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THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA - 56th ANNIVERSARY 1970-2026

King Receives Prime Minister Carney at Buckingham Palace - March 16, 2026

It will not be lost on readers to recognize that Mr Carney makes a point of meeting with The King whenever possible, underlining that Canada's polity is that of a constitutional monarchy.

Our Prime Minister discussed a number of items when he was received in audience by Canada's King, and met with United Kingdom PM Keir Starmer. It was reported that amongst their agenda items were pressing world affairs such as the situations in the Middle East and support for Ukraine. Mr Starmer had already received views of a number of the Commonwealth Realms that appropriate legislation should be passed to amend the Line of Succession to remove the former Prince Andrew as a matter of principle - otherwise he would remain as 8th in the line of Succession.



Le Roi reçoit le premier ministre Carney au palais de Buckingham

Les lecteurs n'auront pas manqué de remarquer que M. Carney tient à rencontrer le Roi chaque fois que l'occasion se présente, soulignant ainsi que le Canada est une monarchie constitutionnelle.

Notre Premier ministre a abordé plusieurs sujets lors de son audience avec le Roi du Canada et s'est entretenu avec le Premier ministre britannique, Keir Starmer. Il semblerait que leurs

discussions aient notamment porté sur des questions internationales urgentes, telles que la situation au Moyen-Orient et le soutien à l'Ukraine. M. Starmer avait déjà été informé par plusieurs royaumes du Commonwealth qu'une loi devrait être adoptée afin de modifier l'ordre de succession et d'en exclure, par principe, l'ancien prince Andrew - faute de quoi il demeurerait huitième dans l'ordre de succession.

COMMONWEALTH DAY

What Do You Think?

British newspapers noted that the annual Commonwealth Day commemoration at Westminster Abbey was not broadcast this year by the BBC, the first time omitted since 1989. Perhaps more galling was the decision that the service slot was replaced by with an episode of *Escape to the Country*, a long-running reality TV show that follows prospective homeowners leaving city life.

The League does not place as its priority the marking of Commonwealth day, the Royal Commonwealth Society in Canada being well capable in that role.

But at the same time we suspect that most monarchists feel a kinship for the institution itself, and a recognition in our own, highly-diverse country, which could not be better brought to attention than the participation of our Royal Family. True, we do not have a “state church” in any sense, be it a physical place for worship, nor in general, a population advocating public for its observance. And yet many Canadians attend “church” for weddings and funerals, for example. And the League sends material such as Canadian Portraits of The King to religious organi-

zations amongst others.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

There’s no easy “should” in such debate as may exist. We’d appreciate your thoughts by return, from the point of view of a League member – which of course does not carry with it any religious tenet in a corporate sense. We doubt there is “one answer.” We won’t publish your name unless you write “Name OK” – only where you live.

JOURNÉE DU COMMONWEALTH

Qu’en pensez-vous?

Les journaux britanniques ont noté que la commémoration annuelle de la Journée du Commonwealth à l’abbaye de Westminster n’a pas été diffusée cette année par la BBC, une première depuis 1989.

Plus choquant encore a été le choix de remplacer la cérémonie par un épisode d’«*Escape to the Country*», une émission de télé-réalité de longue date qui suit des personnes souhaitant quitter la ville pour s’installer à la campagne.

La Ligue ne considère pas la célébration de la Journée du Commonwealth comme sa priorité, la Société royale du Commonwealth au Canada étant parfaitement compétente pour s’en charger. Ce-

pendant, nous pensons que la plupart des monarchistes éprouvent une affinité pour cette institution et une reconnaissance, dans notre pays si diversifié, qui ne pourrait être mieux mise en lumière que par la participation de notre famille royale.

Certes, nous n’avons pas d’«Église d’État» au sens strict du terme, que ce soit un lieu de culte physique ou, de manière générale, une population qui encourage publiquement son observance.

Pourtant, de nombreux Canadiens assistent à des offices religieux, notamment pour les mariages et les funérailles. La Ligue envoie notamment des documents comme «Portraits canadiens du roi» à

des organisations religieuses.

