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THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA – 54th ANNIVERSARY 1970-2024

MANON JEANNOTTE SWORN AS QUEBEC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

"Like the majority of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, I agreed to work with the system in place, namely the system of constitutional monarchy, of which Quebec is an integral part."



January 25th saw history being made as the first Indigenous person (and second woman) became Quebec's Lieutenant Governor. Smiles from Premier Francois Legault had not prevented the "National Assembly" unanimously passing a resolution – without debate, and equally, without any consequence in law – to abolish the position.

Proposed by MNA Sol Zanetti of Québec Solidaire (the third party in the province) the motion declared that "The function of lieutenant governor has no democratic legitimacy... Its origins remind us of a colonial period in our history that no longer has any anchor in modern Quebec." The wording also highlighted the "weak attachment" of Quebecers to monarchical institutions.

Nothing phased, Mme. Jeannotte's remarks addressed the resolution head-on, suggesting she could understand the motion without agreeing with it:

"The Crown represents one of the colonizers of the First Peoples of this continent. As an Aboriginal person, I should be the very first to want its abolition. However, this is not the case," she said. "Like the majority of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, I agreed to work with the system in place, namely the system of constitutional monarchy, of which Quebec is an integral part."

"This process of acceptance is precisely part of reconciliation," she stated, adding that she understood the "clear message" not to be felt "in any way personally... I respect differences of opinion... I will always act with respect for the different parties sitting in the National Assembly and I expect in return the same welcome... and the same respect."

Formerly a Mi'qkmaq educator and administrator, Her Honour had been for a time Chief of the Gaspeg Micmac Nation, near Gaspé. She replaces J. Michel Doyon, who had served as the Late Queen and present King's representative since 2015.

MANON JEANNOTTE ASSERMENTÉE LIEUTENANTE-GOUVERNEURE DU QUÉBEC

"Comme la majorité des peuples autochtones du Canada, j'ai accepté de travailler avec le système en place, à savoir le système de la monarchie constitutionnelle, dont le Québec fait partie intégrante."

Le 25 janvier, une page d'histoire s'est tournée: le premier autochtone (et la deuxième femme) est devenu lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec. Les sourires du premier ministre François Legault n'ont pas empêché l'Assemblée nationale" d'adopter à l'unanimité une résolution – sans débat et également sans conséquence juridique – visant à abolir le poste.

Proposée par le député Sol Zanetti de Québec Solidaire (le troisième parti de la province), la motion déclarait que "la fonction de lieutenant-gouverneur n'a aucune légitimité démocratique... Ses origines nous rappellent une période coloniale de notre histoire qui n'a plus d'ancrage dans le Québec moderne". Le texte soulignait également le "faible attachement" des Québécois aux institutions monarchiques.

Nullement découragée, Mme Jeannotte s'est attaquée de front à la résolution, suggérant qu'elle pouvait comprendre la motion sans être d'accord avec elle:

"La Couronne représente l'un des colonisateurs des premiers peuples de ce continent. En tant qu'Autochtone, je devrais être la première à souhaiter son abolition. Or, ce n'est pas le cas", a-t-elle déclaré. "Comme la majorité des peuples autochtones du Canada, j'ai accepté de travailler avec le système en place, à savoir le système de la monarchie constitutionnelle, dont le Québec fait partie intégrante.

"Ce processus d'acceptation fait précisément partie de la réconciliation", a-t-elle déclaré, ajoutant qu'elle comprenait le "message clair" de ne pas se sentir "en aucune façon personnellement... "Je respecte les différences d'opinion... j'agirai toujours avec respect pour les différents partis siégeant à l'Assemblée nationale et j'attends en retour le même accueil... et le même respect".

Ancienne éducatrice et administratrice mi'qkmaq, Son Honneur a été pendant un certain temps chef de la nation micmac de Gaspeg, près de Gaspé. Elle remplace J. Michel Doyon, qui était le représentant de feu la Reine et de l'actuel Roi depuis 2015.

J. MICHEL DOYON: A TRIBUTE

NEARLY NINE YEARS IN "THE TOUGHEST JOB IN CANADA" SERVED WITH LOYALTY & DISTINCTION

by Karim Al-Dahdah, Senior Officer of the Monarchist League of Canada in Quebec & Robert Finch, Dominion Chairman



Over eight years in post, M. Doyon's tenure as Lieutenant Governor was not, nor could it have been, devoid of challenges. To represent our late Queen and her successor, King Charles III in a province where more than one generation has been taught to think of their monarchs as "colonial" and irrelevant, and to occupy an office with minimal staffing and zero encouragement from the provincial government could not be other than a taxing job. But His Honour won admiration. He executed his constitutional duties as required and under difficult circumstances, yet managed to expand the vice-regal role in Quebec. He did his duty. He cultivated a friendly working relationship with the Premier. He was active and good-humoured, He neither preached nor hid his own understanding of the Office and Loyalty to the Crown. And he won respect from his fellow Lieutenant Governors who themselves meet annually and communicate with each other frequently.

His establishment of a series of awards to highlight the importance of the Crown-Indigenous relationship in the Province of Quebec did much to revitalize the connection between the monarchy and Indigenous communities in Quebec, on whose footsteps his successor will now be ideally placed to build. With the establishment of the First-Peoples First-Nations Medallion, much was done to advance the goal of reconciliation.

M. Doyon also undertook a number of important activities to help mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the demise of the Crown, accession of The King and the Coronation – all with great sensitivity towards his government and the perception of the Crown in the province held by many people. His work during eight years was accomplished not only in such events, but his online presence and an extensive program of community visits that had not been experienced by Quebeckers since the early 1960s. There is not a region of Canada's largest province, that was not host to the Lieutenant Governor during his time in office. This included the most northern regions of Nunavik, and the border with Labrador. While this may have been ignored by the national and provincial media, Doyon ensured that the Crown and Office of the Lieutenant Governor was spread across disparate communities large and small throughout the province.

In 1977, the CBC nationally televised live on Accession Sunday the Monarchist League of Canada's Service of Thanksgiving in Montreal for the Silver Jubilee of The Queen's reign. At that time, the Lieutenant Governor, Hugues Lapointe, felt unable to attend, instead sending his *continued on page 3*

J. MICHEL DOYON : UN HOMMAGE

PRÈS DE NEUF ANS DANS "LE POSTE LE PLUS DIFFICILE AU CANADA" IL A SERVI AVEC LOYAUTÉ ET DISTINCTION

Par Karim Al-Dahdah, porte-parole de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada au Québec & Robert Finch, Président

Le mandat de M. Doyon en tant que vingt-neuvième lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec, qui aura duré plus de huit ans, n'aura pas été sans défis. Représenter notre défunte Reine et son successeur le Roi Charles III, dans une province où plusieurs générations ont été éduquées à considérer les monarques canadiens comme un "héritage colonial" dépassé et non pertinent, et occuper un poste avec un personnel réduit à son strict minimum et sans aucun soutient de la part du gouvernement provincial, ne pouvait être qu'un travail éprouvant et ingrat. Mais Son Honneur aura réussi à susciter respect et admiration. En s'acquittant de ses fonctions constitutionnelles avec devoir, discrétion et dignité dans des circonstances difficiles, tout en parvenant à élargir la fonction vice-royale au Québec. En entretenant une relation de travail cordiale avec le Premier ministre. En ne prêchant pas, ni en cachant sa propre conception de la fonction et sa loyauté envers la Couronne. En gagnant le respect des lieutenants-gouverneurs des autres provinces, qui se réunissent tous les ans et communiquent fréquemment entre eux.

En créant une série de prix destinés à souligner l'importance des relations entre la Couronne et les autochtones du Québec, dont la Médaille Premiers Peuples, il aura grandement contribué à revitaliser les liens entre la monarchie et les communautés autochtones et promouvoir la réconciliation, pavant ainsi la voie à son successeur afin de continuer le travail.

M. Doyon aura également initié plusieurs activités afin de marquer le Jubilé de Platine de la Reine, son décès ainsi que l'accession du Roi et son couronnement, le tout avec une grande sensibilité à l'égard de son gouvernement et de la perception qu'ont de nombreuses personnes au regard de la Couronne au Québec. Le travail accompli pendant ces huit années aura également inclus un vaste programme de visites dans diverses communautés à travers tout le Québec, chose que les Québécois n'avaient pas vu depuis les années 1960. Pas une région de la plus grande province du Canada n'aura pas accueilli le lieutenant-gouverneur, incluant les régions les plus reculées du Nunavik ainsi que la frontière avec le Labrador. Bien que les médias nationaux et provinciaux n'en aient pas tenu compte, M. Doyon aura ainsi veillé à ce que la Couronne et la fonction de lieutenant-gouverneur soient visibles dans les communautés les plus diverses, ainsi que sur de nombreses plateformes de médias sociaux.

