February, marks the 70th anniversary of my Accession in 1952. It is a day that, even after 70 years, I still remember as much for the death of my father, King George VI, as for the start of my reign.

As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

As I look ahead with a sense of hope and optimism to the year of my Platinum Jubilee, I am reminded of how much we can be thankful for. These last seven decades have seen extraordinary progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefitted us all; and I am confident that the future will offer similar opportunities to us and especially to the younger generations in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth.

I am fortunate to have had the steadfast and loving support of my family. I was blessed that in Prince Philip I had a partner willing to carry out the role of consort and unselfishly make the sacrifices that go with it. It is a role I saw my own mother perform during my father's reign.

This anniversary also affords me a time to reflect on the goodwill shown to me by people of all nationalities, faiths and ages in this country and around the world over these years. I would like to express my thanks to you all for your support. I remain eternally grateful for, and humbled by, the loyalty and affection that you continue to give me.

And when, in the fullness of time, my son Charles becomes King, I know you will give him and his wife Camilla the same support that you have given me; and it is my sincere wish that, when that time comes, Camilla will be known as Queen Consort as she continues her own loyal service.

And so as I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart, I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities - after some difficult times for so many of us - in order to enjoy the celebrations and to reflect on the positive developments in our day-to-day lives that have so happily coincided with my reign.

Your Servant
Elizabeth R.

memory George VI, a good king also beloved of his peoples

THE QUEEN - For Elizabeth II the person, today must be one of varying emotions:

REMEMBRANCE of her dear father, who guided the Empire through World War II, spared himself nothing in support of his peoples through dark days, and with his Queen, gave Elizabeth both the priceless gift of a loving home and the example of duty and service which she has honoured and followed every day of her Reign

SADNESS as, staying in the cottage on the Sandringham Estate where Prince Philip lived from the time of his retirement, HM must miss him deeply, and keenly regret the he will not be by her side through the celebrations of this unprecedented Platinum Jubilee year.

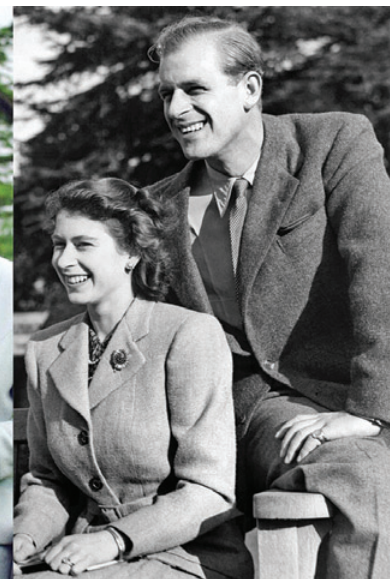
RESOLVE to continue to do her duty, even at her great age; to put forward that sparkling smile which joys all who meet her - witness her recent chatting with our Canadian Forces' soldiers amidst their tour of Mounting the Guard at Windsor; to enjoy a Jubilee of multiple celebrations, so giving enormous pleasure to billions, during what might be one of the last great events of her Reign; to feel confident that the Succession is secure in Charles, William and George.

WE HER PEOPLE - The equation is at once very simple and very demanding for those of us who hold her in our thoughts this memorable day and year. How on earth can we, in our several stations, possibly be worthy of what she has given us?

LOOKING BACK, we can share in speech, especially with younger folk, and preserve in writing, for all, the memories each of us has of our Monarch and how they have moved us. What a gift to the next generations would be such a diary of huge respect and deep love, entirely different from affection for our blood family, adulation of pop idols or passion for a politician.

AT THE PRESENT, we all should share gifts of random kindness as our own circumstances allow to benefit the homeless and hungry, those suffering from depression, the lonely and unloved, the stranger at the gates - our new Canadian friends and neighbours - and the good folk who throughout the pandemic have emulated our Queen's service in ways both brave and cheerful.

IN THE FUTURE, we might strive to become more persuasive about the value of the Crown; less timid in standing up for it whatever the cruelty of modern media or the destructiveness of those who would tear down rather than build upwards our unity in loyalty; better teach-



The death of her beloved father always in Queen's mind on Accession Day, as doubtless was her and Philip's abiding partnership

ers of those whom we may be able to influence in achieving a better understanding of the institution of our constitutional monarchy.

L'HOMMAGE DE LA LIGUE

Un jour d'action de grâce pour les 70 ans de la reine sur le trône et un temps pour garder en mémoire George VI, un bon roi également aimé de ses peuples

LA REINE - Pour Elizabeth II en tant que personne, cette journée doit être riche en émotions diverses :

le SOUVENIR de son cher père, qui a



guidé l'Empire pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, qui n'a rien épargné pour soutenir ses peuples pendant les jours sombres et qui, avec sa Reine, a offert à Elizabeth le cadeau inestimable d'un foyer aimant et l'exemple de devoir et de service qu'elle a honoré et suivi chaque jour de son règne.

CHAGRIN que, séjournant dans le cottage du domaine de Sandringham où le Prince Philip a vécu depuis sa retraite, il doit profondément manquer à Sa Majesté, et regretter vivement qu'il ne soit pas à ses côtés lors des célébrations de cette année de jubilé de platine sans précédent.

