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THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA - 55th ANNIVERSARY 1970-2025

Making Ourselves at Home at Rideau Hall on the League's 55th Anniversary



by Robert Finch,
Dominion Chairman

I've had the good fortune of visiting Rideau Hall numerous times, but I have to admit that I am still in awe whenever I enter that building. There's something special about the place. Perhaps it's all those portraits of former vice-regals. Or the history and memories that have been made there. Thinking about all the kings and queens, princes and princesses, and heads of state that have gone through those doors. It's very much the centrepiece of the Canadian Crown when I think about it.

Thursday's visit was even more special, though, because I was able to experience the whole charm of Rideau Hall with fellow members of the Monarchist League of Canada. We were there to celebrate the League's 55th Anniversary. About 75 of us were treated to a tour of the vice-regal residence followed by a meet and greet hosted by the Governor General's husband Whit Fraser and the Secretary to

With His Excellency Whit Fraser hosting in celebration of the 55th Anniversary of the founding of the Monarchist League of Canada, League guests thoroughly enjoyed the generous hospitality of Rideau Hall. • À l'occasion du 55^e anniversaire de la fondation de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada, Son Excellence Whit Fraser a accueilli les invités de la Ligue, qui ont profiter de l'hospitalité généreuse de Rideau Hall.

Master Sailor Anne-Marie Brisson, Office of the Secretary to the Governor General

the Governor General Ken MacKillop. Unfortunately, Her Excellency couldn't join us as she was still recovering from her illness.

Upon entering Rideau Hall, League members mingled and introduced themselves to one another. For many, this was their first time here. The tour guides were eager to do their thing, and it was obvious to me that they really enjoy the job and take their role seriously. They were well prepared to provide the League with a tailored tour. Well done to them.

My favourite room at Rideau Hall is the Tent Room. I like the vibe and nostalgia that goes with it. The portraits on the walls provide an historic time warp to an era where our monarch was represented by British

nobles. Being a football fan, I naturally always seek out the portrait of Earl Grey, who donated the Grey Cup. I suspect hockey fans do the same for Lord Stanley. But it's the Queen Victoria painting that really makes this room stand out.

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Se sentir chez soi à Rideau Hall

par Robert Finch,
président national de la Ligue

J'ai eu la chance de visiter Rideau Hall à plusieurs reprises, mais je dois avouer que je suis toujours impressionné lorsque j'entre dans ce bâtiment. Cet endroit a quelque chose de spécial. Peut-être est-ce dû à tous ces portraits d'anciens vice-gouverneurs généraux. Ou à l'histoire et aux souvenirs qui s'y sont créés. Quand je pense à tous les rois et reines, princes et princesses, chefs d'État qui ont franchi ces portes. Quand j'y réfléchis, c'est vraiment le cœur de la Couronne canadienne.

La visite de jeudi était encore plus spéciale, car j'ai pu découvrir tout le charme de Rideau Hall avec les autres membres de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada. Nous étions là pour célébrer le 55^e anniversaire de la Ligue. Nous étions environ 75 à profiter d'une visite guidée de la résidence vice-royale, suivie d'une rencontre organisée par le mari de la gouverneure générale, Whit Fraser, et le secrétaire de la gouverneure générale, Ken MacKillop. Malheureusement, Son Excellence n'a pas pu se joindre à nous, car elle se remettait encore de sa maladie.

En entrant à Rideau Hall, les membres de la Ligue ont fait connaissance et se sont présentés les uns aux autres. Pour



Amongst League guests at Rideau Hall: centre, major contributor Dr. Roy Eappen of Montreal; behind him to left, holder of League Badge of Honour Austin Harding, now a member of HM's Canadian Forces; and far right, Paul Benoit.

beaucoup, c'était leur première visite. Les guides étaient impatients de faire leur travail, et il était évident pour moi qu'ils aimaient vraiment leur métier et prenaient leur rôle très au sérieux. Ils étaient bien préparés pour offrir à la Ligue une visite sur mesure. Bravo à eux.

Ma pièce préférée à Rideau Hall est la salle des tentes. J'aime l'ambiance et la nostalgie qui s'en dégagent. Les portraits accrochés aux murs nous transportent dans une époque révolue où notre monarque était représenté par des nobles britanniques.

Étant fan de football, je cherche naturellement toujours le portrait du comte Grey, qui a fait don de la Coupe Grey. Je suppose que les fans de hockey font de même pour Lord Stanley. Mais c'est le portrait de la reine Victoria qui rend cette pièce vraiment unique.

J'ai appris deux ou trois choses que j'ignorais lors de cette visite. Premièrement, la table de la salle de l'Ambassadeur a la forme d'un flocon de neige, inspirée du symbole de l'Ordre du Canada. Deuxièmement, il y a un aide de camp en rotation qui réside à Rideau Hall. Preuve que le président du Dominion apprend toujours.

Une visite de la salle de bal est toujours un moment inoubliable. Je trouve que la salle semble plus petite lorsqu'elle est

vide. Il y a vraiment un contraste avec l'impression que l'on a lorsqu'elle est remplie de monde. On y trouve un petit portrait officiel du roi. Si je pouvais faire une seule suggestion, ce serait d'exposer un portrait beaucoup plus grand. Cela dit, on m'a dit qu'il y avait un désir et un projet de faire réaliser un nouveau portrait de Sa Majesté et de l'exposer ici.

La visite s'est terminée dans la Longue Galerie, où nous avons pris un rafraîchissement et apprécié la compagnie des uns et des autres. Ken et Son Excellence ont prononcé quelques mots et présenté leurs meilleurs vœux à l'occasion du 55^e anniversaire de la Ligue.

Son Excellence a raconté une anecdote «d'initié»: en mai dernier, il était assis dans le landau avec le roi et la reine, qui se rendaient au Sénat pour le discours du Trône. Il nous a accueillis à Rideau Hall et nous a simplement invités à nous sentir comme chez nous. C'est donc ce que nous avons fait.