En 1977, la CBC avait retransmis en direct, le jour de l'anniversaire de l'accession au trône de la défunte Reine, la messe d'action de grâces de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada à Montréal afin de célébrer son Jubilé d'Argent. À l'époque, le lieutenant-gouverneur Hugues Lapointe s'était excusé de ne pouvoir assister à l'événement et avait dépêché son aide de camp principal pour *suite à la page 3*

UK RELEASES KING'S OFFICIAL PHOTO FOR WIDE DISTRIBUTION *RELEVANCE FOR CANADA*

January 15th issuance in the UK of a new Official Photographic Portrait of the King, taken by Hugo Burnand last November, is not merely a striking picture, but serves also to provide some lessons for Canada. There is not a day that goes by without the League being asked by institutions, clubs and individuals – many not members – "When will the Canadian Portrait be available?"



We thought wonderfully instructive is that the UK Deputy Prime Minister, Oliver Dowden, stated that the initiative was designed to "strengthen civic pride" and "to remember what unites us". Initial distribution of a framed picture was for government entities, schools and courtrooms, and in February it will be extended to what we would call municipal authorities and cadet corps.

The portrait taken at Windsor Castle depicts The King appears in a relaxed pose, contrasting with his wearing his uniform as an Admiral of the Fleet, along with a throng of Medals and Decorations which caused some of the tabloid press to provide a version to its readers of what each insignia is and signifies!

It is being made clear that there is no suggestion that the various organizations receiving these pictures should take down those of our late Queen. That is the same advice we are giving to the many folk and institutions who have asked us if it is disrespectful to do so. Indeed, the only "disrespectful" behaviour would be to continue to have a picture of Elizabeth II hanging alone once the Canadian Portrait of The King is widely available.

Several aspects of the above are relevant to Canada.

First, unlike Canadian practice, there is no announcement, nor are we aware of any such process during the last Reign, whereby individual members of the UK public could receive at modest cost such a Portrait from or on behalf of the Government. Most of you know that the League had the honour of such a distribution during the last years of The Queen's reign; and if asked we would certainly be prepared to do so again. On the other hand, there has been no suggestion, as far as we know, for any official distribution, let alone framed portraits (where Canada's distances and thus expense contrast with the relatively compact UK), to federal government entities, let alone schools, cadet corps and so on.

A part of this difference may indeed be due to the UK having a unitary government, whereas Canada's is a federal state, in which the provinces zealously guard their own prerogatives. Nonetheless, for the feds to offer portraits to every school in Canada, with the happy burden of distribution going to the provinces, might be a good compromise. We trust there will not be hesitation in ensuring that *at the least* the Headquarters of all federal Ministries would display the Canadian Portrait near the main entrance to their principal building, more especially those Ministries with a particular involvement with the Maple Crown: the Prime Minister (and Privy council), and Ministries of Canadian Heritage, National Defence, Veterans' Affairs and the like.

It should go without saying that the PM makes sure, if necessary "on advice" that until a Canadian painting of The King is executed, a large version of HM's Official Canadian Photographic Portrait be hung in the Ballroom at Rideau Hall where it will be prominently seen at all great state ceremonies (cabinet swearing in, Honours and Awards and the like) and complemented by the brilliant painting of The late Queen by Phil Richards which seems overdue back at Rideau Hall after its mini-tour of some of the provinces.

Senior Aide-de-Camp to represent him. 45 years later, Michel Doyon did participate in a Montreal Service of Thanksgiving which the Anglican Cathedral organized without any prompting by the League, after which he joined League Members at a Montreal pub for an informal and much-appreciated get-together which left an indubitable impression on all in attendance.

Such is a brief reflection on the stamina, goodwill and loyalty of J. Michel Doyon. He has paved the path for Mme. Jeannotte to take up the undoubted new challenges – and opportunities, as well – in her own way. Canadians owe him a debt of honour and appreciation. We think a great deal of him, and wish him many years of active retirement.

le représenter. 45 ans plus tard, M. Doyon aura participé à la messe d'action de grâces organisée par la cathédrale anglicane de Montréal Christ Church à l'occasion du couronnement de Charles III (sans l'intervention de la Ligue), après quoi il s'était joint aux membres de la Ligue dans un pub de Montréal pour une rencontre informelle et fort appréciée qui aura grandement marqué les esprits.

Ceci n'est qu'une brève réflexion sur la résilience, la bonne volonté et la loyauté de J. Michel Doyon. Il aura ouvert la voie à Mme Jeannotte afin qu'elle puisse, à sa manière, relever de nouveaux défis et saisir les nouvelles opportunités qui s'offritont à elle. Les Canadiens et Canadiennes lui doivent honneur et reconnaissance. Nous garderons toujours une grande estime pour lui et lui souhaitons de nombreuses années de retraite active.

THE PRESENCE & SYMBOLS OF THE NEW REIGN

Government made some good decisions – King's health means delay, uncertainties

Here are the latest updates which monarchists and the public in general ask frequently. We have very little concrete information that we're allowed to share – and of course the risk of putting in print anything about these largely-symbolic queries, so important to public consciousness, is that announcements and decisions can change quickly and render the below obsolete. In any event, here follows our best information and educated guesses as of February 28. (Alas, not much in concrete!)

ROYAL HOMECOMINGS



While Feb 24 found The King receiving in person his UK Prime Minister, *(and all kudos to our Queen, showing herself invaluable and valiant in "carrying on" during what must be a incredibly difficult time – something we will never forget and must be hugely consoling to The King as his doctors' advice prevails)* there is no definite word on when HM might resume something closer to his normal, very busy schedule. Thus the much-anticipated first Homecoming of the Reign to Canada of our King & Queen, more or less slated for late Spring or early summer, remains problematic. Health aside, two other complications include, first, the fixed date (October 24) for the Commonwealth Conference in Samoa. It presents the obvious opportunity for Charles & Camilla to include Australia and possibly New Zealand on a major tour. Second, there is some word from Ottawa that the Prime Minister feels that the days of lengthy homecomings are over. That may or may not be true – and of course the beginning of a very youthful Elizabeth's reign with its leisurely progress by train – would not be duplicated, anyway. But to ignore major population centres and some sense of national inclusion we don't see how the 4/5 days' length being mooted could be thought of as sufficient.

In the meantime, it has been good to see Sophie (Duchess of Edinburgh) on a hard-working visit to her Toronto Hospital patronages and Military appointments in SW Ontario, and to hear news that the Princess Royal might be in Newfoundland & Labrador before long.

THE CORONATION MEDAL

It is understood that there will be 30,000 distributed. What is less clear is how far Rideau Hall, in charge of executing the nominations, has advanced in its planning, especially with the recent appointment of a new Private Secretary to Her Excellency. The execution involves a fair amount of work – of which dealing with the partner organizations is but one, right through to the physical distribution and the eminent example of David Johnston in signing *by hand* every one (of nearly 60,000) Jubilee Medal certificates which accompanied the Medals and were so appreciated by the recipients. There was some talk of the first presentations being times for the then-fairly-certain homecoming of The King and Queen – that their trip here may be delayed will, we hope, not further increase the interval between the Coronation and the Medals' appearing!

THE COINAGE – including "CHUCK BUCK"

Royal Canadian Mint explains process for distributing coins of the King
"A Staged Approach" and our
brief defence of 'The Chuck Buck'

A friend of the League from Ottawa has shared the RCM's response to her query as to why its February Newsletter showed only the effigy of our Late Queen rather than that of King Charles. We're glad to print the Mint's helpful response which clears up concerns expressed to us by many members:

"An excellent question! However, the answer is a little more complex and nuanced...

1) It is important to understand that it can take up to two years for a coin to go from design concept to be produced and released... 2) Although His Majesty King Charles III was crowned in May 2023, the important historical process of creating a new Royal Effigy (the first in 70 years!) had to follow a process of: Law and approvals, as well as artist submissions that had to be evaluated and selected, and finally submitted to His Majesty himself for final approval (this is a greatly simplified version of the actual process, which you can consult here: www.mint.ca/en/discover/faces-of-the-monarch/king-charles-effigy. Although an accelerated approach was adopted, it was still a lengthy process. The new Royal effigy was just released on November 14, 2023... 3) For these reasons, the Royal Canadian Mint has adopted a staged approach to releasing 2024-dated bullion and numismatic coins featuring the King's effigy. We will prioritize 2024-dated bullion coins and begin with specific numismatic coins early in the year, until all coins are converted to the new effigy by May 2024 (to correspond with the first anniversary of His Majesty's coronation). For production planning reasons, not all coins in our current production schedule could be converted to the new effigy all at once (this means there will be some 2024-dated numismatic coins featuring the Queen's effigy in the first half of the year).