RÉSOLUE de continuer à faire son devoir, même à son grand âge ; d'afficher ce sourire pétillant qui fait la joie de tous ceux qui la rencontrent - comme en témoigne sa récente conversation avec les soldats des Forces canadiennes au milieu de leur tour de garde à Windsor ; de profiter d'un Jubilé aux multiples célébrations, donnant ainsi un énorme plaisir aux milliards, au cours de ce qui est probablement le dernier grand événement de son règne ; d'être confiante que la Succession est assurée en Charles, William et George.

NOUS SON PEUPLE - L'équation est à la fois très simple et très exigeante pour ceux d'entre nous qui la portent dans leurs pensées en ce jour et cette année mémorables.

Comment diable pouvons-nous, à nos différents postes, être dignes de ce qu'elle nous a donné ?

EN ARRIÈRE, nous pouvons partager en paroles avec les plus jeunes et préserver par écrit les souvenirs que chacun de nous a de notre monarque et comment ils nous ont émus. Quel cadeau pour les générations à venir serait un tel journal té-

moignant d'un immense respect et d'un amour profond, totalement différent de l'affection pour notre famille de sang, de l'adulation des idoles pop ou de la passion pour un politicien.

DANS LE PRÉSENT, nous devrions tous faire des dons de bonté au hasard, dans la mesure où nos propres circonstances le permettent, pour aider les sans-abri et les affamés, ceux qui souffrent de dépression, les personnes seules et mal aimées, l'étranger à la porte - nos nouveaux amis et voisins canadiens - et les bonnes gens qui, ces derniers mois, ont imité le service de notre Reine de manière à la fois courageuse et joyeuse.

À L'AVENIR, nous pourrions nous efforcer d'être plus persuasifs quant à la valeur de la Couronne ; moins timides dans la défense de celle-ci, quelle que soit la cruauté des médias modernes ou le caractère destructeur de ceux qui voudraient démolir plutôt que renforcer notre unité dans la loyauté ; meilleurs enseignants de ceux que nous pourrions influencer pour qu'ils comprennent mieux l'institution de notre monarchie constitutionnelle.

See Video: League Hosting Jubilee Flag Raising: Toronto

A splendid address by Ontario's LG Elizabeth Dowdeswell may be found around the 4:45 mark of the virtual Jubilee Flag-raising hosted by the League and the Vice-Regal Office at Queen's Park. You may enjoy watching Premier Ford and Chairman Finch, as well! Cheers to Jonathan Brickwood for organizing this presentation!

youtu.be/EvBSOLjqUVc

PROPOSALS FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

PERSONAL PROJECTS

If our Queen's 70 years on the Throne, and more than seven decades since she began her public life as a young Princess, is to mean something significant in all our lives, a time to which we will look back with fond memories, and realize our efforts were also an investment in the future of the Canadian Crown, we must consider the Jubilee as a challenging opportunity: for outreach, for learning and of course, for fun.

This article focuses on what you, with immediate family and perhaps also close friends, might consider doing. Other mailings in this series will "scale up" to suggest ideas for community-wide activities, and even assisting in projects that have a national scope, though as always, possible only with local buy-in. Some ideas are dependent on further government action and funding.

Many of the possible undertakings to be outlined in those future EComms will of course necessarily depend/need to be tweaked according to the state of the pandemic. At time of writing, it is obviously a limiting factor; but, possibly, within a period of weeks or months, our long-hoped for subsidence will add an additional cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Most experts suggest that "the new normal" will find us living with COVID as we do the flu: annual vaccinations for many, sensible precautions for all, but of scant effect on daily life for most. In the meantime, of course we should all follow best practices as imposed/recommended by the relevant authorities. Which is all the more reason for "starting small" in this series of messages.

- **Snow Queen making:** get the kids and the whole family out to the front lawn or a park, and there build an affectionate snow/ice "sculpture/statue" of Queen Elizabeth II. Perhaps "crown" the statue with a party favour crown of the sort Burger King (used to/does?) distribute. The really ambitious could embed dark

pebbles on the base to spell out "EIIR" or "PLATINUM JUBILEE" or "CANADA'S QUEEN." Send us a picture of the proceedings including the "sculptors"



- **Cookie baking/gifting:** a FREE Queen profile cookie cutter and postcards to accompany your cookies to neighbours in the 'hood or down your apartment corridor, while supplies last, both supplied free by the League to paid members in good standing who commit to this project, any time between Feb 6 (that Sunday marks 70 years on the Throne) and the UK Jubilee weekend June 2-5. Just email us by return right away: we'll send you a cookie cutter for your favourite sugar cookies, and some postcards - so you can leave Queen cookies at neighbours' doors with your good wishes. Fun project for the family, and spreads Jubilee news to your neighbours.

- For all ages: **send HM Jubilee greetings:** put your own and/or the kids' muse to work in creating a memorable card of congratulations and thanks to The Queen for her long service and all she means to us. The younger could include photos of their daily lives, and all can write whatever message seems appropriate to them. No need for formality! And a great teaching opportunity. Remember, due to security concerns, packages are not delivered to the Palace, so make sure your cards can be folded into a 9% x 7% envelope at the largest! You can tell the young that The Queen herself reads some of her correspondence; and that her Ladies-in-Waiting read and respond on HM's behalf to every letter! Address your envelope (which MUST have correct international postage - weigh your package at the Post Office): Her Majesty The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA, United Kingdom.