C'était agréable de revoir des visages familiers et de rencontrer de nombreux membres pour la première fois. Beaucoup ont fait un long voyage pour participer à cet événement passionnant. Me retrouver à Rideau Hall en présence de tant d'autres monarchistes m'a vraiment touché. C'était l'endroit idéal pour célébrer notre 55^e anniversaire!

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of things on this tour that I hadn't known. One, the table in the Ambassador Room is shaped like a snowflake - modelled after the Order of Canada symbol. Two,



Dominion Chairman Robert Finch, with his daughter and sister at Rideau Hall.

• Le président de la Ligue, Robert Finch avec sa fille et sa sœur à Rideau Hall.

there's a rotating aide-de-camp who actually resides at Rideau Hall. Proof the Dominion Chairman is always learning. A visit to the Ballroom is always something to behold. I find the room looks smaller when it's empty. There's definitely a contrast to being in the room when it's full of people. Here, there's a small official portrait of The King. If I could make but one suggestion it would be to have a much larger portrait on display. That said, I am told there is a desire and a plan to have a new painting done of His Majesty and display it here.

The tour ended in the Long Gallery, where we enjoyed refreshments and each other's company. Here, Ken and His Excellency offered remarks and their best wishes on the League's 55th. His Excellency told an "insider" story of sitting in the landau with The King and Queen

back in May on their way to the Senate building for the King's Throne Speech. He welcomed us to Rideau Hall and told us simply to make ourselves at home. So, that's what we did.

It was good to see familiar faces again and to meet many members for the first time. Many travelled quite the distance to be a part of this exciting occasion. Being at Rideau Hall in the presence of so many fellow Monarchists really hit me. It was the most fitting place for us to celebrate our 55 years' anniversary!

✦ We want to thank His Excellency who took the time to meet with each and everyone of us. You really did make us feel at home. To Ken and the phenomenal staff (especially Ismat, Lucy, Alison) who went above and beyond to make the day a success. To the tour guides who were

AT RIDEAU HALL: NEW REFRIGERATED SKATING RINK

Excerpts from Remarks by His Excellency Whit Fraser, Spouse of the Governor General, at the Opening of Rideau Hall's New Refrigerated Skating Rink, November 22, 2025

...Cast your mind back 153 years. Imagine teams of oxen, hauling huge barrels of water up from the Ottawa River and placing them in a giant oval around this very spot.

It was what Lady Dufferin, wife of then-Governor General Lord Dufferin, described in her diary as "la grande deluge." Very cold temperatures at the time sealed the water into the first skating rink. There has been one here ever since - seeing countless winter festivities, and even the birth of the Stanley Cup! The members of Lord Stanley's family were passionate hockey players. So much so that his son Arthur formed the Rideau Rebels, playing against teams from Montréal and Toronto right here. This inspired Lord Stanley to donate a trophy for the best hockey team in the Dominion - the Stanley Cup.

Women's hockey also traces its roots to Rideau Hall. One of the earliest photos of women playing the sport was taken here in the 1890s, featuring Lord Stanley's daughter Isobel. I'll leave it to the great poets and philosophers to try and describe Canadian culture and Canadian

identity but the root of it is surely simple: "We are a country of skaters."

It's really who we are. And what can be more fitting than a backyard skating rink in the backyard of the Governor General of Canada. In what other country of the world would this even be possible? So while today is about preserving the history of the rink, today is also about building for the future. We see the rink as a solid foundation for a larger complex.

A canopy covering the area to protect the ice as well as to hold year-round activities. From spring to fall, I can see

maple sugar festivals; Indigenous hoop dancing; a child's ballet; a pipe band, a brass band, a rock band, a steel drum band; Métis fiddlers, Dene square dancers, Inuit throat singers; Bhangra, dragon dance, and so many others ...We're only limited by our imagination.

I want to thank Power Corporation of Canada, the Rideau Hall Foundation and the National Capital Commission for making this possible. We truly appreciate the energy and passion you've poured into this project ... to make this rink ... Canada's rink!



A 150 year tradition of the public's enjoying skating at Rideau Hall recently reinforced by gifts given by Power Corporation of Canada, the Rideau Hall Foundation and the National Capital Commission. The ice will now be available six months annually. • Une tradition vieille de 150 ans qui consiste à permettre au public de patiner à Rideau Hall a récemment été renforcée par des dons de Power Corporation of Canada, de la Fondation Rideau Hall et de la Commission de la capitale nationale. La patinoire sera désormais accessible six mois par an.

surely kept on their toes by the Monarchist crowd. And to each and every member of the League who came out to be a part of our special day.

My wife and I were very impressed on the exceptional upkeep Rideau Hall receives. The staff were very helpful and approachable, especially as my wife was in a wheelchair - every section visited was available to her. Many thanks to guides Suzy and Lucy. Their detailed knowledge was impressive. *Don & Pearl Kernaghan., Stittsville ON*

✳️ I was delighted to be present for the recent gathering at Rideau Hall, that brought together monarchists from across the country. What struck me most was the sheer breadth of representation. Members had travelled from every corner of Ontario and Quebec, and even from as far west as Manitoba and British Columbia. There were undoubtedly more provinces represented! The sense of shared purpose, enthusiasm, and genuine camaraderie was deeply energizing. In the days leading up to the event, there was much anticipation around whether Her Excellency the Governor General, Mary Simon,

would be well enough to attend while she continues her recovery. Although she was unable to be present, her husband graciously stood in for her. A friend had taught me a few words in Inuktitut beforehand, which I had the pleasure of passing along to him. ...Above all, what meant the most to me was the opportunity to connect with fellow monarchists. There is a distinctly infectious energy that arises when committed people gather around a shared cause, and I believe it is something our League can feed upon and use to strengthen our work. I look forward to returning to Manitoba with ideas for our local branch. The staff who guided our tour were knowledgeable and welcoming... It was an honour to be part of it. *Callum Morrison, Altona, Manitoba*