*It is also important to note that all coins currently in circulation with the Queen's effigy remain legal tender, re-



gardless of the fact that our monarch has changed. As coins have a life span of over 20 years, Canadians can expect to see "Queen" coins in circulation for many more years."

CHUCK BUCK

Might the League take this occasion to respond to several – shall we say rather vehemently-phrased – queries as to our opinion on the new dollar coin's being immediately dubbed the Chuck Buck." The answer? We think it's fine!

Just as since the introduction of the dollar coin in 1987 to this day continues to be widely referred to as a "loonie," we judge the affectionate moniker given our King in everyday coin parlance underlines our monarchical identity, the reality of the peaceful transition to the new Reign and draws attention to the fundamental presence of the Monarchy in our society. It reminds us of how even the most ardent of monarchists would enjoy a gentle hoot as "My Husband and I" often uttered by our late Queen, was parodied – to the extent that The Queen herself poked fun at it in her 1977 Silver Jubilee speech celebration: "I think everybody really will concede that on this, of all days, I should begin my speech with the words 'my husband and I."

So let's all save our censoriousness for matters of consequence. Being able to laugh at oneself and with the inevitable foibles of even the representatives of our Allegiance is a sign of confidence and endearment, not disrespect.

www.mint.ca/en/discover/faces-of-the-monarch/king-charles-effigy?rcmeid=van_theking

Congratulations to our friends at the Royal Canadian Mint for announcing the new Canadian coinage bearing the image of our King! No less credit for the excellent website outlining the process, displaying the design and answering many frequently-asked questions:

Manitoba Branch co-Chairman Daniel Guenther summarized his experience of the Unveiling:

The Unveiling was an exciting and historic moment, all the more fitting to take place on The King's 85th birthday. The portrayal of The King executed by the Québec artist Steven Rosati was well received. It seemed to me a very natural and also dignified effigy of His Majesty. In addition to making comments to Canadian Press and CTV, our delegation was delighted to meet RCM's CEO Marie Lemay, and the Mint's media team, which orchestrated the successful event. All in attendance stood next to the production



workers who enabled the CEO to strike the first coin. We also spoke to the artist, who explained to us the artistic process, and his enthusiasm and excitement for this memorable assignment – he had worked with the Mint before, but not created an effigy. He noted the entire process took place unusually quickly, in 4-5 months, as normally a coin from concept to production (such as the animals and other artistic elements we all know) would take around a year and a half. Hats off to the RCM for mounting such a friendly event – all, including the media reporters, appeared impressed by the entire proceedings, especially the likeness of His Majesty. Once all the different denomination coins have been struck, the Mint will be sending HM a complete set. Truly a wonderful opportunity to celebrate in this Coronation year!

From the Deputy Prime Minister:

"The Royal Effigy on our coinage is an important Canadian symbol," said Chrystia Freeland, "Steven Rosati's portrait is a fitting tribute, and Canada is proud to mark His Majesty's birthday with the striking of this first circulation coin."

PAPER CURRENCY

No new news – a CBC report in May, 2023, said that it would take "a few years."

POSTAGE STAMPS

Canada Post beat its friendly competitors at the Mint and Bank of Canada to produce the definitive first-class letterrate stamp bearing The King's portrait by releasing it on May 8th just after the Coronation. The image is definitely unusual – stark black & white – but not unfriendly to its subject nor downbeat. Now we need to persuade CP to produce a stamp or two featuring Charles *and* Camilla – given The Queen's sterling and widely-appreciated support of our King during his health challenges, there can be no doubt she deserves to be shown with her husband. And how about the "new" Wales's? Stamps featuring the heir to the Throne, Catherine and their three adorable kids would be not only appropriate but also a philatelic sell-out.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

If only we knew... we cannot even ascertain whether the Canadian Portrait of The King has been photographed, perhaps originally set for release during the hypothetical first homecoming of the Reign. Our friends at Canadian Heritage have suggested to some folk they could use the British portrait; in fact we would be willing to print it, given permission and the assurance (against our own interest) that the Canadian one may still be some significant time away. We receive more queries on this – from all sorts of people and organizations across Canada – and assure you we will share any definitive information when we get it. We do have thousands – no exaggeration – of the mailing cylinders already manufactured and ready to be filled, have an address slapped on and taken to our friendly outlet across the street.

PATRONAGES

Again, no new information. Organizations who enjoyed the Patronage of Charles as Prince of Wales may continue to say so on letterheads and the like; however, it is known that The King will have to re-distribute many patronages in order to have room to some which enjoyed The Queen's Patronage and the Monarch is expected to continue.

Ken MacKillop New Secretary to the Governor General

A graduate of the University of Ottawa, a native of Hull, Quebec, and a son of Cape Bretoners, Ken MacKillop was appointed as herald Chancellor and Secretary to The Governor General in November of Coronation year, having recently served as Associate Deputy Minister at Veterans Affairs Canada.

Ken joined the Government of Canada in 1988, as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). He served for 20 years in postings across Canada and in operations globally, including in the Arabian Gulf Region and in Afghanistan, both in naval operations and as a public affairs officer. Since leaving the CAF, he has held many different roles in the public service executive cadre.

As a leader in the field of communications, Ken was instrumental in the renewal of branding and communication efforts at the Canada Border Services Agency, using innovative approaches such as the production of the popular television documentary, Border Security: Canada's Front Line.



In 2014, Ken joined the Global Affairs Canada team as the first assistant deputy minister, Public Affairs, and was responsible for directing the communications of the department in support of the ministers of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and International Development, and La Francophonie. In June 2017, he joined the Privy Council Office (PCO) as the assistant secretary to the Cabinet, Communications and Consultations, where he advised on critical and horizontal initiatives in support of the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the Clerk and PCO. At PCO, Ken led the renewal of the Communications Community Office, resulting in a vital network of federal communications professionals across the country.

He has already reached out to a number of the constituencies interested in the work of The Governor General and the operation of Rideau Hall, The King's Canadian Home – so we wish him well in this new and significant position. – *RF*

Emotional Intelligence in Governor General's Message: *Let's Talk Day*, January 14

Today, on Bell Let's Talk Day, we are reminded of the simple power that a single conversation can have in creating real change and reducing stigma for mental health challenges.

I've had experiences in my life that have left me with a lifelong commitment to ensuring that we treat mental health as a fundamental aspect of our overall well-being – as equally important as our physical health.

We also need to normalize open dialogue. You may never know how much you are helping someone by approaching them and saying, "let's talk." I am encouraged to see a younger generation who are more open about the importance of speaking up about mental health and sharing their healing journeys.

I encourage Canadians to seek out support and to offer a helping hand or a kind ear. Together, we can break down barriers, foster empathy, and build a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Ken Mackillop nommé nouveau secrétaire de la gouverneure générale

Diplômé de l'Université d'Ottawa, originaire de Hull (Québec) et fils de Cap-Bretonnais, Ken MacKillop a été nommé héraut chancelier et secrétaire du gouverneur général en novembre de l'année du couronnement, après avoir occupé le poste de sous-ministre adjoint à Anciens Combattants Canada.

Ken a rejoint le gouvernement du Canada en 1988, en tant qu'officier de marine dans les Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). Il a servi pendant 20 ans dans des affectations partout au Canada et dans des opérations à l'échelle mondiale, notamment dans la région du golfe Persique et en Afghanistan, à la fois dans le cadre d'opérations navales et en tant qu'officier des affaires publiques. Depuis qu'il a quitté les Forces armées canadiennes, il a occupé de nombreuses fonctions différentes au sein du cadre exécutif de la fonction publique.

En tant que leader dans le domaine de la communication, Ken a joué un rôle déterminant dans le renouvellement de l'image de marque et des efforts de communication de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, en utilisant des approches novatrices telles que la production d'un documentaire télévisé très populaire, Border Security : Canada's Front Line.

En 2014, Ken a rejoint l'équipe d'Affaires mondiales Canada en tant que premier sous-ministre adjoint, Affaires publiques, et a été chargé de diriger les communications du ministère à l'appui des ministres des Affaires étrangères, du Commerce international et du Développement international, et de la Francophonie. En juin 2017, il a rejoint le Bureau du Conseil privé (BCP) en tant que secrétaire adjoint du Cabinet, Communications et consultations, où il a donné des conseils sur des initiatives critiques et horizontales à l'appui du Premier ministre, du Cabinet, du greffier et du BCP. Au BCP, Ken a dirigé le renouvellement du Bureau de la communauté de la communication, qui a donné naissance à un réseau vital de professionnels fédéraux de la communication dans tout le pays.

Il s'est déjà adressé à un certain nombre de circonscriptions intéressées par le travail de la Gouverneure Générale et le fonctionnement de Rideau Hall, la résidence canadienne du roi – nous lui souhaitons donc beaucoup de succès dans ce nouveau poste important. – *RF*

Greetings from King & Governor General


RIDEAU HALL

Dear

Congratulations on your 100th birthday!