- **Does a picture of The Queen hang prominently in your home?** If not, what better time to order one (or more)? How about gifting loved ones along with friends and neighbours?) from the League's online store at monarchist.ca - and for your purpose, simply tack yours carefully to a bulletin board or the rec room wall. Alternatively, dry mounting is a great step up from tacking, it protects the portrait and is a lot less expensive than framing - ask any copy, art, photo or frame shop. Same would be good for meeting places, your office, a community centre. We'll happily give a special and large discount to paid members in good



standing who distribute multiple copies - just let us know your plans by return email.

- **Attend a Citizenship Court** & welcome new subjects of The Queen! In many places it is possible for members of the public to ask the Citizenship Judge for permission to attend the swearing of Allegiance by new Canadians, and present each afterwards with a portrait of The Queen, or one of the League's educational booklets or a Jubilee pin once available. Even if permission is not granted, sometimes all participants leave the location of the ceremony through a public doorway letting onto the outside, where you and your family can be awaiting to greet and gift them!

- All ages: **be green!** Everyone admires how the Royal Family, especially Charles, Camilla, William and Catherine, has taken the lead in promoting care for the world's challenged environment. Again, a good discussion point with young folk. How about a family project to plant 70 saplings or bee-attracting flowers (many Rose strains bear royal names) or sustainable plants (even vegetables!!) on your own property to honour The Queen? And then write and tell her about it.

- As well, all can participate in **The Queen's Green Canopy** queensgreencanopy.org The website refers to the UK - but HM will be thrilled to think that the many ideas on that site were used in Canada, too! Equally applicable, though formed about 7 years ago, is **The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy**: queenscommonwealthcanopy.org Everyone can do



something – and again, let The Queen know what you've done to celebrate and to play a part of beautifying and embracing through nature the world that she, by her own service, values and commitment, has made more lovely.

- Probably best suited when the weather becomes less inclement in your community, consider the Jubilee June weekend – or any time this year – having family make a **distribution of food treats to homeless marginally housed folk**, or volunteering at a feeding program, or leaving a special gift at homeless/disadvantaged/homes for various needs such as halfway houses (consult administrators to see what would be most appreciated). Perhaps a sub sandwich, a bunch of Big Macs, sausage and sauerkraut franks from the local deli, perhaps a bunch of cupcakes with “70” as part of the icing – whatever, such hands-on help blesses the givers as much as the recipients – and you will be surprised by the reactions of “street people” especially when you tell them the reason for the celebration! And young people learn so much from this practical giving, harder by far than giving a loony and passing on...with rewards commensurate. And again, so meaningful to our Sovereign when you tell her what you did and why you did it!

- A lot of folk buy their milk in bags. *milk-bagsunlimited.ca* **Milk Bags Unlimited** sees value in using these bags to weave into sleeping mats, then distributed all over the world to provide greater comfort, bug-repellent happiness! Others

weave the bags into socks for homeless folk. Such a simple thing, you might say! Exactly the Jubilee spirit – transform simple deeds into helping big needs!

- How about **creating a 70-year Jubilee family time capsule**? Celebrate family and friends! See how much your family or friend group can trace of their past, burrow into old letters, pore through photo albums, ask questions of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the family, all to learn about beginnings, about life “back then” – and contrast it with “now.” Lots to report and write about, and lots to include: pennies now in a drawer somewhere dating back to the beginning of the Reign, or even bearing George VI's image? An old newspaper highlighting a Royal homecoming to Canada? A pressed flower from Grandma's famed garden? A piece of wedding lace? Purchase a heavy-duty tool box or similar – pack it with these assorted recollections and treasures – before locking it make sure the top piece of paper references by whom and why it was created – and then “bury” it – maybe literally in the garden, maybe behind bricks in a basement – and imagine the surprise and delight when it is “discovered” some day!

- Allied to the above, try collecting and recording a **70 year family tree and family history**, be it on paper, dvd or the zillion other high-tech devices your kids and grandkids will tell you all about. Juxtapose it with our Royal Family's family tree!

- Older children and adults might **com-**

pose a symbols of the Crown scrapbook – with all the national symbols they see every day relating to the Crown (such as George V granting Canada's national colours). The compilers will be amazed at the richness of the symbology of our land.

- For the scribe/s in a family, canvass its members, then friends and their friends – for their **stories of Royal Encounters down the years**, some physical, some visual: a great record of the human side of our Monarchy, but ones which die with the possessors of those memories, so all the more important to record them now – and preserve them in an album which might be offered to a local library or historical society.

Special thanks to the following for their ideas and suggestions, many of which we have happily adapted and incorporated into the above:

Sandra Barker, Richard Christy, Anita Demer, Gibran Hakim, Robert Harper, Mark McCue, Valerie Noonan, Aron Spidle, Oscar Vicente.

Joyce Bourke shared her memory of The Queen's Coronation with us some years ago: “A Child Living in Edinburgh”

My recollection of the Coronation as a very young child is sitting on the floor in front of my aunt and uncle's television surrounded by the neighbourhood children whose parents sat on chairs row upon row behind us in the large living room. My aunt, always a superb hostess, served sandwiches and biscuits enthusiastically devoured by all especially the latter by us kids.