✳️ Our wonderful welcome to Rideau Hall to celebrate the Monarchist Leagues of Canada's 55th Anniversary will always be a very special memory for me. I always enjoy a visit to Rideau Hall to remember the historical events that have happened within its walls and the many Governors General and their families and staff. Our enthusiastic young guide was bubbling

with information as she escorted us around the public rooms. The staff were kindly attentive looking after me with well placed chairs and the use of the elevator. Sadly Her Excellency the Governor General Mary Simon was still recovering but His Excellency Whit Fraser and Secretary Ken MacKollop were most friendly and welcoming, as we gathered together for a much appreciated cup of tea. I very much enjoyed meeting so many other Monarchists from across Canada, something which I have never done before. A great group of like-minded loyal Monarchists. Thank you so much for organizing this gathering. I would especially like you to thank young Margit Margaret Orban-Imreh for her beautiful book, "Moments and Memories of Canada's Royal Family" which I will be passing on to my grandsons in Toronto. I will make sure it goes in their school library for other students to enjoy. As I was leaving, the young staffer, who looked after me so well during the whole morning, acknowledged my words of thanks by saying that as a Canadian this was my house. Many thanks, *Jennifer Baniczky, Ottawa*



À RIDEAU HALL : NOUVELLE PATINOIRE RÉFRIGÉRÉE

Extraits d'Allocution de Whit Fraser, époux de la gouverneure générale, à l'ouverture de la nouvelle patinoire réfrigérée de Rideau Hall, le 22 novembre 2025

Mary et moi sommes ravis de vous accueillir en cette belle journée inaugurale. Remontons de 153 ans dans le passé. Imaginez des attelages de bœufs tirant d'énormes tonneaux d'eau depuis la rivière des Outaouais pour qu'ils soient placés dans une immense superficie ovale autour de ce même endroit.

Dans son journal, lady Dufferin, épouse du gouverneur général de l'époque lord Dufferin, parle de cet événement comme du « grand déluge ». En raison des températures très froides de cette époque, l'eau a rapidement gelé pour devenir la première version de la patinoire. La patinoire est restée en place depuis lors, accueillant d'innombrables célébrations hivernales, et même la naissance de la coupe Stanley ! Les membres de la famille de lord Stanley étaient des joueurs de hockey passionnés. À tel point que son fils Arthur a formé les Rideau Rebels, qui ont affronté ici même des équipes de Montréal et de Toronto. Cette passion a amené lord Stanley à faire don d'un trophée à la meilleure équipe de hockey du Dominion : la coupe Stanley.

Le hockey féminin trouve également ses racines à Rideau Hall. L'une des premières photos de femmes pratiquant ce sport a été prise ici dans les années 1890, et on voit sur cette photo la fille de lord Stanley, Isobel.

Je laisserai aux poètes et aux philosophes de renom le soin de décrire la culture et l'identité canadiennes, mais leur essence est sans doute très simple « Nous sommes un pays de patineurs. »

C'est vraiment ce que nous sommes. Et quoi de plus approprié qu'une patinoire dans la cour arrière des gouverneurs généraux du Canada? Dans quel autre pays au monde cela serait-il possible?

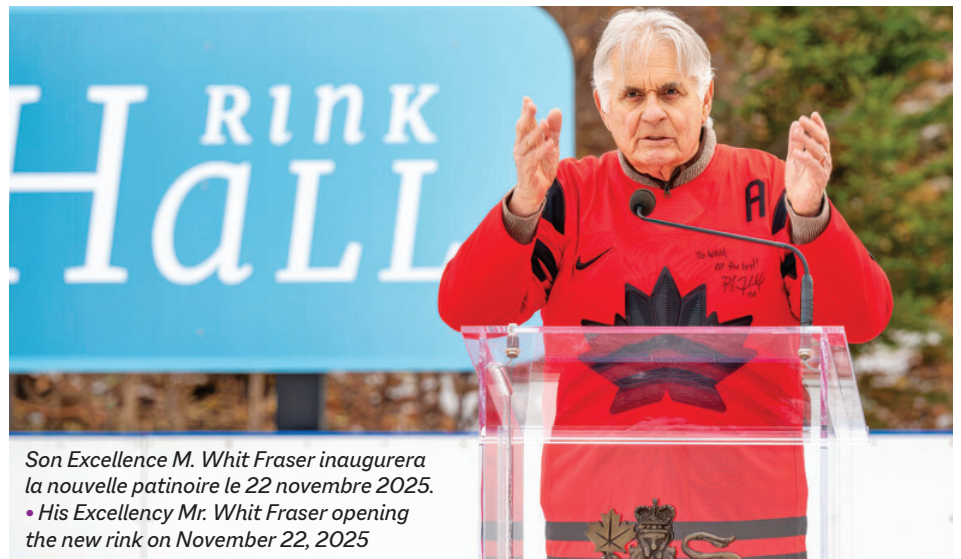
Alors, si nous sommes aujourd'hui en train d'évoquer l'histoire de la patinoire, nous sommes également en train de perpétuer sa tradition. Cette patinoire constitue une fondation solide pour le renforcement de notre communauté. Un auvent recouvre la zone, pour protéger la glace et pour qu'on puisse y accueillir des activités tout au long de l'année.

Du printemps à l'automne, on pourra y

accueillir des célébrations du temps des sucres, des danses du cerceau autochtones, des spectacles de ballet pour enfants, des fanfares, des groupes de rock, des groupes de tambours métalliques, des violoneux métis, des danseurs d'énés de danse carrée, des chanteurs de gorge inuits, des spectacles de bhangra, des danses du dragon et bien plus encore... La seule limite est notre imagination.

Je tiens à remercier Power Corporation du Canada, la Fondation Rideau Hall et la Commission de la capitale nationale, qui ont rendu ce projet possible.

Nous vous sommes très reconnaissants de l'énergie et de la passion que vous avez consacrées à ce projet... pour faire de cette patinoire... la patinoire du Canada! Et maintenant, profitons de la joie du patinage!