During your lifetime, the country has undergone some amazing shifts: a transition from one century to the next. Evolution of technology, society, community. Times of great challenges and of great joy. No matter what role you played in the last one hundred years, you have been an essential part of our country and we are grateful for all your contributions.

Your experience is valuable and respected, and we can all learn from the wisdom you have to share.

In the language of Inuktitut, from the South Qikiqtaaluk, nalliuniqsiutsiarit!
In English, happy birthday!

I wish you a wonderful day filled with happy moments and memories.

Yours sincerely,

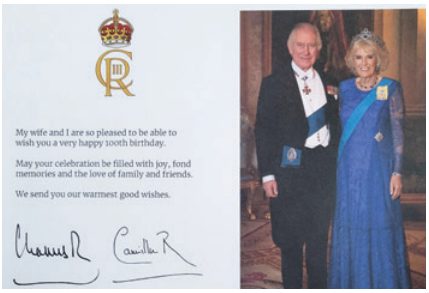
Mary Simon
Governor General of Canada

An Ontario League member, kindly sent us images of the greetings that are now sent from The King & Queen, as well as from The Governor General, to Canadians who are celebrating their 100th or greater birthdays, and to couples who are marking their 60th Anniversary or more.

The Governor General will also send greetings for 90th or more birthdays, and for the 50th Anniversary or more of couples.

The process for requesting such greetings is outlined on Her Excellency's website at www.gg.ca/en/contact-us/birthday-anniversary-greetings.

We are aware that during the pandemic, and so some extent after, there have been problems in ensuring that such requests are handled in a timely manner. At the same time, while the process for asking for greetings has been simplified, requestors do not always follow the instructions on the Rideau Hall website, leading to delays. We are assured that any difficulties at the Rideau Hall end should not recur.


My wife and I are so pleased to be able to wish you a very happy 100th birthday.

May your celebration be filled with joy, fond memories and the love of family and friends.

We send you our warmest good wishes.

Bruce had a further concern: "I was disappointed with the presentation of the royal greeting. Years ago I had arranged for greetings from our late Queen for my parent's 60th and 70th wedding anniversary. It was produced in an actual card format with Her Majesty's photo on the outside and greeting on the inside. I don't understand why Ottawa couldn't produce a better-quality format... one piece of paper is not very regal."

We will ask Rideau Hall about Bruce's disappointment, which may reflect a change made prior to the current Household – and relay any information it may able to furnish us.

Vœux du roi et de la gouverneure générale

Un membre de la Ligue de l'Ontario a eu l'amabilité de nous envoyer des images des vœux qui sont maintenant envoyés par le Roi et la Reine, ainsi que par le Gouverneur général, aux Canadiens qui célèbrent leur 100e anniversaire ou plus, et aux couples qui célèbrent leur 60e anniversaire ou plus.

La gouverneure générale enverra également des vœux pour les 90e anniversaires ou plus, et pour les 50e anniversaires ou plus des couples La procédure à suivre pour demander l'envoi de ces vœux est décrite sur le site web de Son Excellence à l'adresse www.gg.ca/fr/nous-joindre/voeux-anniversaire.

Nous sommes conscients que pendant la pandémie, et dans une certaine mesure après, des problèmes se sont posés pour que ces demandes soient traitées en temps voulu. Parallèlement, bien que la procédure de demande de vœux ait été simplifiée, les demandeurs ne suivent pas toujours les instructions figurant sur le site web de la salle Rideau, ce qui entraîne des retards. Nous sommes assurés que les difficultés rencontrées à Rideau Hall ne devraient pas se reproduire.

Bruce avait une autre préoccupation : "J'ai été déçu par la présentation des vœux royaux. Il y a des années, j'avais demandé des vœux à notre défunte reine pour les 60e et 70e anniversaires de mariage de mes parents. Il s'agissait d'une véritable carte avec la photo de Sa Majesté à l'extérieur et les vœux à l'intérieur. Je ne comprends pas pourquoi Ottawa ne pourrait pas produire un format de meilleure qualité... un seul morceau de papier n'est pas très royal".

Nous interrogerons Rideau Hall sur la déception de Bruce, qui peut refléter un changement antérieur au ménage actuel, et lui transmettrons toutes les informations qu'il sera en mesure de nous fournir.

Bill C-347 Debated and Dropped – but not Necessarily Dead



The highly-dubious Private Members' Bill purports to Amend the Constitution Act 1867 to permit those elected to Parliament to take the prescribed Oath of Allegiance or instead "an oath of office or both." Proposed René Arseneault (Madawaska – Restigouche), the Bill proceeded to Second Reading on January 31. You can read the unedifying proceedings below. "Talked out" at the end of the allocated time for debate, *Hansard* reports the Assistant Deputy Speaker in the chair stated the Bill:"is dropped to the bottom of the order of precedence on the Order Paper." However, there is nothing to prevent another MP from attempting a similar venture. Given the Oath of Allegiance is prescribed in the Constitution, it is – rather like Quebec's "National Assembly" calling for the abolition of the Lieutenant Governor's Office – more focused on publicity and trouble-making than any serious attempt at legislating.

Some gems from the 'debate' on Jan. 31:

M. Arseneault, the Bill's sponsor, stated that"such an oath did not exist in England until the 16th century." Now there's a confounding argument for Canada in 2024! His point is that the oath "has never been static." And he cited the unconstitutional action of Quebec's Assembly in 2022, "as a sign that our society continues to evolve and become more inclusive for elected members in this country."

Not enough the above for Bloc MP Martin Champoux (Drummond) who asked that "instead of swearing an oath in the best interest of Canada, we should be swearing an oath to the people in our ridings. Vancouver Kingsway's NDP Member, Don Davies, argued that Indigenous MPs must now swear Allegiance which "indicates a subservience as opposed to a true nation-to-nation." Not to be outdone, Marie-Helene Haudreau (BQ – Laurentides-Labelle" defined her view of the Crown: "In a democracy, elected officials serve the people, not His Majesty and not a colonialist, paternalistic and downright anti-democratic system." (Later she called it "the shackles of the past.") Yet there she stood, this horrible anti-democratic system not having flung her out of the Commons or otherwise prevented her expression.

If feeling bored one evening, read the entire farrago of nonsense at: *www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/house/sitting-272/hansard*

Reflections That Canadians Might Consider

Re: the recent volte-face *by Australia on holding a second referendum on its Monarchy*

Many readers requested further information about the UK media report on the Australian government putting aside its previously-promised second referendum on the Monarchy, despite its having appointed an Assistant Minister to advance the project.

While Australia is a very different country from Canada, with its own sensibilities, one aspect we certainly share is that the process for making a significant constitutional change puts a heavy burden on those seeking change – beginning with the assent of all the States in Australia in somewhat the same way as provincial support would have to be voted in Canada.

Against that rosy view, one might pit three "pacifiers" and two concerns in terms of any legitimate alarm for Australia's possible action tending to create any significant influence suggesting that Canada should do the same:

"PACIFIERS"

1) When Australia held its earlier referendum in 1999, Canadian media were nothing loath to give attention to the campaign, with many suggesting that our country should follow suit. Despite this attempt to draw a parallel, no significant moves were made by Ottawa nor the provinces to advance concrete stamps towards consideration of a Canadian republic. Indeed Mr Harper's government successfully advanced in 2013 unanimous Parliamentary agreement to legislation, subsequently upheld by the Courts, of The Succession to the Throne Act which, was hailed, *inter alia*, for its bringing the Monarchy in line with Canadian values about faith and gender.

2) Canadians still have un-fond memories of the constitutional change efforts, particularly from the 70's into the 90's, such as the first PM Trudeau's bill C-60 and Meech Lake and the various referendums (not to mention a notorious republican in PM Martin's coterie floating a republic as appropriate way to celebrate the new Millennium!).

3) It is not to boast on behalf of the League, but it is also true, that the one nationally-organized republican group in Canada, "Citizens for a Canadian Republic" remained and still remains small in number, low in media penetration and ineffective in activity, compared to a far-from-perfect but visible, thoughtful and

Princess Royal's Visit to Sri Lanka included Canadian soldier

Joined by a Canadian Forces Soldier (can you spot him?) Anne honours Burma Campaign fallen at Colombo Cenotaph

The two-day visit by the indefatigable Anne delighted Sri Lankins as she and Sir Tim chose to fly commercial on Sri Lankan Airlines, which tweeted its pride on social media. The couple met with local communities and faith groups in Colombo, the country's capital, the city of Kandy in central Sri Lanka, and Jaffna on the northern tip of the country.