QU’EN PENSEZ-VOUS ?

Il n’y a pas de réponse simple à ce débat.

Nous aimerions connaître votre avis en tant que membre de la Ligue – ce qui, bien sûr, n’implique aucune adhésion religieuse. Nous doutons qu’il existe une solution unique.

Nous ne publierons pas votre nom, sauf si vous écrivez «Nom OK» – nous indiquerons seulement votre lieu de résidence.

Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style

Discover the remarkable style of Britain’s longest-reigning monarch through clothing worn in all ten decades of her life – from birth to adulthood, from princess to queen, and from off-duty style to dressing for the global stage for momentous occasions in Britain’s history.

Featuring approximately 200 items, many on display for the first time, this is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of the late Queen’s fashion ever mounted.

Alongside clothing, jewellery, hats, shoes and accessories, explore never-before-seen design sketches, fabric samples and handwritten correspondence that reveal the behind-the-scenes process of dress-

ing the most famous woman in the world and shed new light on the late Queen’s close involvement in the creation of her wardrobe.

Highlights include her bridesmaid dress, wedding dress, Coronation dress and the ensemble worn for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

If a trip to the UK between April and October might be in your thoughts, you may wish to book now at:

tickets.rct.uk/product/11/6996

Open daily from April 10, 2026 to October 18, 2026) at The King’s Gallery, Buckingham Palace.

Save by booking in advance. Adult £22; Young Person (18-24) £14 – Child (5-17)

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Your ticket includes a multimedia guide in English. Enjoy free re-admission to The King’s Gallery for a year by converting your ticket to a 1-Year Pass.

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The *Queen Elizabeth II: Fashion and Style* exhibition catalogue £40 will be available March 26, 2026. This richly illustrated book fully documents for the first time the fashion collection of Queen Elizabeth II in unprecedented detail.

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Our King Meets with Canadian First Nations - March 11, 2026



That came a day after Scott Cyr, the UCP legislature member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, told reporters he, too, had not signed any petition for a referendum on the issue, either for or against. “I’ve been very clear for the last 10 months on my position: a sovereign Alberta within a united Canada,” he said.

Chelsae Petrovic, a UCP backbencher representing Livingstone-MacLeod, said Wednesday she also hadn’t signed. “The mandate that I put onto myself is to not sign any petitions, knowing the weight of my signature,” she said.

Forestry and Parks Minister Todd Loewen confirmed to reporters at an unrelated announcement Wednesday that he has not signed the separatist petition. Loewen said he didn’t think they needed his help, noting that the group behind it seemed to be hard at work collecting signatures across the province. “I think they’re doing a good job on their own as far as doing what they want to do. And that’s their right to do that,” he said.

“Minister Sawhney has a lot of explaining to do in terms of how she let this go this far,” he said. “We have a government that never thinks about the implications of what it’s doing.” A leader of the petition campaign looking to force a vote on separation has claimed that members of Smith’s caucus have signed on, though the caucus and numerous ministers and UCP backbenchers have denied the allegation.

The premier’s refusal to denounce separatism has led to criticism from Opposition NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi, who has accused Smith of pandering to both

sides of the debate and triggering economic uncertainty in the process. Nenshi continued the criticism Wednesday, saying he thought the government was more concerned about its political fortunes than recognizing and acting on the concerns the separation movement has created.

Smith has previously said she won’t demonize those who are upset with Ottawa and that it’s her job to prove Alberta can have a productive relationship with the federal government.

That campaign, which officially got underway in January, has until May to collect nearly 178,000 signatures. Smith has said that should the petition be successful, the question of whether Alberta should separate from Canada will be put to voters in a referendum this fall.

Multiple First Nations are also challenging in court provincial legislation permitting citizen-led petitions that seek referendum votes, such as the ongoing campaign to put separation on a ballot.

“Traitors!” shouted one. The chiefs had also been pushing for a non-confidence vote on Smith’s government, which the Opposition NDP tried to force on Monday only to be stymied by the premier’s majority United Conservatives. Chiefs and supporters watching from the gallery heckled the government after the vote was blocked.