Son Excellence M. Whit Fraser inaugurera la nouvelle patinoire le 22 novembre 2025.
 • His Excellency Mr. Whit Fraser opening the new rink on November 22, 2025

GOOD INVESTMENTS BY THE LEAGUE

\$10,000 Latest Investment in Outreach

We have very much appreciated your approval of our work over the several months or so; and we continue to do so - rightly calling it "an investment."

First, we produced our bilingual flyer about The King - and began by sending to every Member of Parliament and Senator. Then we added to this distribution all the MLA's of each province and the three Territories - asking them to let their constituents know of its availability.

Second, we researched contact information for varied interests in the country which we thought would find our outreach interesting. Thus we are now in the midst of writing many of these "societies" which are widely respected for their good works, such as the chapters of the IODE, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Kiwanis Club and Rotary clubs. Others included Masonic Orders of many stripes, librarians and people reaching out to varied commu-

nity involvements and faith groups. We are already receiving requests: early this morning from a church leader asked for ten of our leaflet and the Official Portrait of The King; the Nutuna Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, in Saskatoon desiring the Portrait,

All the above have taken HQ a great deal of time (finding our targets, folding and sealing the right-size envelopes, applying postage). And as always, healthy doses of our funds - your generosity - are allowing tens of thousands to be reached - which will continue into the New Year - as will the very inexpensive and deliberately targeting on line: one day could be for teens age 15-21 in Alberta; another, women in the professions; another, teachers in elementary schools and librarians in British Columbia. Endless possibilities as we found great outreach in Jubilee year.

Chairman Finch writes, that "Our

hard work is entirely different than some might imagine. We do not spend our time sharing beer and jolly evenings at the pub, nor Royal Homecomings, nor hoping to receive a Medal or some recognition, let alone being invited to the Coronation! Most of our volunteers spend their time and feel proud for the work they and their fellow loyal folk contribute, and admire always a fact of Royal Life: lots of hard work, dealing with all sorts of folk and being happy that the Maple Crown flourishes because you help it do so. Thank you! Robert

You will see come New Year a slightly re-jigged organization in activities so that calls for assistance of many types don't fall on the same month.

NOTRE LOYAL PREMIER MINISTRE !

Mark Carney a envoyé ses vœux d'anniversaire à notre roi le 14 novembre

« Aujourd'hui, les Canadiens et les Canadiennes se joignent aux citoyens du Commonwealth et du monde entier pour célébrer le 77^e anniversaire de Sa Majesté le roi Charles III.

Depuis plus de cinq décennies, Sa Majesté entretient des liens étroits et durables avec le Canada. Il a visité notre pays à 20 reprises, la dernière fois en mai dernier pour prononcer le discours du Trône. C'était la première fois en près de 70 ans qu'un monarque régnant s'adressait à la population canadienne depuis le Parlement, réaffirmant ainsi les traditions, les liens et l'unité qui nous permettent d'aller de l'avant même en période d'incertitude.

La vie de Sa Majesté a été marquée par son dévouement au service des autres. Il

s'est fait le champion de la lutte contre les changements climatiques et de la préservation de l'environnement ainsi que de la promotion de la santé et de l'éducation, et il travaille sans relâche depuis longtemps à bâtir un monde meilleur pour les générations futures. Ses actions nous rappellent que le leadership, à son meilleur, repose sur l'humilité, la curiosité et un sens profond de la responsabilité envers les autres.

Je suis avant tout reconnaissant à Sa Majesté d'avoir su préserver l'importante relation entre le Canada et la Couronne - une relation qui, au fil du temps, a évolué, tout comme le Canada, pour refléter la force, la diversité et la confiance de notre peuple. »

OUR LOYAL PRIME MINISTER!

Mark Carney sent birthday greetings to our King on November 14

"Today, Canadians join people across the Commonwealth and around the world in celebrating the 77th birthday of His Majesty King Charles III.

For over five decades, His Majesty has shared a deep and enduring bond with Canada - visiting our country 20 times, most recently this past May to deliver the Speech from the Throne. It was the first time in nearly 70 years that the reigning monarch addressed Canadians from Parliament - reaffirming the traditions, connections, and unity that carry us forward even in uncertain times.

His Majesty's life has been defined by a devotion to service. From championing climate action and conservation, to advancing health and education, he has long worked relentlessly to build a better world for future generations. His actions serve as a reminder that leadership, at its best, is rooted in humility, curiosity, and a deep sense of responsibility to others.

Above all, I am grateful to His Majesty for stewarding the important relationship between Canada and the Crown - a relationship that, over time, has evolved, just as Canada has, to reflect the strength, diversity, and confidence of our people.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I extend my warmest wishes to His Majesty The King on this special day. May the year ahead bring him continued health, happiness, and strength in service."



King Charles III participates with Queen Camilla, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, and Governor General of Canada Mary Simon in a ceremonial tree planting in Ottawa, May 26, 2025.

Credit: John Wong/EyePress Newscom/Alamy Stock Photo

Quebec Seeks Unconstitutional Change from Title of Lieutenant Governor to “Officer Of Quebec”

The Quebec government was originally not seeking to change the title of the Lieutenant Governor, but rather the subject of political actions that have led to discussions and proposals around the office. In December 2023, the National Assembly passed a motion calling for the abolition of the office. More recently, in October 2025, the government introduced a proposed amendment to the Executive Power Act that would unilaterally change the title to “Officer of Quebec” a move that has been challenged as unconstitutional because the title is set out in The Constitution Act, 1867.

Abolition of the role had been sought in 2023, when in December 2023, after the appointment of Manon Jeannotte (photo above) as the first Indigenous person to hold the position, the National Assembly passed a motion to abolish the office of Lieutenant Governor. This action was led by the Quebec Solidaire party and framed the office as a symbol of colonialism.