I do remember everyone scrambling to their feet at the singing of “God Save the Queen” and seeing my mum wipe away a tear from her eyes. Perhaps I didn't fully understand the importance of the Coronation but I did realize that it was a very solemn occasion and that Queen Elizabeth was very beautiful and still is.

So thinking ahead, circle your calendars for a June weekend home viewing of **Jubilee weekend in UK** along with a special picnic/bbq with an all-Canadian menu! This is when we hope you will be able, safely, or reprise our highly-successful Diamond Jubilee project which across Canada brought together NEIGHBOURS & NEWCOMERS! More of this later as the pandemic permits.

We hope the above have given readers at least one or two projects in which they will engage and so spread the good tidings of Jubilee! We look forward to “hearing all about it” especially with a photo or two – and doubtless many more fine ideas we hadn't thought of. Thank you for your loyalty and our shared excitement. Realistically, this may be the last great event of The Queen's Reign. Let us make sure it is also the most memorable!

A Splendid Initiative for this Special Year The British Columbia Platinum Jubilee Project

bc-platinum-jubilee.org

While not a government project, this loyal and imaginative undertaking bears the colour of officialdom, with its Honorary Chairman former Lieutenant Governor Steven Point, together with community leaders including Kelly Ip, Gordon Price, Senator Yuen Paul Woo and Jim Chu, and the financial support of Stephanie Carlson and Mamie Angus. It is all the stronger, then, as it appears to be a grass-roots initiative organized by recognized residents of British Columbia who reflect the province's diversity.

As you will read by opening the website, above, the Project offers several facets to adorn HM's Platinum Crown, such as providing for schools to share in the time of tribute by recording their singing the Royal Anthem. The central idea of sending tributes is appealing in concept, easy for all to adopt and clearly well-organized, and introduced with a graceful tribute to The Queen:

“For 70 years, Queen Elizabeth II has served as Queen of Canada. She has been faithful and committed, devoted to her role and our well-being. We appreciate everything she has done, and the dignity and grace with which she has done it. Many British Columbians have been looking for an opportunity to express to Queen Elizabeth their gratitude for 70 years of service. Several citizens have developed this project and website to provide such an opportunity. The compilation video will be delivered well before the official ceremonies beginning June 5, and maybe in time for Her Majesty's 96th birthday on April 21st.”

This loyal initiative is to be commended, and all BC readers should support it, all in their own way. May it stimulate many individuals, families, associations and communities to join in no less thoughtful consideration as what they can do to complement the Project.



A Commonwealth-Wide Program with Special Appeal to Pipers, Lovers of Fire and Town Criers

(be you officially so or merely gifted with a stentorian voice)

*Look left, look right, the hills are bright,
The dales are light between;
Because 'tis fifty years tonight
That God has saved the Queen!*
— A.E. Housman, 1887

This idea for Platinum Jubilee year gives you several options – the opportunity to join with others across the Commonwealth in heralding our beloved Queen’s long service in one or more highly-organized and carefully prepared tributes – or to feel inspired by aspects of the above, but if they seem a trifle twee or ambitious, to adapt one or more of them to a Canadian celebration, with your own family, town, club, circle of friends, 4-H Club, Scout movement troops, congregations, cadet units, Rotary or other service club – you decide.

www.slcc.co.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/The-Queens-Platinum-Jubilee-Beacons-Guide.pdf

You will see by reading the above colourful, multi-paged document, with considerable detail about the three aspects of this splendid initiative. Notice towards the end some committed Canadian participation in time for the project’s publicity.

Our main purpose is to present some brief ideas on those of you who prefer to

adapt aspects of these activities as part of the sort of group we listed above. It will not be lost on you that the three elements could appropriately be combined to create a celebratory evening around a bonfire, a parade, a pageant – the limit lies only in your imagination!

- **PIPERS:** One great gift Scotland has given to music, the bagpipe has been adopted by diverse countries throughout the world. Could piper/s in your community, group or family who for whatever reason do not wish to commit to the particular suggestions of the attachment above instead organize a local festival to mark the Jubilee, with the pipers playing diverse Canadian songs, including of course leading the singing of our Royal and National Anthems? Could they lead a local Jubilee parade? entertain at a “big lunch” celebrating Elizabeth’s 70 years? visit homes for seniors or hospital wards for sick kids to share their talents and show their pipes?

- **FIRE:** Who does not love a fire, and what could be more Canadian – whether in one’s hearth, making s’mores around the campfire or celebrating with a bonfire built with some firecrackers to go off with a flourish – such an all-age event might be one children will never forget, and to impress on them the great event the Jubilee celebrates: the selfless service of a Monarch who brings light to a world sorely needing it. The event could easily be a community party, subject to the local regulations for fires. The tradition of the watch fires, lit in ancient times on high places from coast to coast to warn of invasion or mark a great event, could be

carried out in miniature in a town, a suburb, many rural areas. a campground and a host of other suitable places. Let your imagination go to work on this! (And do read A.E. Housman’s great poem, written from the point of view of a Shropshire lad seeing the watch fires burn in 1887 for the Jubilee of another great Queen, the penultimate line of which represents everything for which the League stands: (poets.org/poem/shropshire-lad-1887)

- **CRY THE JUBILEE:** His ancient role now consigned to news channels and social media, the Jubilee observance, small or large, can only be enhanced by the ringing of many bells and quite possibly the crying of the Jubilee by assorted people. Perhaps make a friendly contest out of it, and instead of using the text supplied in the above attachment, provide some simple guidelines and allow teen “town criers” to create their own one-minute cry which they can perform to whatever the audience might be. Again, this would be enjoyable to watch; a learning experience for all.