Indigenous leaders have been vocally opposed to the separatist movement in Alberta for months. The royal face-to-face came two days after more than a dozen First Nations chiefs, and even more band councillors and elders, came to Alberta’s legislature to demand that Pre-

mier Danielle Smith’s government denounce separatism.

Buckingham Palace did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Sawhney said she thought it was a good opportunity for the Treaty 6 delegation to meet with the King, and for the King to meet with Carney. “Dialogue is important at every level about a number of different issues. Everybody has their perspective. I’d be interested in learning more about what comes out of those meetings.”

Alberta’s Indigenous relations minister, Rajan Sawhney, said Wednesday she was hoping to speak with Pete directly about the alleged treaty violations. “I would like to know more about what he thinks those treaty violations are, and I think I’d have to speak to him, to hear from him directly, to understand his perspective,” Sawhney told reporters at the provincial legislature in Edmonton. “At this point I don’t agree with those allegations.”

Pete was not available for an interview, but earlier Wednesday he told CTV News that the King was “quite shocked” to hear of “direct violations to treaty and to the Crown as well” posed by Alberta’s separatism movement. Pete also said the King is planning to meet with Prime Minister Mark Carney next week.

Louis Bull Tribe Chief Desmond Bull, who was also part of the delegation, said another topic of conversation was Canada’s “ongoing failure to meet treaty obligations.” [The King] took it all very seriously,” Bull said.

The meeting took place in response to invitations Indigenous leaders had sent to the King to attend an event this sum-

mer marking the 150th anniversary of Treaty 6 being signed. Pete also said he asked the King to issue a royal proclamation to affirm the sacredness of the treaty and the rights it affords. “It was a significant meeting, as treaty partners and equals.” Pete is also chief of the Sunchild First Nation, southwest of Edmonton.

Grand Chief Joey Pete, who was part of a delegation of Treaty 6 chiefs who went to Buckingham Palace, said in a news release that the King was “very interested” in what the Indigenous leaders had to say. “We made him aware of the separatism issue in Alberta and the threat to treaty it represents,” the chief said. “[The King] expressed his concern and committed to learning more.”

The grand chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations says King Charles “expressed his concern” after hearing about Alberta’s separatist push in a face-to-face meeting with Indigenous leaders on Wednesday.

Grand Chief Joey Pete Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6, Chief Edwin Ananas Beardy’s and Okemasis’ Cree Nation, Chief Daryl Watson Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, King Charles III, Chief Larry Ahenkew Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, Councillor Gary LaPlante Stoney Knoll First Nation, Chief Christine Longjohn Sturgeon Lake First Nation and Chief Desmond Bull Louis Bull Tribe, who are seven elected representatives of First Nations signatories to Treaty Number Six, the 1876 treaty between the Crown and First Nations in modern-day Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, during an audience at Buckingham Palace, London.

Reflections from Chairman Finch

It is not for the League to prescribe a solution to the several concerns of The First Nations. However, I think as Monarchists we all may remind ourselves with the following:

- It is always a very good thing for our King to make clear his visible and distinct role as the Monarch of Canada, and not - as is sometimes misunderstood - as solely “the British Monarch” or “The King of England” which is a misnomer. In fact Charles is King of 15 Realms, and takes constitutional “advice” from the Prime Ministers of each.
- Our Prime Minister is free to form his views he wishes - ranging from his Parliamentary Caucus MP’s to experts brought in for learned advice - and of course, the Governor General, who at this time has the added advantage of being herself an Indigenous person.

Notre Roi rencontre les premières nations canadiennes

Cela s’est produit un jour après que Scott Cyr, député provincial de Bonnyville - Cold Lake - St. Paul pour l’UCP, ait déclaré aux journalistes qu’il n’avait lui non plus signé aucune pétition en faveur ou contre un référendum sur la question. «Je suis très clair depuis dix mois sur ma position : une Alberta souveraine au sein d’un Canada uni», a-t-il déclaré.