In October of this year, the government proposed changing the title to “Officer of Quebec” via the Executive Power Act. Thought unconstitutional, this proposed change is being challenged as unconsti-



*Lieutenant Governor of Quebec,
Manon Jeannotte.*

tutional, as section 58 of the Constitution Act, 1867 specifies the title as “Lieutenant Governor.” A constitutional amendment would be necessary to alter the title, which would require the approval of the House of Commons, the Senate, and all provincial legislative assemblies according to Section 41 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

In hearing of the proposal, Chairman Robert Finch called on members from throughout Canada to make clear their opposition to the change of title, especially if the Quebec Government tried to proceed unilaterally, without the pro-

cesses listed above, which would almost certainly fail. “

There is no interest in constitutional change touching the Crown,” Finch said. “Most Canadians will remember the long arguments on such matters over recent decades, which achieved little except dissent, and lacked any substantial agreement. Now is the time for Canadians to share their opposition with their MP in Ottawa and Provincial MLA.”

Finch also noted that with Tariffs newly being threatened by Trump, not to mention a host of other important and significant propositions as The King read and the Government of Canada suggested in the Speech from The Throne earlier this year. Some of these included items that may usefully provoke debate, but not the very concept of our nationhood, such as steps towards “truth and reconciliation, in both word and deed,” our “fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Canadian Charter” and other concerns from “clean and conventional energy” and doubling the rate of affordable housing, to better funding for our Armed Forces, a larger presence for the RCMP, not to mention our lands and waters, and building National Parks.

Québec cherche à modifier de manière inconstitutionnelle: le titre de lieutenant-gouverneur pour le remplacer par celui d’officier du Québec

Le gouvernement du Québec ne cherche pas à modifier le titre de lieutenant-gouverneur, mais a plutôt fait l’objet d’actions politiques qui ont donné lieu à des discussions et à des propositions concernant cette fonction. En décembre 2023, l’Assemblée nationale a adopté une motion demandant la suppression de cette fonction.

Plus récemment, en octobre 2025, le gouvernement a présenté un projet de modification de la Loi sur le pouvoir exécutif qui changerait unilatéralement le titre en « Officier du Québec », une mesure qui a été contestée comme étant inconstitutionnelle, car le titre est défini dans la Loi constitutionnelle de 1867.

L’abolition de cette fonction avait déjà été demandée en 2023, lorsque, en décembre 2023, après la nomination de Manon Jeannotte, première personne autochtone à occuper ce poste, l’Assemblée nationale a adopté une motion visant à abolir la fonction de lieutenant-gouverneur. Cette action a été menée par le parti Québec solidaire, qui a présenté cette fonction comme un symbole du colonialisme.

Finch a également souligné que, outre les nouvelles menaces tarifaires brandies par Trump, il existe toute une série d’autres propositions importantes et significatives, comme celles que le roi a lues et que le gouvernement canadien a suggérées dans le discours du Trône plus tôt

cette année. Certaines d’entre elles pourraient utilement susciter le débat, mais sans remettre en cause le concept même de notre nation, comme les mesures visant à « la vérité et la réconciliation, en paroles et en actes », les « droits et libertés fondamentaux garantis par la Charte canadienne » et d’autres préoccupations telles que « l’énergie propre et conventionnelle » et le doublement du taux de logements abordables, un meilleur financement de nos forces armées, une présence accrue de la GRC, sans oublier nos terres et nos eaux, et la création de parcs nationaux.

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« Officier du Québec » par le biais de la Loi sur le pouvoir exécutif. Considérée comme inconstitutionnelle, cette proposition de modification est contestée, car l'article 58 de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1867 précise que le titre est « lieutenant-gouverneur ».

En octobre dernier, le gouvernement a proposé de changer le titre en « Officier du Québec » par le biais de la Loi sur le pouvoir exécutif. Jugée inconstitutionnelle, cette proposition fait l'objet d'une contestation, car l'article 58 de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1867 précise que le titre est « lieutenant-gouverneur ». Une modification constitutionnelle serait nécessaire pour changer le titre, ce qui nécessiterait l'approbation de la Chambre des communes, du Sénat et de toutes les assemblées législatives provinciales, conformément à l'article 41 de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982.

Après avoir pris connaissance de la proposition, Robert Finch, président de la Ligue monarchiste du Canada, a appelé les membres de tout le Canada à manifester clairement leur opposition au changement de titre, surtout si le gouvernement du Québec tentait de procéder unilatéralement, sans suivre les processus énumérés ci-dessus, ce qui échouerait presque certainement.

« Il n'y a aucun intérêt à modifier la Constitution en ce qui concerne la Couronne », a déclaré M. Finch. « La plupart des Canadiens se souviendront des longs débats sur ces questions au cours des dernières décennies, qui n'ont abouti qu'à des dissensions et n'ont donné lieu à aucun accord substantiel. Le moment est venu pour les Canadiens de faire part de leur opposition à leur député à Ottawa et à leur député provincial. »

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Governor General Leads September 30th National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

We are gathered today on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe people, who have cared for this land for thousands of years.

Over the past 50 years of my career, I have always dedicated myself to reconciliation. I've always built bridges where others saw divides. And reconciliation has never been just professional. It has shaped my thoughts. It has stirred my courage and, at times, my anger. It has fueled my dreams. And I will continue to walk this path - with hope for the generations to come.

Over these past 50 years, Canada has made meaningful progress. Governments have taken steps to address systemic is-

and ancestral languages with pride.

These are powerful steps forward. But much work remains. Inequities persist - and we share a lifelong responsibility to address them. I have seen Indigenous people striving to heal while still struggling to meet basic needs. Too often, they lack access to adequate, trauma-informed mental health support that honours their traditional healing practices.

Today, I call on every Canadian to renew their commitment to reconciliation. We have the tools. We have the knowledge. Each of us has a circle of influence - our schools, workplaces, families and communities. We can all make a difference. Let's keep learning about First Nations, Inuit and Métis histories and



sues and invest in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. In 2010, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission sparked a national awakening, as Survivors bravely shared their truths about residential schools. Since then, research into missing children and unmarked graves has deepened our understanding of the trauma Indigenous peoples continue to carry.