Here’s a Simple Platinum Jubilee Project

- a) secure a supply of the Canadian PJ Pin from the League Store online
- b) give them to those you know, and to those who inquire as to what you are wearing on your lapel
- c) repeat!

Our country needs a positive project right now – this is an easy one to do. Please consider!

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

We “Stand on Guard” – Quick Action Brings Results

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO ASSURES MONARCHIST LEAGUE

“The Lieutenant Governor will always have a home at the Legislature!”



A member drew the League's attention to a mid-January media report that a five-year reconstruction project for the Legislative Assembly building at Queen's Park, Toronto, stated that "The plan is to eliminate the vice-regal suite."

In writing members, we pointed out that since the 1938 closure of Chorley Wood by Premier Hepburn, Ontario's respect for the important constitutional, ceremonial and community role of The Queen's representative has flourished under the arrangements whereby the working office of Lieutenant Governors has been physically located in dignified though by no means luxurious quarters in the Legislature of which they are a part, thereby not only reflecting accurately Canada's constitutional arrangements, but also providing easy access for the Premier and Executive Council members, along with MPPs, the media and the public. We questioned why this should change, and pointed out the costs of

building and then of staffing a Government House might not be helpful to the institution in this age of criticism! Indeed, it could prejudice the accurate positioning, public acceptance and above all, dignity of The Sovereign's representative, especially in the transitions to the inevitable new Reigns to come.

Within a few minutes of our EComm's despatch, Chairman Finch received a phone call from the Minister of Legislative Affairs. Describing himself as "an unapologetic monarchist," who wanted to set the record straight, Mr Calanda assured Robert that "The Lieutenant Governor will always have a home at the Legislature." Mr. Calandra's engaging so speedily with the League testifies to a high ideal of public service, for which we can all be grateful. That he is a monarchist is all the better!

And it is a feather in all members' caps in that the demonstrated potency of loyal activism over five decades encourages at-

tention to the League's concerns amongst our elected representatives across Canada. We may not win every battle, but our voices are heard.

Fine Gift from Canada Post - But...

Our friends at Canada Post have issued a lovely "P" rate first-class stamp for the Jubilee. But, the accompanying news release refers to "British history" and HM's "connection to Canada," by CP President Doug Ettinger, as if our devoted Monarch were not only foreign but also some species of a light bulb, power cord or way-point on a journey. Metaphorically, she might be considered all these things and in a complimentary way, too - but we rather feel Ettinger didn't have them in mind! To quote Mr Watson again, "Please do better."

Pollsters, Media Dine Out on the Barbados!

One might have thought the sky was falling given the Canadian news media's trumpeting the end of Barbados' Allegiance to the Crown. It is no insult to the new republic to observe that its population is roughly the same as that of loyal Halifax.

Interesting that our Bajan friends were not afforded the opportunity to vote on the change, an inconvenient part of the narrative barely mentioned by reporters - in the same way as a coup, rather than a referendum, ended Fiji's status as a realm some years back. Nor can we fail to note that the cession of the Crown's possession of Hong Kong has brought neither material advantage nor greater freedom to the former colony.

Of course it is always sad to see Allegiance severed, a decision in the present case at once partially explained in and certainly complicated by the stirring up of old and entirely understandable grievance based on the horrors of slavery in a less enlightened age. But the example of the island is neither a tolling bell for the Crown nor instructive for Canadians.

Charles: Impeccable Speech & Demeanour

Once again the Heir to the Throne showed himself wise, dignified and practical in attitude and word as he represented The Queen in the ceremonies abandoning Barbadian democracy to the future fortunes of republican government. HRH's speech was a model of the qualities that we see in our future King, every bit worthy of his beloved Mother's model, and forthright - thus credible - in a way that often eludes elected representatives, witness this short video which we commend to you: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajW9oWk3uAo

CTV Poll, Better Than Angus Reid: Well Done, Monarchists!

CTV's "Today's Question" on November 30th asked "Should Canada become a republic?" A firm NO result was recorded with a 61-39% result from over 4050 votes cast. Such a survey does not pretend to be "scientific" but you can be sure that had the result gone the other way, it would have been trumpeted by republicans - so assistance in effecting an overwhelming verdict is at the least of psychological importance! It is worth noting that the Mr Trudeau's current ministry holds power through having achieved re-election with about 34% of the popular vote.

Some day we will detail why the polls the Angus Reid outfit continues to inflict on us as to Canadians' supposed view of our Monarchy should be regarded with many grains of salt. In the meantime one might advert to the words of the Good Book, in this case for practical, not religious wisdom on which we cannot improve: Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (Via Department of Justice) "Stands on Guard" for the Safety of our Meat Consumption

Confound their politics/Frustrate their knavish tricks....

How reassuring it doubtless seems to us all that as of January 22, we have been able to eat meat (the real thing, not plant-based substitutes) with greater certainty than ever of its safety, and the unlikelihood that Canadians will be afflicted by E.Coli and Listeria and the other very real dangers from contamination.