In what was formerly the British colony of Ceylon, some 8,000 members of His Majesty's Canadian Forces served there during World War II in what was then called the Burma Campaign, joining British and Indian units in the British 14th Army. One of the most unusual Canadian contributions was their role as "mule skinners," escorting shiploads of mules from North America to the jungles of eastern India and western Burma. The mules were much needed by the Allied forces fighting there to help transport supplies across the mountainous terrain. In all, about 180 Canadians (many of them members of the Veterans' Guard of Canada) made the long journey, escorting approximately 1,600 mules.



The Department of Veterans Affairs goes on to note that: "Of the individual Canadians who served with the British Army in Southeast Asia, the achievements of Major Charles Hoey stand out. He grew up in British Columbia before going to Great Britain to enlist in the British Army in 1933. Major Hoey earned a Victoria Cross (the highest award for military valour) in Burma for his heroic leadership in the clearing of an enemy strong point in February 1944. Despite serious wounds, he continued with the attack and single-handedly eliminated a Japanese machine-gun position which was preventing his troops from advancing. Sadly, Hoey died during this effort.

"Canadians were also involved in other special groups in the region, such as the "Sea Reconnaissance Unit," a group of frogmen (military divers) who spearheaded the British Army's assaults across the rivers of Burma. Canadian Lieutenant-Commander B.S. Wright led the unit and another Canadian, Flight Lieutenant G.H. Avery, earned the first Military Cross ever awarded to a frogman for bravery in combat. Avery received this honour for his efforts during the assault that crossed Burma's Irrawaddy River in February and March 1945."

effective work by MLC, on the one hand, including some small but visible roles given it by government, and on the other, by many political and media figures and a fair stream of visible books and informed authors advocating for the Crown.

CONCERNS

1) Unlike Australia, where each State is somewhat different from the others, there is no equivalent "Quebec" to present, as in recent years, in its Legislature and several of its political parties a constant and often unconstitutionally-acted upon hostility to the Crown, the latter of late ignored by the federal government. One could posit a situation in which Canadians grow tired of this cleavage, and resurrect more broadly and more effectively some settlement that, as was advanced endlessly in the last century, would claim to bring unity, sweetness and light through abolishing the Monarchy – and create a happy, united country. One would be naive to think that the confluence of some multi-partisan leadership and more-effective grass-roots organization advocating a republic could not appear in a far more effective way than hitherto ever emerged.

2) It is perfectly possible that a number of Realms relatively close to Canada in geography, ranging from Belize to Jamaica, will choose to become republics sooner rather than later. While these countries are entirely distinct from Canada in terms of history, population and prosperity – to name but a few – there might be those at home suggesting that our more "enlightened" views of First Peoples and of generally-positive attitudes to racial diversity in our country could co-mingle to effect a desire for us to do the same.

Of course one could write at far greater length and depth about the above matters.

We will certainly look forward to publishing excerpts of your views dilating upon and/or adding to the above.

Réflexions que nous pourrions envisager

Re: la récente volte-face de l'Australie sur l'organisation d'un second référendum sur la monarchier

De nombreux lecteurs ont demandé un complément d'information sur l'article paru dans les médias britanniques selon lequel le gouvernement australien a mis de côté le second référendum sur la monarchie qu'il avait promis, bien qu'il ait nommé un ministre adjoint pour faire avancer le projet.

Bien que l'Australie soit un pays très différent du Canada, avec des sensibilités différentes, un aspect que nous partageons certainement est que le processus pour effectuer un changement constitutionnel significatif impose un lourd fardeau à ceux qui cherchent le changement – en commençant par l'assentiment de tous les États en Australie, de la même manière en quelque sorte que le soutien provincial devrait être voté au Canada.

Face à cette vision optimiste, on pourrait opposer trois "pacificateurs" et deux préoccupations en termes d'inquiétude légitime face à l'action possible de l'Australie tendant à créer une influence significative suggérant que le Canada devrait faire de même :

"PACIFICATEURS"

1) Lorsque l'Australie a organisé son premier référendum en 1999, les médias canadiens n'ont pas hésité à accorder de l'attention à la campagne, et beaucoup ont suggéré que notre pays devrait suivre l'exemple. Malgré cette tentative d'établir un parallèle, ni Ottawa ni les provinces n'ont pris de mesures significatives pour avancer des jalons concrets en vue d'envisager la création d'une république canadienne. En effet, le gouvernement de M. Harper a réussi à obtenir en 2013 l'accord unanime du Parlement sur la loi, confirmée par la suite par les tribunaux, sur la succession au trône, qui a été saluée, entre autres, pour avoir mis la monarchie en conformité avec les valeurs canadiennes en matière de foi et de genre.

2) Les Canadiens gardent un mauvais souvenir des efforts de changement constitutionnel, en particulier des années 70 aux années 90, comme le projet de loi C-60 du premier ministre Trudeau, le lac Meech et les divers référendums (sans parler d'un républicain notoire de la coterie du premier ministre Martin qui a fait flotter une république comme moyen approprié de célébrer le nouveau millénaire).

3) Il ne s'agit pas de se vanter au nom de la Ligue, mais il est également vrai que le seul groupe républicain organisé à l'échelle nationale au Canada, "Citizens for a Canadian Republic," est resté et reste encore peu nombreux, peu présent dans les médias et inefficace dans ses activités, par rapport au travail loin d'être parfait mais visible, réfléchi et efficace de la MLC, d'une part, y compris certains rôles modestes mais visibles qui lui ont été confiés par le gouvernement, et d'autre part, par de nombreuses personnalités politiques et médiatiques et un bon nombre de livres visibles et d'auteurs informés qui plaident en faveur de la Couronne.

"PRÉOCCUPATIONS"

1) Contrairement à l'Australie, où chaque État est quelque peu différent des autres, il n'y a pas d'"équivalent du Québec" pour présenter, comme ces dernières années, dans sa législature et dans plusieurs de ses partis politiques, une hostilité constante et souvent inconstitutionnelle à l'égard de la Couronne, cette dernière étant ignorée depuis peu par le gouvernement fédéral. On pourrait imaginer une situation dans laquelle les Canadiens se lasseraient de ce clivage et ressusciteraient plus largement et plus efficacement un règlement qui, comme cela a été avancé sans cesse au siècle dernier, prétendrait apporter l'unité, la douceur et la lumière par l'abolition de la monarchie – et créer un pays heureux et uni. Il serait naïf de penser que la confluence d'un leadership multipartite et d'une organisation populaire plus efficace en faveur d'une république ne pourrait pas se manifester d'une manière beaucoup plus efficace que ce qui s'est produit jusqu'à présent.

2) Il est parfaitement possible qu'un certain nombre de royaumes relativement proches du Canada sur le plan géographique, allant du Belize à la Jamaïque, choisissent de devenir des républiques tôt ou tard. Bien que ces pays soient totalement différents du Canada en termes d'histoire, de population et de prospérité – pour n'en citer que quelques-uns – certains pourraient suggérer que notre vision plus "éclairée" des peuples premiers et nos attitudes généralement positives à l'égard de la diversité raciale dans notre pays pourraient se combiner pour nous inciter à faire de même.

Bien entendu, il serait possible d'écrire beaucoup plus longuement et en profondeur sur les questions susmentionnées.

Nous nous réjouirons certainement de publier des extraits de vos opinions qui développent et/ou complètent ce qui précède.



A Truly Canadian Astronaut Patch

Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, from Saskatoon, will wear the patch above as he joins the Artemis Mission to the Moon, scheduled for September, 2025.

It is encouraging to see the patch includes the Canadian Crown as well as Indigenous symbols reflecting seven sacred laws, including a buffalo for respect, an eagle for love, a bear for courage, a bigfoot for honesty, a beaver for wisdom, a wolf for humility and a turtle to represent truth, as designed by Anishinaabe artist Henri Guimon.

"You see the seven sacred laws, which are really instructions for us, reminders for us how to aspire to be as humans, for how we walk on this planet," Hansen told the CBC.

"As I represent Canadians going on this mission, this is an important reminder for me of how I would like to walk and the example I would like to strive to represent."

Many thanks to our member Shawna, who drew our attention to this news, writing, "This symbolizes Truth and Reconciliation to me. Don't take away, add. Don't cancel, include." To which we say Amen!



MUST SEE: BBC FILM

Charles III: The Coronation Year

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V3DQP9aQ-I

You have to view this, if you haven't already, and share with others, too.

This is an excellent film in every way, reflecting the interplay of the passage of time and lightly-amended service since the 1953 Coronation (portrayed in the famous film *A Queen is Crowned),* but at the same time giving much more insight into our remarkable King and Queen as human beings, not to mention a number of their family members (notably the Princess Royal) – both in their daily rounds as well as many moments of the endless rehearsals to make the Coronation unfold faultlessly.



If you are human, you will find moments for laughter, and quite possibly, shed a tear or two.