As Governor General, I witnessed the historic apology from the late Pope Francis. I witnessed the first audience between Indigenous leaders and His Majesty King Charles III, just days before his Coronation. These moments marked the beginning of renewed relationships grounded in respect and dialogue.

I've seen Indigenous presence grow at national ceremonies across Canada. I've seen public support for reconciliation rise. Our classrooms are embracing inclusive history, and more Indigenous children are learning their cultural practices

and stand against denialism and discrimination.

We cannot change the past. But we must remember it - so that its atrocities are never repeated. And while the present is ours to shape, we can also build a better future. I see a present - and a future - where young Indigenous people are embracing Canada without compromising their identity. Where they can fully be themselves, pursue the professions they aspire to, and give back to their communities - whether as teachers, doctors, nurses, plumbers, or even as Governor General.

This is Canada. Our diversity is our strength. Let's keep building a country where all peoples - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - can truly thrive and face the challenges ahead, together.

Merci, thank you, Nakurmiik.

Royal Family Support the Duke of Kent at his Wife's Funeral

The first Royal Catholic funeral in Britain's modern history

As the doors of Westminster Cathedral opened after the first Catholic royal funeral in British modern history, the sound of a lone piper's lament pierced the air. The Duke of Kent, aged 89, stepped gingerly out of the service, looking as emotional as his dutiful generation would ever permit themselves in public.

The Duchess of Kent, the Royal family's beloved Catholic convert who died aged 92, had been remembered with a message from the Pope, a homily celebrating her lifelong kindness, and a royal turnout fit for a "down-to-Earth Yorkshirewoman" who once charmed a nation.

After the 90-minute service, attended by The King, Prince and Princess of Wales, and the grieving Kent families, the Duke was helped into a waiting car and took a moment of reflection. The Duchess of Edinburgh blew him a kiss and mouthed: "Are you OK?" The Princess Royal caught his eye and sent him a kiss as well. The Royal family has rarely looked so human; brought together for the first time at Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the life of their quietest member.

The Duchess died on Sept 4, the congregation heard, "surrounded with prayer, love and cared for by her family". The Rt Rev James Curry, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, said: "Our tears of sadness, loss and regret, become mixed with our smiles of remembrance, of our shared laughter, of the silly, loving moments when we so enjoyed each other's company, lost in wonder and embrace.

"Katharine experienced, as every heart does, upset, disappointment, and heart-ache... Yet she also knew the joy of living. She experienced and gave compassion, empathy, forgiveness and reconciliation. She also had a mischievous sense of humour and so many of you today will cherish memories of your encounters with her." Recalling his service at Lourdes, he added: "What a sight it was to see Lady Katharine with a mop cleaning out the lavatory or relaxing and laughing with other pilgrims in the sunshine enjoying an ice cream."

The Requiem Mass included a message from Pope Leo XIV, read by Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Apostolic Nuncio to Britain. The message said: "I was saddened to learn of the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, and I send heartfelt condolences, together



with the assurance of my prayerful closeness, to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, and especially to her husband, The Duke of Kent, and their children and grandchildren at this time of sorrow. Entrusting her noble soul to the mercy of our Heavenly Father, I readily associate myself with all those offering thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Duchess's legacy of Christian goodness, seen in her many years of dedication to official duties, patronage of charities, and devoted care for vulnerable people in society."

The service was the first Royal Catholic funeral in Britain's modern history, and the first Royal funeral to be held at Westminster Cathedral. The King, with the Prince and Princess of Wales, completed the line-up of senior members of the Royal family, greeting one another with kisses outside the cathedral. The Duke of Kent, frail but determined to walk as he bade farewell to his wife of 64 years, was supported by Lady Helen Taylor, his daughter, and the Earl of St Andrews and Lord Nicholas Windsor, his sons. Three of the Kent grandchildren gave readings.

The Duchess, the congregation heard, once said: "I have learnt that tears and smiles walk side-by-side." Speaking of her time teaching music as a primary school where she was known as Mrs Kent and her famous Wimbledon hug, Bishop Curry said: "There is sadness today, and there is also gratitude for a life lived with dignity, bravery and faith."

The headmistress of the school in Hull was invited to the funeral, along with Sir Jackie Stewart, the former Formula One world champion, and actresses Rula Lenska and Dame Maureen Lipman, who walked in arm-in-arm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, said she was "brimful of kindness and empathy",

"very private and shy in many ways and yet a tremendous public servant without ever seeking attention".

A few members of the public brought their own flowers to the cathedral to pay their respects. Hundreds more waited for hours to see the Duchess's coffin and the Royal family outside the cathedral, office workers pressed up against glass windows above and standing on balconies for a better view.

The most recognizable members of the Royal family, including the King and his elder son, stood behind the immediate Kent family, with the Duke standing front and centre with his eyes glued to the Royal Dragoon Guards bearer party. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Chatto family and Princess Alexandra joined the congregation, along with Lady Gabriella Windsor, Lord Frederick Windsor and his wife Sophie.

The Duchess's coffin, made of English willow, was draped with the Royal Standard with a wreath of British garden flowers, including white roses representing her Yorkshire birthplace and sprigs of yew from the gardens of her family home of Hovingham Hall, to signify eternal life. The Duchess's funeral was conducted according to her wishes. She converted to Catholicism - the first member of the Royal family to do so in 300 years - in 1994 with the blessing of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The ceremony concluded with a piper playing the lament Sleep, Dearie, Sleep, which was also played during Queen Elizabeth II's funeral in 2022.

As the service finished, the family gathered en masse outside for the longest look the public has had of them in some time. The King made smiling conversation with Lady Gabriella and Lady Frederick Windsor, nee Sophie Winkleman. The Prince and Princess of Wales stuck together, exchanging kisses and warm wishes with distant relatives.