Why is that? you might say, as you also ask why the heck the League is losing its senses and venturing into science. And indeed Canada has long had an enviable record of consumer safety through a rightly-rigorous regime of regulation and inspection of meat and the rest of our foodstuffs. So the underlying subject is no laughing matter.



We have the answer to your perplexity: for as of the above-reference date, you should have dined easy in that the Crown was removed from the inspection stamp (see above) certifying the wholesomeness of packaged meat in favour of what continued to be styled a "legend" (we might call it a disgrace) that has excised the Crown.

Only a fool would think that animosity to the Crown would have led to this alteration. Surely it is a decision our mandarins, then the Minister, pondered with abiding concern, and after searching debate, no doubt aided by selfless consultants, graphic designers and a whole host of (expensive) talents, concluded they would not wish to risk the remotest possibility that a wrongly-certified safe hunk of beef could by implication be blamed on HM.

Thus the Canadian Realm in 2022. God Save us All. And note the double zero on the facsimile legend - appropriate, no?

On a Lighter Note: The League Featured In CBC Comedy

CBC Gem's series *Son of a Critch* features the League when a family's son, a member, fears being outed as a monarchist when he is selected to present flowers to the Princess of Wales (Diana) in Newfoundland. You can watch the episode "Royal Visit" gratis, with advertising, at:

gem.cbc.ca/media/son-of-a-critch/s01e05?cmp=GEM_cbc.ca_homepage_shelfnew

The Governor General

League issues first Message in Indigenous language to send message of concern and affection to COVID-stricken Governor General. Thanks to SM Coordinator Logan Liut, we were able to let our GG know in her own first language that she was in our thoughts during a difficult time.

Hearing of Her Excellency the Governor General's recent bout of COVID, the League thought to send its well wishes on behalf of its members to Her Excellency. However, we realized that Microsoft had collaborated with the Government of Nunavut to create an English to Inuktitut online translation service, allowing us to send Her Excellency well wishes in her native tongue. From what we can see, this marked a historic first for the League: a statement in an Indigenous language. This important milestone reflects the Crown and its pluralistic, uniquely Canadian character. God save the Queen - ᐅᐅ ᐃᐃᐱ ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ (atii kuinmik sapujigit)!

En entendant parler du récent diagnostic de COVID de Son Excellence la Gouverneure générale, la Ligue a pensé à envoyer ses meilleurs vœux au nom de ses membres à Son Excellence. Cependant, nous nous sommes rendu compte que Microsoft avait collaboré avec le gouvernement du Nunavut pour créer un service de traduction en ligne de l'anglais vers l'inuktitut, ce qui nous a permis d'envoyer à Son Excellence ses vœux dans sa langue maternelle. D'après ce que nous pouvons voir, il s'agit d'une première historique pour la Ligue : une déclaration dans une langue autochtone. Cette étape importante reflète la Couronne et son caractère pluraliste et typiquement canadien. Dieu sauve la Reine - ᓃᓂ ᐃᐃᐱᐅᑦᑲᑦᑐᓂ (atii kuinmik sapujigit)!

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To Erin O'Toole:

Mr O'Toole accepted his fate with dignity, a Latin tag and a dash of Kipling. A patriot to the core, and a devoted monarchist, he has been a friend of the League. We hope his loyalty and talents will in some way be at the disposition of Crown and nation during the many years remaining to him.



John Albert Yogis, QC
July 2, 1940 – 23 Nov. 2022



The death of John Yogis after a life of service saddens us all, and leaves the League at once diminished - and, in the more far-reaching sense, infinitely the better for his example and leadership. John's loyalty was deep-rooted personally, and enhanced by his embracing it with deep sentimental attachment, true, yet one rooted in his understanding of Canada's polity through his knowledge of it workings through a scholarly career which brought him to a position of leadership at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Law, of which he was the longest-serving member.

The Newsletter of L'Arche summed up a great many of John's talents in celebrating his joining its Board eight years ago: as an innovative teacher, who inspired the distinguished careers of a bevvy of lawyers and judges and pioneered equity-inspired courses especially for Indigenous, Black and Mi'kmaq Nova Scotians; as a particular champion of those subjected to discrimination. He also chaired Boards of Inquiry for the province's Human Rights Commission, and was a member of its Law Reform Advisory Committee, and served as a Director of the Nova Scotia Film Development Association and on the Board of Opera East. The author also noted John's being an avid art collector, fan of mystery novels and enjoyment of daily walks with his dog.

John's involvement with the League provided insight and good counsel to the Dominion leadership. He brought a moribund Halifax/SW Nova Branch to fresh life, with innovative programming, and emphases on the Canadian identity of our monarchy. He initiated and was thrilled when The Queen gave her consent, the designation of a walkway in the Halifax Public Gardens as "The Queen Elizabeth II Walkway," which the Lieutenant Governor opened in September, 2018. This and many other examples reflects John's always stressing outreach rather than a deep-rooted tendency, common in many voluntary societies, of a clubby exclusiveness and sense of self-satisfaction. In this role, he seems irreplaceable; but he would be the first to call this tribute a poor one were this allowed to be true!