Chelsae Petrovic, députée d’arrière-ban de l’UCP représentant Livingstone-MacLeod, a déclaré mercredi qu’elle n’avait pas non plus signé. «Je me suis donné pour mandat de ne signer aucune pétition, conscient du poids de ma signature», a-t-elle déclaré.

Le ministre des Forêts et des Parcs, Todd Loewen, a confirmé aux journalistes lors d’une annonce sans rapport mercredi qu’il n’avait pas signé la pétition séparatiste. M. Loewen a déclaré qu’il ne pensait pas qu’ils avaient besoin de son aide, soulignant que le groupe à l’origine de la pétition semblait travailler d’arrache-pied pour recueillir des signatures dans toute la province. «Je pense qu’ils font du bon travail par eux-mêmes pour atteindre leur objectif. Et c’est leur droit», a-t-il déclaré.

«La ministre Sawhney a beaucoup d’explications à fournir sur la façon dont elle a laissé la situation aller aussi loin», a-t-il déclaré. «Nous avons un gouvernement qui ne réfléchit jamais aux implications de ses actions.» Un des leaders de la campagne visant à forcer un vote sur la séparation a affirmé que des membres du caucus de Smith avaient signé la pétition, bien que le caucus et de nombreux ministres et députés d’arrière-ban de l’UCP aient démenti cette allégation.

Le refus du premier ministre de dénoncer le séparatisme lui a valu les critiques de l’opposition. et encore plus de conseillers et d’anciens de la bande, se sont rendus à l’Assemblée législative de l’Alberta pour exiger que le gouvernement de la première ministre Danielle Smith dénonce le séparatisme.

Buckingham Palace n’a pas immédiatement répondu à une demande de commentaires.

Mme Sawhney a déclaré qu’elle pensait que c’était une bonne occasion pour la délégation du Traité n° 6 de rencontrer le roi, et pour le roi de rencontrer M. Carney. «Le dialogue est important à tous les niveaux sur un certain nombre de questions différentes. Chacun a son point de

vue. Je serais intéressée d’en savoir plus sur les résultats de ces réunions.»

La ministre des Relations avec les Autochtones de l’Alberta, Rajan Sawhney, a déclaré mercredi qu’elle espérait s’entretenir directement avec Pete au sujet des violations présumées du traité. «J’aimerais en savoir plus sur ce qu’il considère comme des violations du traité, et je pense que je devrais lui parler, l’entendre directement, pour comprendre son point de vue», a déclaré Mme Sawhney aux journalistes à l’Assemblée législative provinciale à Edmonton. «À ce stade, je ne suis pas d’accord avec ces allégations.»

M. Pete n’était pas disponible pour une interview, mais plus tôt mercredi, il a déclaré à CTV News que le roi était «assez choqué» d’apprendre les «violations directes du traité et de la Couronne» commises par le mouvement séparatiste de l’Alberta. M. Pete a également déclaré que le roi prévoyait de rencontrer le premier ministre Mark Carney la semaine prochaine.

Le chef de la tribu Louis Bull, Desmond Bull, qui faisait également partie de la délégation, a déclaré qu’un autre sujet de conversation était «le non-respect continu par le Canada de ses obligations en vertu du traité». [Le roi] a pris tout cela très au sérieux.

La rencontre a eu lieu en réponse aux invitations envoyées par les chefs autochtones au roi pour qu’il assiste à un événement organisé cet été à l’occasion du 150^e anniversaire de la signature du Traité n° 6. M. Pete a également déclaré avoir demandé au roi de publier une proclamation royale afin d’affirmer le caractère sacré du traité et les droits qu’il confère. «Ce fut une rencontre importante, entre partenaires égaux signataires du traité.» M. Pete est également chef de la Première Nation Sunchild, au sud-ouest d’Edmonton.

Le grand chef Joey Pete, qui faisait partie d’une délégation de chefs du Traité n° 6 qui s’est rendue au palais de Buckingham, a déclaré dans un communiqué de presse que le roi était «très intéressé» par ce que les chefs autochtones avaient à dire. «Nous l’avons informé du problème du séparatisme en Alberta et de la menace qu’il représente pour le traité», a déclaré le chef. «[Le roi] a exprimé son inquiétude et s’est engagé à en apprendre davantage.»