The Duchess of Kent's coffin was taken by hearse last night to the Royal Burial Ground at Frogmore, Windsor, where she will be laid to rest. "There is such sadness today at the passing of a wife, mother, grandmother, an attentive Godmother, and a dear, dear friend," said Bishop Curry. "Lord, console the hearts of all those who love her in the hope that she, all who trust in you, will find rest and peace in your kingdom."

Australians Favour Monarchy Over Republic 57% - 43% in 2024 Poll

Australian PM rules out republic referendum after meeting King

extract from The Daily Telegraph

Australia's prime minister has said that he has no intention of holding a referendum on whether the country should become a republic, following a meeting with the King at Balmoral Castle. Anthony Albanese pledged not to revisit the issue, despite being an avowed republican himself. He said his government had more pressing concerns to address, such as the cost-of-living crisis, with rising rents and property prices. Mr Albanese made the remarks in an interview on Sunday, a day after meeting the monarch in the Scottish Highlands.

In an interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, he was asked if he had raised the prospect of Australia one day ditching the King as head of state. "No, and I think I've made it clear that I wanted to hold one referendum while I was Prime Minister, and we did that." That was a reference to his failed referendum in 2023 on an initiative called a Voice to Parliament, which would have established a constitutional body representing Aboriginal people to

advise the federal parliament.

Instead of holding a referendum on Australia becoming a republic, Mr Albanese said his centre-Left Labour government was "concentrating on cost of living, and on making a real practical difference to people's lives." He was asked if he found it odd that he had to travel all the way to Scotland to "visit the King of Australia". Mr Albanese said that the King was "fully aware" of his republican stance, adding: "But I also respect the decisions which have been made and our system of government, and I think that's important."

The prime minister was also asked whether he believed the British monarchy still had a role to play in Australia and

replied with a glowing tribute to the Royal family. "Their majesties, when they visited Australia recently, King Charles and Queen Camilla were very well received," he said. "They work hard. They're interested in our place in the world. They're very interested in the Commonwealth ... and I think they are respected."...

A referendum was held in 1999 about whether Australia should become a republic, but it was rejected by 55 per cent of voters, and surveys show that a majority of Australians would still rather stick with the status quo. When King Charles visited in October 2024, a Roy Morgan poll found 57 per cent of Australians surveyed believed the country should remain a constitutional monarchy, while 43 per cent said Australia should become a republic with an elected president. Mr Albanese spoke in 2020 of "the need for us to have an Australian head of state ... the need for us to stand on our own two feet". Despite his views, since becoming prime minister in 2022 he has pledged allegiance to the King and said he would put the referendum issue on the backburner.



Duchess of Cambridge visits Taronga Zoo, Sydney in April 2014 • La duchesse de Cambridge visite le zoo Taronga, à Sydney, en avril 2014. Alamy Stock Photo

Les australiens préfèrent la monarchie à la république : 57% contre 43% dans un sondage réalisé en 2024

Le Premier ministre exclut tout référendum après avoir rencontré le roi

extract du The Daily Telegraph

Le Premier ministre australien a déclaré qu'il n'avait pas l'intention d'organiser un référendum sur la question de savoir si le pays devait devenir une république, à la suite d'une rencontre avec le roi au château de Balmoral. Anthony Albanese s'est engagé à ne pas revenir sur la question, bien qu'il soit lui-même un républicain déclaré. Il a déclaré que son gouvernement avait des problèmes plus urgents à régler, tels que la crise du coût de la vie, avec la hausse des loyers et des prix de l'immobilier. M. Albanese a fait ces déclarations lors d'une interview dimanche, au lendemain de sa rencontre avec le monarque dans les Highlands écossais.

Dans une interview on lui a demandé

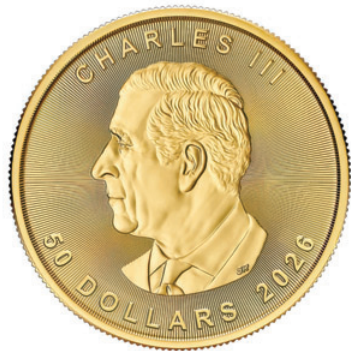
s'il avait évoqué la possibilité que l'Australie abandonne un jour le roi comme chef de l'État. « Non, et je pense avoir clairement indiqué que je souhaitais organiser un référendum pendant mon mandat de Premier ministre, ce que nous avons fait. » Il faisait référence à son référendum manqué de 2023 sur une initiative appelée « Voice to Parliament » (Une voix au Parlement), qui aurait créé un organe constitutionnel représentant les peuples aborigènes afin de conseiller le Parlement fédéral.

Au lieu d'organiser un référendum sur la transformation de l'Australie en république, M. Albanese a déclaré que son gouvernement travailliste de centre-gauche « se concentrait sur le coût de la vie et sur l'amélioration concrète et pratique de la vie des gens ». On lui a demandé s'il trou-

vait étrange de devoir se rendre en Écosse pour « rendre visite au roi d'Australie ». M. Albanese a répondu que le roi était « pleinement conscient » de sa position républicaine, ajoutant : « Mais je respecte également les décisions qui ont été prises et notre système de gouvernement, et je pense que c'est important. »

On a également demandé au Premier ministre s'il pensait que la monarchie britannique avait encore un rôle à jouer en Australie, et il a répondu par un hommage élogieux à la famille royale. « Lors de leur récente visite en Australie, le roi Charles et la reine Camilla ont été très bien accueillis », a-t-il déclaré. « Ils travaillent dur. Ils s'intéressent à notre place dans le monde. Ils s'intéressent beaucoup au Commonwealth... et je pense qu'ils sont respectés. »...

Slow March from Bank of Canada: 2027 Should Bring Bank Notes of the King



Three Royal Canadian Mint coins:
left, recto of the Gold Maple Leaf 1 ounce pure gold
centre, verso of His Majesty King Charles III's Royal Cypher, Limited Edition Proof Silver Dollar marking his coronation.
right, recto of the 2026 Maplegram26™ 1 gram pure gold.