À VOIR ABSOLUMENT : FILM DE LA BBC

Charles III : l'année du couronnement

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V3DQP9aQ-I

Si vous ne l'avez pas encore vu, vous devez le visionner et le partager avec d'autres. Il s'agit d'un excellent film à tous points de vue, qui reflète l'interaction entre le passage du temps et le service légèrement modifié depuis le couronnement de 1953 (présenté dans le célèbre film A Queen is Crowned), mais qui donne en même temps un aperçu beaucoup plus complet de nos remarquables Roi et Reine en tant qu'êtres humains, sans oublier un certain nombre de membres de leur famille (notamment la Princesse Royale) – à la fois dans leurs tâches quotidiennes et à de nombreux moments des répétitions interminables pour que le couronnement se déroule sans faille. Si vous êtes humain, vous trouverez des moments de rire et, très probablement, vous verserez une ou deux larmes.

Interesting Poll on Support for the Crown

Local news chain pollster cross-references attitudes of Canadians in interesting tranches

In an era where newspapers – in the physical sense – are shutting down throughout North America, an organization called *Village Media* has developed a network of online news sites in Ontario "that are dedicated to providing local stories written by journalists who live and work in those communities." In other words, it is not a one-size fits all operation, nor a new riff on a "shoppers' newspaper" which may provide some thin editorial content – but mainly advertising. Rather, it strives to be "proud champions of local news and work diligently to deliver the news needed to help individuals stay engaged and informed."

Patrick Cain is one of their contributors, and frequently shares polling information on issues ranging from the demographics of hockey to views on Donald Trump. Most recently, and thus catching our eye, is Patrick's interesting cross-referencing of opinions about the Canadian Monarchy. We're used to seeing polls broken down by age, gender or reason – but in this case he gives us views of the Crown based, for instance, on views of the Prime Minister, intentions on voting in the next provincial election, views on whether obituaries should be true to life or reflect the deceased warts and all, or views on gun control laws.

We're not qualified to assess Patrick's methods; nor does he claim to have the extensive reach that the tradition pollsters use to report on public opinion. Even they are fallible, of course. But we have every reason to think *Village Media* is a serious operation – and in this instance, certainly, it is presenting a fresh look at "our" subject, the Monarchy, from a variety of perspectives.

Give the polling a look – and let us know what you as a monarchist derive from Patrick Cain's findings: www.collingwoodtoday.ca/local-news/poll-unpacking-who-supports-or-opposes-the-monarchy-8337212#google_vignette.

Thoughts on Naming Opportunities

Spurred by a request from the Halton (Ontario) School Board to make suggestions for naming a new school, we thought how, given Canada's rapid population growth, there will be a good number of those opportunities – by which we mean, the chance to make sure that a good share of schools reflect Canada's form of governance and the unique personalities contributed to our lives

And it's not only schools who seek naming through public suggestions – it could be a street name or a hospital; a public building or a new park – all invite proactively encouraging The King's name being used. So please keep this in mind.

By the way, in case you are asked, while it will be courteous to inform HM as such a designation is being made, it is not necessary to ask permission to do so, as it would be for a Patronage, an official entity (CF, highway) or the use of "Royal" as in The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada.

Here is the very cogent submission made by our great benefactor Byron Thomas, who lives in the Halton catchment area – and whose brief letter could be a template for your own as these occasions arise:

As a resident of Halton I feel that naming the new school in honour of our King Charles would be appropriate. It would be a reflection of Canada being a constitutional monarchy which would have educational benefits for the students in becoming aware of His Majesty's role in Canada as our Head of State. As a former teacher, I believe that naming the school after King Charles would serve to strengthen student awareness about how our country functions.

Additionally, the Crown has always had an especially close relationship with Canada's First Nations. There are very few individuals as well respected by our First Nations as King Charles in working toward reconciliation. While our First Nations have little respect for governmental leaders – their respect for the Crown is huge. His Majesty works very closely with our First Nations on a regular basis. I believe his important role in that capacity and as King of Canada warrants the new school in Milton being named after him.

Lastly, as Head of the Commonwealth, King Charles heads a 56 nation organization which represents over one-quarter of the world's population. The Commonwealth covers every race and religion and embodies the essence of diversity and inclusion.

Yours truly,
Byron Thomas B.Ed., M.A., LL.B



TALKING POINTS

One of the special features of Canada that differentiates it from the overwhelming influences and traditions of our friendly neighbour, the USA, is our form of government: a constitutional monarchy. Reminding young people, and communities that our polity is distinct from that of the USA is important, and institutional naming in honour of our Sovereign is a daily lesson as to one of the principal features of our nationhood – led by a person who is devoted to a life of service, rather than one of striving for political advantage.

Our King heads a Commonwealth that in many ways reflect the variety of the backgrounds of our fellow citizens. Not only is Canada blessed with a diverse citizenry; we live together in a tolerant society, where our differences are played out in the ballot box but where ethnic, religious and racial differences in general provide a sense of unity rather than the division, even violence, as we see in many other countries. Our King is above politics, and so is uniquely placed to represent – as our late Queen put it, "all that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal."

There is a rich tradition of naming Canadian locations, natural features, communities and cultural associations, to cite but a few, in honour of our King or Queen or members of the Royal Family, and so embodying our history and achievements throughout different reigns. Hence Victoria, BC; the Victoria Bridge in Montreal; Victoria College at the University of Toronto; Prince Edward Island; Lake Louise in Alberta; Prince Charles Island and George V Mountain, in Nunavut; Regina and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan; Queen Elizabeth Ways in Iqaluit and Winnipeg (the Ontario one honoured Queen Elizabeth as Consort, whom we knew as Queen Mother); and Prince Charles public school in Brantford, ON.

Our King has taken a prominent role in promoting many widely-appreciated causes in Canada – from built architecture in NB to the Campaign for Wool, nationally; from encouragement to service in the Canadian Forces through his being Colonel of many Regiments, to music (the Regina Symphony) to the Royal Conservatory of Music, to name but a few.

The King also has spoken out consistently for reconciliation and made a point of visiting with Indigenous leaders – the 2022 pictures of HM shortly before he became King when in the NWTerritories he culminated his homecoming by dancing with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation spoke volumes – as did his speech earlier in the Homecoming, when he said, "We all have a responsibility to listen, understand and act in ways that foster relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada,"

Please feel free to email us at domsec@sympatico.ca further points in favour of the school naming for the King, or different ways of expressing the ones we have made, so we can share them with our members.



THE CROWN HAS NO GENDER



Lieut-Cmdr. Gerald W. Pash (retd), OStJ, CD

The concept that there is a king's crown and a queen's crown is an almost universal misconception. Given that 90 percent of the Commonwealth's population alive today, has only known Queen Elizabeth II as sovereign and few to none were alive during the reign of any of her predecessors including Queen Victoria, it is no wonder.

The current and prolific St. Edwards crown that is often misidentified as the Queen's crown was made for Charles II in 1661. It was not used to crown any monarch for more than 200 years until the tradition was revived by George V (1910-1936) and it has since been the crown used at the coronations of Edward VIII (1936), George VI (1936-1953) Elizabeth II (1953) and Charles III (2022). It is the Royal Crown and it has not changed.

Previously, the Tudor Crown that is regularly misidentified as the King's crown was the imperial and state crown since Henry VII (1485-1509). It was used by Elizabeth I and both James and Charles I. The actual crown was destroyed in 1649 during the civil war.

Subsequently, a variety of crown symbols were used until Queen Victoria's reign. The square topped state crown was made and a new heraldic design resembled the original imperial crown and the small diamond crown preferred by Queen Victoria. As there was no standard, the crown in the Victorian era was often at the discretion of the artist. A version of the Tudor styles is described as the Victorian Crown. The 1901 heraldic crown was the Tudor Henry VII crown chosen by Queen Victoria and instituted by Edward VII.

With the accession of Edward VII (1902) at the request of the war office for a standardised design, the King decided





on the Tudor or Imperial Crown. It was used officially until 1953. There was no particular reason to change it. The Queen Elizabeth II coronation medal depicts the new queen with the Tudor crown.

At the beginning each reign a new royal cypher is designed. The Tudor Crown was first used by Edward VII in 1902 and it became the standard pattern until 1952. Then, on the advice of the "King of Arms", with the change of monarch it was determined that the Royal Cypher be surmounted by the actual Crown of England (St. Edward's Crown) rather than a representation of a crown that did not actually exist. It was then announced that, "Her Majesty wishes the St. Edwards Crown to take the place of the Tudor Crown in all representations of the crown. It is of course, the crown used at her coronation and used to crown her 20th century predecessors as well as, King Charles.

Charles has approved two separate cypher designs. When Charles's mother came to the throne, she was not recognized as the second Queen by the name of Elizabeth in Scotland. In order to avoid the controversy that resulted in post boxes being vandalized and post offices being bombed, there is a separate cypher for use in Scotland. It uses the St. Andrews Crown, also known as the Crown of Scotland. The other has the Tudor Crown that was introduced by Edward VII and used until 1953.