The good works of John Yogis will live long in the affectionate memory of all who were privileged to know him. The writer had the privilege of speaking with him at the Halifax Hospice not long before his death. Typically - without any trace of self pity - he was full of gratitude for being so well looked after, and thoroughly pleased that both medical staff and other residents who were eager to hear of his loyalty to the Crown and crossing paths with various members of our Royal Family. Our sympathy goes to John's long-time partner Darrell. RIP JLA

Richard P Roberts
1930-2021



It is with great sadness we heard of the death on November 30th of our friend and benefactor, Richard Roberts. Dick's generosity was the reason the League's Educational Booklets in their English version were initially printed in full colour and on glossy paper, giving them what might be called "curbside appeal" that - with their contents - has led not only many schools and teachers to request them over the last 15 years or so, but also for many MPs of all parties to request supplies that they distribute in schools and to community organizations during their visits within their constituency. Tens of thousands have been printed in successive updated printings to reach young minds as a result of Dick's abiding generosity throughout that time. He received the Diamond Jubilee Medal, and was a Medal-

list of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Dick was a man of many talents. He revelled in politics, from the early days of the Reform party. Successful in the industrial brokerage business he founded, family and faith were two keystones of his life. We send our sympathy to Donald, his wife, whom he loved deeply - one manifestation of which occurring when he took her to London to sit in the High Commissioner's Box at Trooping the Colour for a memorable anniversary treat! Our affection for and gratitude towards Dick will long remain. The Dominion Chairman and the Founder were represented by the Windsor Branch Chairman, Fr Gordon Maitland, at his funeral. RIP. JLA

League Member Receives Royal Victorian Order



Congratulations to our long-time member Heather Salloum, Private Secretary to successive Lieutenant Governors of Saskatchewan, here pictured with Canadian High Commissioner Ralph Goodale, on the eve of her recent investiture as a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order

Alberta Monarchist Brian Hodgson Awarded RCGS' Prestigious Bernier Medal



Congratulations to Col Brian Hodgson, a thorough-going monarchist who served as Sergeant-at-Arms and Director of Visitor Services at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta over a period of no less than eight general elections! He was a vital part of the planning and execution of both the The Queen's Homecoming, the tour of Prince Michael of Kent organized by the League and Alberta's provincial centennial. In awarding him its Bernier Medal, the RCGS noted Brian's "dedica-

tion and drive to the Society" in many capacities, thus "strengthening and raising [its] profile."

A Member Wearing The Jubilee Pin Reports:

Everywhere I went, from apartment cleaners to bus drivers (and fellow passengers) to the folks making my favourite sandwich or shwarma, the common reaction was "Where can I get one of those?"

The League's Jubilee Emblem



The League's Jubilee emblem was designed by Mitch Ramsay-Mader, a native of Sydney, NS, though now working in Australia as a town planner. Mitch explains his design as follows: The profile of Her Majesty with seven maple leaves - six in free fall and one integrated into the 70 emblem - each representing a decade of Her Majesty's reign. The maple leaf integrated into the 70 represents 70 years of service to Canada by Her Majesty. The emblem is designed in Canada's national colours (granted by The Queen's grandfather, George V) - red and white. We thank Mitch for his artistry, and were delighted to award him three years' membership.



Chairman Finch Appoints New Leadership in Two Revived Branches

In the continuing announcements of new Branch leadership as a key part of the League's three-year plan for Branches, and the first such (but not the last!) in Jubilee year, Chairman Finch has been delighted to appoint two new Branch Chairmen - as he recently notified to their respective catchment areas.

Newfoundland & Labrador

Once a very active branch, it languished for several decades after the death of Jacqueline Barlow despite valiant efforts of a handful of members, an example of how, despite the best efforts of others, any organization that depends too much on a single strong leader can run into difficulties. So it is all the more appropriate



that Jubilee year brings good news, and serve as a focus of rational loyalty to the loyal people of this province, in the person of **Heather Taylor** (above). Self-employed, Heather is a volunteer tour guide at Newfoundland's historic Government House and a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She is also proud to be a descendant of a Survivor of The Battle of Beaumont Hamel.

Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

Two branches are now formed into one new Branch, with a mandate to make sure that the League's new approach in Canada's largest city reflects an emphasis in its recruiting outreach, membership and programming on the diversity, excitement and dynamic, rational monarchism that represents the League at its best. Leadership by **Jonathan Brickwood** (below), together with the former Chairman of the Toronto City Branch **Judith Watkins**, has a mandate to recruit a team of outgoing, sensible and energetic folk to create an approach pitched to the demographics of the GTA today.



MONARCHIST LEAGUE CHAIRMAN ROBERT FINCH

Address at the Virtual Jubilee Flag-Raising, Queen's Park, Toronto, Accession Day 2022

sponsored by the League in cooperation with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

The concept of a Jubilee is one the world has inherited from the Children of Israel, and which has grown to a general idea of celebration, of forgiveness, of reconciliation – all encompassed by the command “shout for joy.”

The 70th anniversary on the Throne of our beloved Monarch is thus very timely.

Canadians indeed need the opportunity to “shout for joy” as we celebrate The Queen’s selfless service, which has been so well mirrored by that of the tireless professionals who have responded to the pandemic, and the families who have nursed loved ones and met the challenges of educating and engaging with their children at home.

Then too the Jubilee concept of reconciliation and forgiveness strikes a deep chord. Most of us have to confide to our elected officials the difficult task of seeking a new and just relationship with our Indigenous peoples, so many of whom consider themselves allies of The Queen. But all of us in

our own way can find ways to embrace the diverse mosaic of Canada through thoughtful consideration of the past, and reaching out to others we have not known, be they of our First Peoples or the new Canadians – many of whom may be our neighbours, all of whom are potential friends.