On May 6, 2023, the Government of Canada announced that the next \$20 bank note will continue to feature a portrait of the reigning monarch, King Charles III. At the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the Government of Canada announced that the next \$20 bank note will continue to feature a portrait of the reigning monarch. May found The Minister of Finance confirming that the Canadian National Vimy Memorial will remain on the back of the note. “We’ve since started the design process for the next \$20. This includes historical and visual research and talking to experts and the Bank’s Indigenous Advisory Circle.”

It is known that the new note will be polymer, predominantly green and vertical in orientation.

It will feature a portrait of King Charles III on the front. The back will continue to feature the Canadian National Vimy Memorial. Cash remains an important payment method for Canadians and the \$20 is our highest circulating note. As such, we’ll be integrating new and enhanced security features to continue supplying Canadians with notes they can use with confidence.

The process of designing a new bank note involves several stages: research and development, design, and production. A key element of this process is the testing

of enhanced security features that are easy to check and hard to counterfeit.

Once the preliminary design is approved by the Minister of Finance, in accordance with the Bank of Canada Act, it is developed and tested before moving to production.

“We’ll then unveil the new \$20 note several months before it begins circulating to raise awareness and educate the public, retailers, law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and others about its design and security features. We expect the new \$20 note to begin circulating in early 2027. In the meantime, our current \$20 note featuring Queen Elizabeth will continue to circulate.”

2027: lenteur de la Banque du Canada devrait voir l’arrivée des billets de banque du roi

Le 6 mai 2023, le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé que le prochain billet de 20 dollars continuera à arborer le portrait du monarque régnant, le roi Charles III. Lors du couronnement de Sa Majesté le roi Charles III, le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé que le prochain billet de 20 dollars continuera de représenter le portrait du monarque régnant. En mai le ministre des Finances a confirmé que le Mémorial national du Canada à Vimy restera au verso du billet. « Nous avons depuis entamé le processus de conception du prochain billet de 20 dollars. Cela comprend des recherches historiques et visuelles, ainsi que des discussions avec des experts et le Cercle consultatif autochtone de la Banque. »

On sait que le nouveau billet sera en po-

lymère, principalement vert et de format vertical.

Il comportera un portrait du roi Charles III au recto. Le verso continuera de représenter le Mémorial national du Canada à Vimy. L’argent comptant demeure un moyen de paiement important pour les Canadiens, et le billet de 20 \$ est notre billet le plus élevé en circulation. À ce titre, nous intégrerons de nouvelles caractéristiques de sécurité améliorées afin de continuer à fournir aux Canadiens des billets qu’ils peuvent utiliser en toute confiance.

Le processus de conception d’un nouveau billet de banque comprend plusieurs étapes : la recherche et le développement, la conception et la production. Un élément clé de ce processus est le test

d’éléments de sécurité améliorés, faciles à vérifier et difficiles à contrefaire.

Une fois que le projet préliminaire est approuvé par le ministre des Finances, conformément à la Loi sur la Banque du Canada, il est développé et testé avant d’être mis en production.

« Nous dévoilerons ensuite le nouveau billet de 20 dollars plusieurs mois avant sa mise en circulation afin de sensibiliser et d’informer le public, les détaillants, les forces de l’ordre, les institutions financières et autres sur son design et ses caractéristiques de sécurité. Nous prévoyons que le nouveau billet de 20 dollars sera mis en circulation au début de l’année 2027. D’ici là, notre actuel billet de 20 dollars à l’effigie de la reine Elizabeth continuera de circuler. »

A CHALLENGE TO FELLOW MONARCHISTS from ROBERT FINCH, DOMINION CHAIRMAN

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Since the first days of the founding of the League, a great portion of the membership has depended on your efforts - fellow monarchists - to use your loyalty and enthusiasm to grow that membership. We know we count on you to do the same again 55 years later. All you need to do is to contact us at domsec@monarchist.ca and provide the following information:

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We will send them notification and a gift card, along with a few items about the League. There is NO "FEE" for your kindness. If you want to send us \$5 or \$10 towards processing and postage, of course we'll be grateful, but you do not have to do so!

Monarchy is the best policy remains a proud boast now as in 1970.

THANK YOU for helping us in this time when our King and the enthusiasm it engendered for Canadian polity.

UN DÉFI LANCÉ AUX VOUS NOS AUTRES MONARCHISTES par ROBERT FINCH, PRÉSIDENT NATIONAL

Une excellente façon de présenter notre travail et d'offrir un modeste cadeau pendant les fêtes

Depuis les premiers jours de la fondation de la Ligue, une grande partie des adhésions dépend de vos efforts, chers monarchistes, pour utiliser votre loyauté et votre enthousiasme afin d'augmenter le nombre d'adhérents. Nous savons que nous pouvons compter sur vous pour faire de même 55 ans plus tard. Il vous suffit de nous contacter à domsec@monarchist.ca et de nous fournir les informations suivantes:

Le nom, l'adresse électronique et l'adresse postale de la ou des personnes à qui vous souhaitez offrir une « adhésion gratuite de six mois ».

Nous leur enverrons une notification et une carte-cadeau, ainsi que quelques informations sur la Ligue. Votre geste généreux n'entraîne AUCUN « FRAIS ». Si vous souhaitez nous envoyer 5 ou 10 dollars pour couvrir les frais de traitement et d'affranchissement, nous vous en serons bien sûr reconnaissants, mais vous n'êtes pas obligé de le faire!

La monarchie est la meilleure politique reste une fierté aujourd'hui comme en 1970. MERCI de nous aider en cette période où notre roi et l'enthousiasme qu'il a suscité pour la politique canadienne.

Le président de la section québécoise de la Ligue, Karim Al-Dahdah, s'est joint à certains membres au pub Burgundy Lion en octobre.

Quebec Chairman of the League's Quebec Province branch Karim Al-Dahdah joined some local members at the Burgundy Lion pub in October.