There are no strict rules regarding changes in the royal cypher, nor is there a King's Crown for male monarchs and a Queen's Crown for female monarchs. The notion of there being a King's Crown and a Queen's Crown is not supported in history or in heraldry. The gender of the person who wears the crown is unrelated to the Crown as a state symbol.

The 1921 proclamation of the Canadian Coat of Arms declares, "The whole ensigned with the Imperial Crown." In 1957, the arms were revised to change the royal crown from a Tudor design to the St. Edward's Crown as preferred by Queen Elizabeth II. On September 15, 2022 the proclamation for the current Canada coat of arms that is visually unchanged declares in the name of His Majesty the King in right of Canada, "The whole achievement is ensigned by the royal crown proper." On May 6, 2023 outside of the United Kingdom Canada became the first Commonwealth Realm to create distinctive Royal Crown that will be introduced over time.

Another heraldic example is the City of Victoria Arms from 1962 that displays the Tudor style crown with the proclamation stating, "Gules on a pile Argent another Azure charged with a representation of the Royal Crown proper." The badge of HMCS Victoria borrows from the shield of the City of Victoria and is described in the same fashion with the symbolism note, "The Crown, in a form often used during Queen Victoria's reign."





That it is inaccurate to use the terms King's Crown and Queen's Crown is further supported by the fact that real Queens' crowns, such as that of Queen Adelaide (Consort to William IV) Queen Mary (Consort to George V) Queen Elizabeth (Consort to George VI) and Queen Camilla (Consort to Charles III) reflect the Tudor style.

There are actual crowns, such as St. Edward's used at the coronation, the Imperial State Crown, worn after the coronation at other state ceremonies, The Scottish Crown, and Queen Victoria's Small Diamond Crown.

There are representations of actual crowns, such as the usual representation of St. Edward's Crown since 1952 and some Victorian crowns.

There are symbolic representations of crowns, such as a variety of Victorian crowns and the Tudor Crown introduced by Edward VII and described as "the Tudor, 'Henry VII" crown, and inspired by Queen Victoria's chosen Small Diamond Crown.



A new symbolic representational crown was introduced in Canada on May 6, 2023. The Canadian Royal Crown is a heraldic emblem and not a physical object. Its design was approved by His Majesty King Charles III in April 2023. It is based on the Tudor crown incorporating distinct Canadian elements such as maple leaves and the Order of

Un membre de la ligue monarchiste du Québec gagne le tirage d'une couverture du couronnement canadien

Grâce à notre ami Matt Rowe, directeur général de la Campagne pour la laine au Canada, Jean Thévenot, de Deux Montagne, membre de la Ligue, recevra un souvenir très spécial du couronnement !

Matt s'est arrangé pour que Sykes & Ainley Fine Woollens, partenaire commercial de la Campagne pour la laine au Canada (un patronage de Sa Majesté le Roi), fasse don à la Ligue d'une de ses couvertures du couronnement canadien (au prix de détail de 485 $).

Le président Finch a décidé qu'au lieu de demander des soumissions ou une autre forme de paiement, cette occasion ne devrait pas être une collecte de fonds. Au lieu de cela, il a ouvert le concours à nos merveilleux membres qui soutiennent le travail de la Ligue. Des centaines de personnes se sont inscrites, et Robert a tiré le nom de Jean d'un chapeau le 23 février – et la présentation suivra à une date convenable.

Créé pour les célébrations du couronnement canadien du roi Charles III et utilisé sous licence exclusive limitée du gouvernement du Canada, le motif vert et or de cette couverture rend hommage à l'engagement de Sa Majesté en faveur de l'environnement. Célébrant le Canada d'un océan à l'autre, le motif présente la feuille



d'érable canadienne accompagnée des emblèmes floraux de chaque province et territoire dans un magnifique motif répétitif. Conçue au Canada et tissée au Royaume-Uni, cette couverture est fabriquée à partir de 100 % de laine mérinos d'Australie, une véritable création du Commonwealth. Ces couvertures ne seront fabriquées qu'à 100 exemplaires et chacune porte une étiquette personnalisée détaillant sa provenance, ce qui en fait un véritable objet de collection. Cette couverture de qualité patrimoniale est fabriquée par l'usine familiale A.W. Hainsworth, avec de la laine mérinos douce comme du beurre, certifiée par le Responsible Wool Standard (norme lainière responsable), une norme volontaire qui porte sur le bien-être des moutons et des terres sur lesquelles ils paissent.

Les personnes souhaitant acheter directement leur propre couverture peuvent se rendre sur le site: sykes-ainley.ca/collections/all-products/products/canadian-coronation-blanket

Tous les bénéfices des couvertures vendues soutiendront le travail de la Campagne pour la laine au Canada, sous le patronage de Sa Majesté, et de son organisation mère, le Conseil canadien de la laine.

Canada "snowflake." The heraldic authority says, "Changes to symbols of sovereignty (such as the Arms of Canada) and to official insignia will likely take place over the coming years. Existing versions of the emblems will remain valid and in use until they require replacement. There is no requirement to change existing emblems that include the Royal Crown. However, organizations with such emblems may choose to incorporate the new Canadian Royal Crown when commissioning a revised rendition of their emblem. It is intended to be a perennial emblem that will be used during the reigns of all kings and queens of Canada. The Royal Crown is a restricted emblem and permission must be obtained for its use."

Crowns were described generally as Imperial before and after 1901. Using Victorian, Tudor, St. Edward's, Scottish or Canadian Royal Crown provides clarity and accuracy to what image is being referenced.

Member 2203, Gerald Pash spent 27 years in radio broadcasting, served 22 years as a Canadian Forces/DND Public Affairs Officer and six years as a citizenship judge.

Quebec Monarchist League member wins draw for Canadian coronation blanket



Thanks to our friend Matt Rowe, CEO of the Campaign for Wool in Canada, League member Jean Thévenot, of Deux Montagne, will receive a very special Coronation Souvenir!

Matt arranged for Sykes & Ainley Fine Woollens, trading partner for The Campaign for Wool in Canada (a patronage of HM The King), to donate one of their Canadian Coronation Blankets (retailing at $485) to the League. Chairman Finch decided that instead of asking for bids or some other form of payment, this opportunity should not be a fund-raiser. Instead, he opened it to our wonderful members who support the League's work. Hundreds entered, and Robert picked Jean's name out of a hat on February 23 – and presentation will follow at a convenient date.

Created for the Canadian Coronation Celebration of King Charles III, and used under an exclusive limited license from the Government of Canada, this blanket's green and gold design, honours His Majesty's commitment to the environment. Celebrating Canada from coast to coast to coast, the motif features the Canadian maple leaf alongside the floral emblems of every province and territory in a gorgeous repeating pattern. Designed in Canada and woven in the United Kingdom, this blanket is made using 100% Merino wool from Australia, a true Commonwealth creation. Only 100 of these blankets will ever be made and each bears a custom label detailing its provenance making it a real collectors item. This blanket is heirloom quality, manufactured by the family-owned A.W. Hainsworth mill, using buttery soft Merino wool certified by the Responsible Wool Standard – a voluntary standard that addresses the welfare of sheep and the land they graze on.

Those wishing to purchase their own blanket directly can visit: sykes-ainley.ca/collections/all-products/products/canadian-coronation-blanket

All profits from blankets sold will support the work of His Majesty's patronage The Campaign for Wool in Canada and its parent organization, The Canadian Wool Council.

SPECIAL THANKS: BRUCE HALLSOR, KC & CYNTHIA



Our senior officer in British Columbia, and seasoned media spokesman, is Bruce Hallsor, of Victoria, In a very generous act, Bruce found that two days prior to November's Grey Cup game, to be held in Hamilton, he would be unable to use two very good tickets – and so he donated them to the League as a fund-raiser. Fortunately, Cynthia, a member from Toronto, decided these would constitute a great gift for her two sons. Thus away Blake and Trevor went.

The Governor General made the coin toss for the official beginning of the match which apparently the boys thoroughly enjoyed, reporting that "the right team won" and even being able to FaceTime with their 90-year old Grandfather, an avid Alouettes' fan with whom they used to watch CFL games. Not to forget that the League appreciated their doting Mother's generous gift to the League!

ONE CROWN, NO MACE?