The genius of Canada’s constitutional monarchy is that it combines in our Queen or King the legal



concept of the Crown with the personal touch of a Sovereign. Our cherished democracy thus joins to the political process – which works out the things on which we disagree – the institution of the Monarchy which stands for the values about which we all agree.

As the Jubilee Flag flies high across the Commonwealth this year, let’s also raise our voices high in united celebration, and in aspiration to try to mirror in our own lives the better angels of our nature: the cheerfulness, constancy, sense of duty and resilience of our Queen. God bless her!

WHAT ARE YOUR JUBILEE PROJECTS?

Invented your own, tweaked or improved the League’s suggestions?
Share your ideas, experiences and photos with your fellow members!

Please send to domsec@sympatico.ca

We will include many in our EComms and a future *CMN*

Church of St. John the Evangelist
Weekly Zoom Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 6, 2022

ACCESSION DAY OF HM Queen Elizabeth II



Sundays
Matins at 10:30 am Evening Prayer 5:00 pm
On Zoom

Nice To See: Montreal church- goers greeted by League Jubilee symbol on their pew bulletins!

Some of you will know of the historic downtown “red roof” Church of St John the Evangelist, one of the first (1861) Tractarian parishes in Canadian Anglicanism, now finding new life through its unique position opposite the Place des Arts amidst the campus of the University of Québec and le quartier des spectacles.

Its St Michael’s Mission has undertaken the works of Mercy for nearly 100 years. So with this combination of history and the present, what could be more apt than its celebrating the Accession of our Queen, as so many other places of worship across Canada will do “with heart and voice” on or adjacent to Accession Day, the very day we all mark HM’s 70th year on the Throne.

So well done to the Father Rector Keith Schmidt!

As per a recent EComm from the League – when folk who are people of faith ask “What can I do?” to celebrate the Jubilee, one undemanding task is to ask your worship leader to make sure it is marked in a way congenial to the beliefs of your denomination’s tradition.

BY THEIR LAST WILL & 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	Alexander Ray Paton, Victoria, BC
Annie Monique Daguet, Victoria, BC	Frank Price, Winnipeg
Lois Humphrey, Kingston, ON	Erik Searight, Burnaby, BC
Joyce Kirby, Victoria, BC	John Middleton Sturgess, London, ON
Madeline McCue, Halifax, NS	Alison Watson, Regina, SK

A LETTER FROM DR ROY EAPPEN: LIFE MEMBER & BENEFACTOR

As a member of the Monarchist League of Canada for over 40 years, I am writing to ask that you consider making a bequest to the League in your will. Though always a deeply-personal decision, how we dispose of our belongings enables us to continue support for loved ones and for causes important to us. For many, our normal expenses do not permit supporting the League beyond modest dues and the occasional small donation. But the value of our home, stock portfolio or other assets may permit us to make a more substantial gift via our wills.

Over the years, bequests have ranged from a few thousand dollars to one estate which included an emerald seal ring whose provenance was traced to an early Shah of Persia, and which we sold at auction in London for £50,000! Common stock, insurance policies and remainder trusts as well as cash and residues of estates: all forms of bequest are welcome!

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

The League has a *clear future vision*: to maintain its position as the respected voice of rational monarchism to public, elected officials and media; to widen its educational outreach; to communicate the loyalty of past generations in a thoroughly contemporary way. Its history shows a clear record of continuous achievement in doing exactly these things as the *only* organization whose *sole* purpose is advocacy for our Monarchy.

I know that the resilience of the Canadian Crown and many League campaign successes have come about in no small measure because of the vision of 1970, when a small band of monarchists came together in common cause. And I feel absolute confidence that the vigour of those early days coupled with 52 years of achievement will continue to characterize the spirit of the League. That good work, and the continuance of the Maple Crown, mean a great deal to me.

Accordingly, I have made provision for the League in my own will, and respectfully invite you in this Platinum Jubilee year of our beloved Sovereign to join me in making a bequest as your circumstances permit. I am advised that it suffices to include a clause stating simply, “I give and bequeath to the Monarchist League of Canada, Inc, PO Box 1057, RPO Lakeshore West, Oakville, ON L6K 0B2 the sum of \$xx for the general purposes of the League.”

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

Sincerely your fellow Monarchist, Roy Eappen



Canada's Loyal & Newest Province First to Honour Platinum Queen



The first event in Canada to mark the Platinum Jubilee of The Queen was, courtesy of time zones, the raising of the Platinum Jubilee Flag on the grounds of Government House, St John's. February 6th. Joining in this event L-R: His Honour Howard Foote; MW O Keith Wade, RSM, Royal Newfoundland Regiment; LCOL Kyle Strong, CO 1st and 2nd Battalions, Royal Newfoundland Regiment; Aide de Camp Supt Derek Santosuosso, RCMP; ADC Supt Sharon Warren, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary; Her Honour; and The Monarchist League of Canada's NL Branch Chairman Heather Taylor. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was given the designation "Royal" in 1904; The Royal Newfoundland Regiment in 1918; The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary in 1978, so it was fitting they participated in the flag raising. The flag will fly at Government House for the duration of Jubilee year.