CROWN to the GOVERNOR GENERAL, for her warm and sympathetic message on behalf "of all Canadians" about The King's illness. "...His Majesty has always led with passion and



he has always endeavoured to inspire others to create a better world. Today, with this news, he once again is leading by example. So many Canadians are going through this battle. Two out of every five Canadians will be diagnosed with a type of cancer in their lifetime. Seeing His Majesty acknowledge cancer so openly and publicly will hopefully encourage and motivate those who are struggling with their own treatment. We admire The King's strength and determination as he confronts this disease. To His Majesty and to the entire Royal Family, our thoughts are with you today and always. Mary Simon"

HARD FOR THE LEAGUE: GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY
NEWS FROM KEITH ROY



For the best part of a decade, if not more, Keith Roy, a Vancouver Real Estate tyro, Whistler resident and avid Monarchist, has been our principal national media spokesman. His effectiveness meant many of you have admired when hearing his cogent, sensible take on the Canadian Crown in national newscasts – to our great benefit.

Alas, his fine representation has at least temporarily had to cease. Another of his passions is politics – and he is fighting to be the Conservative Party's candidate for the seat of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country riding. Its boundaries will change with re-distribution this Spring – and Keith feels this will be to the Tories' advantage whenever the next federal election takes place.

Knowing how the League has strictly observed a non-partisan stance since its founding, welcoming the election of all monarchists to Parliament, Keith quite rightly said he could no longer speak on our behalf.

A loss might bring him back on the airwaves for the League – but less selfishly, we bet that he would be a great adornment to Parliament. This is not because of his political views which we don't know beyond the general tenets of the Tories, but because of his patriotism, loyalty, integrity, common sense and above all, of good humour. Keith is the sort of person who would bring back to the Chamber its old sense of comity, when MPs could fight like heck for their principles, but share a convivial drink afterwards. Such was the case when the League was founded – and it is a loss to the nation that often-unbridled partisanship has largely supplanted it.

We wish Keith well, and thank him for all he has done for the League as a national spokesman. May his TV days, whatever the cause, not yet be over!

TEN REASONS WHY I SHOULD JOIN THE LEAGUE AND PERSUADE OTHERS TO DO SO

FREEDOM WEARS A CROWN

Note from Chairman Finch:
I am so grateful for the members across Canada who responded to earlier drafts with suggestions which they will see we took seriously, and by which this new multi-purpose document was greatly improved. Thank you! We hope this short summary of our raison d'être will be useful as you recruit new members!

1 The League is the sole national organization whose one purpose is to increase understanding of and promote loyalty to the Canadian Crown as a fundamental institution of our country. Our many thousands of members are not "Royal watchers."

2 The League has a 53-year history of effective action in support of Canada's constitutional Monarchy.

3 The League was entrusted by the Government of Canada with the distribution to the public of the Official Canadian Portrait of the Monarch and of

the Platinum Jubilee pin. With a federal grant, we also distributed more than 80,000 educational booklets during our late Queen's final Jubilee.

4 The League is entirely non-partisan. We comment on issues relating to the Monarchy as we see them, encouraging and praising support for the Crown, while criticizing inaction and republican sentiments when manifested.

5 The League provides its members with a magazine, *Canadian Monarchist News*, and at least twice-weekly EComms which share a variety of issues, projects, educational tips, events and all things monarchical, as well as an active presence on social media. No other Canadian association communicates as we do with members, public and the media.

6 While the League offers participation in local/regional branches with a variety of activities when good leadership is available, its main thrust is hard work on behalf of the Maple Crown. Not for us an inward-looking "clubby" emphasis of a self-congratulatory nature, but a community spirit based on outreach and shared Allegiance.

7 The League is 100% Canadian in its focus. Of course, "Canadian" identity emerged from a rich amalgam of many cultures: "I am a part of all that I have met" (Tennyson), hence our Maple Monarchy was inherited directly from France and Britain. It flourishes today when seen in a distinctly Canadian light – best achieved when its symbols emphasize our evolution from colony to nation, such as our colours granted by George V, now flown proudly in the red and white of our national Flag. An appropriate metaphor lies in celebratory food. We can enjoy Pouding chômeur and Afternoon Tea, but its important to include Canadian ale, Bannock, Nanaimo bars, Timmy's informality – not to forget soup dumplings and samosas!

8 We delight in our diverse membership which increasingly mirrors the people of many ancestries who have found a home in Canada; and we are proudly engaged with Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

9 Unlike Britain, Canada has no state religion. So the League is not an appendage of the Anglican Church nor the Kirk, nor do we promote religious practice. Our membership includes people of many faiths, and none; thus monarchists can choose whether to pray for our King in their own tradition or wish him well in a secular way

10 We take our cause and our efforts seriously, not ourselves. We avoid pomposity, and strive to be down-to-earth!

DIX RAISONS POUR LESQUELLES JE DEVRAIS REJOINDRE LA LIGUE ET PERSUADER LES AUTRES DE LE FAIRE

LA LIBERTÉ PORTE UNE COURONNE

Note du président Finch:
Je suis très reconnaissant aux membres de tout le Canada qui ont répondu aux premières versions du document par des suggestions qu'ils verront que nous avons prises au sérieux et qui ont permis d'améliorer considérablement ce nouveau document polyvalent. Je vous remercie!

1 La Ligue est la seule organisation nationale dont le seul but est d'accroître la compréhension de la Couronne canadienne et de promouvoir la loyauté envers elle en tant qu'institution fondamentale de notre pays. Nos milliers de membres ne sont pas des "observateurs royaux."

2 La Ligue a une histoire de 53 ans d'action efficace en faveur de la monarchie constitutionnelle du Canada.

3 La Ligue a été chargée par le gouvernement du Canada de distribuer au public le portrait officiel canadien du monarque et l'épinglette du jubilé de platine. Grâce à une subvention fédérale, nous avons également distribué plus de 80 000 brochures éducatives au cours du dernier Jubilé de notre défunte Reine.

4 La Ligue est entièrement non partisane. Nous commentons les questions relatives à la monarchie comme nous les voyons, encourageant et louant le soutien à la Couronne, tout en critiquant l'inaction et les sentiments républicains lorsqu'ils se manifestent.

5 La Ligue fournit à ses membres un magazine, *Les Nouvelles Monarchiques du Canada*, et au moins deux fois par semaine des EComms qui partagent une variété de questions, de projets, de conseils éducatifs, d'événements et tout ce qui concerne la monarchie, ainsi

LOWER MAINLAND MONARCHISTS MEET



Dr Ian Gardiner, Chairman, welcomed on February 20th a number of members of the formerly-named Vancouver Branch to enjoy refreshments and discuss ideas for future activities and campaigns. If you couldn't make it, but have some ideas, please share with domsec@sympatico.ca so they can be passed on to Ian.

qu'une présence active sur les médias sociaux. Aucune autre association canadienne ne communique comme nous le faisons avec les membres, le public et les médias.

6 Bien que la Ligue offre une participation aux sections locales ou régionales avec une variété d'activités lorsqu'un bon leadership est disponible, son principal objectif est le travail acharné au nom de la Couronne d'érable. Il ne s'agit pas pour nous d'un " club " replié sur lui-même et qui se complaît dans l'autosatisfaction, mais d'un esprit communautaire fondé sur le rayonnement et l'allégeance partagée.

7 La Ligue est 100 % canadienne dans ses objectifs. Bien sûr, l'identité "canadienne" est née d'un riche amalgame de nombreuses cultures : "Je suis une partie de tout ce que j'ai rencontré" (Tennyson), c'est pourquoi notre monarchie de l'érable a été héritée directement de la France et de la Grande-Bretagne. Elle s'épanouit aujourd'hui lorsqu'elle est perçue sous un angle typiquement canadien, ce qui est d'autant plus vrai lorsque ses symboles soulignent notre évolution de colonie à nation, comme les couleurs accordées par George V, aujourd'hui arborées fièrement dans le rouge et le blanc de notre drapeau national.

Une métaphore appropriée réside dans la nourriture de célébration. Nous pouvons apprécier le pouding chômeur et le thé de l'après-midi, mais il est important d'inclure la bière canadienne, le bannock, les barres Nanaimo, l'informalité de Timmy's – sans oublier les boulettes de soupe et les samosas !.

8 Nous nous réjouissons de la diversité de nos membres, qui reflètent de plus en plus les personnes d'origines diverses qui ont trouvé un foyer au Canada; et nous sommes fiers d'être engagés auprès des Premières nations, des Inuits et des Métis du Canada.

9 Contrairement à la Grande-Bretagne, le Canada n'a pas de religion d'État. La Ligue n'est donc pas un appendice de l'Église anglicane ou du Kirk, et nous ne faisons pas la promotion de pratiques religieuses. Les monarchistes peuvent donc choisir de prier pour notre roi selon leur propre tradition ou de lui souhaiter bonne chance d'une manière laïque.

10 Nous prenons notre cause et nos efforts au sérieux, pas nous-mêmes. Nous évitons la pompe et nous nous efforçons d'être terre-à-terre !

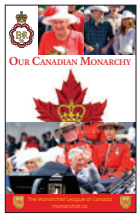
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