Le grand chef de la Confédération des Premières Nations du Traité n° 6 a dé-



claré que le roi Charles avait « exprimé son inquiétude » après avoir entendu parler de la poussée séparatiste en Alberta lors d'une rencontre en face à face avec les dirigeants autochtones mercredi. Grand chef Joey Pete, grand chef de la Confédération du Traité n° 6, chef Edwin Ananas Beardy et la nation crie d'Okemasis, chef Daryl Watson Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, le roi Charles III, chef Larry Ahenkew Ahtahkakoop de la nation crie, le conseiller Gary LaPlante de la Première Nation Stoney Knoll, la chef Christine Longjohn de la Première Nation Sturgeon Lake et le chef Desmond Bull de la tribu Louis Bull, qui sont les sept représentants élus des Premières Nations signataires du Traité n° 6, le traité de 1876 entre la Couronne et les Premières Nations de l'actuelle Saskatchewan et de l'Alberta, au Canada, lors d'une audience au palais de Buckingham, à Londres.

Réflexions du président Finch

Il n'appartient pas à la Ligue de prescrire une solution aux diverses préoccupations des Premières Nations. Cependant, je pense qu'en tant que monarchistes, nous pouvons tous nous rappeler ce qui suit :

- Il est toujours très positif que notre roi clarifie son rôle visible et distinct en tant que monarque du Canada, et non – comme on le comprend parfois à tort – en tant que simple « monarque britannique » ou « roi d'Angleterre », ce qui est un terme impropre. En fait, Charles est roi de 15 royaumes et reçoit les « conseils » constitutionnels des premiers ministres de chacun d'entre eux.
- Notre Premier ministre est libre de se forger ses propres opinions, qu'il s'agisse de celles de ses députés au sein du caucus parlementaire, d'experts sollicités pour leurs conseils avisés ou, bien sûr, de la gouverneure générale, qui a actuellement l'avantage supplémentaire d'être elle-même une personne autochtone.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING February 11, 2026

My wife and I were profoundly shocked and saddened to learn of the most dreadful attack at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School in British Columbia. We can only express our deepest possible sympathy to the families who are grieving the unimaginable loss of their loved ones and those still awaiting news from hospital.

In a such a closely connected town, every child's name will be known and every family will be a neighbour. We can only begin to imagine the appalling shadow that has now descended across Tumbler Ridge and our hearts go out to all those whose lives have been so shattered by this senseless act of brutal violence.

I very much wish to thank the town's police and staff at the health centre for their courage as first responders, and all those across British Columbia who have helped in every way they have.

In sending our most heartfelt condolences, my wife and I stand in solidarity with the people of Tumbler Ridge and all Canadians as they seek understanding, healing and strength.

CHARLES R

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCE & PRINCESS OF WALES

We stand with all Canadians following this morning's appalling tragedy.

Our hearts are with the entire Tumbler Ridge community, and we extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends affected by this devastating loss.

We are so thankful for the courage shown by the students, staff, and emergency responders who acted with selflessness in the face of such violence.

W & C

MESSAGE DU ROI

Dans une ville aussi soudée, chaque enfant est connu et chaque famille est une voisine. Nous ne pouvons qu'imaginer l'ombre effroyable qui plane désormais sur Tumbler Ridge, et nos pensées vont à tous ceux dont la vie a été bouleversée par cet acte de violence brutale et insensé.

Ma femme et moi avons été profondément choqués et attristés d'apprendre la terrible attaque perpétrée à l'école secondaire Tumbler Ridge, en Colombie-Britannique. Nous ne pouvons qu'exprimer notre plus profonde sympathie aux familles qui pleurent la perte inimaginable de leurs proches et à celles qui attendent encore des nouvelles de l'hôpital.

En adressant nos condoléances les plus sincères, ma femme et moi-même sommes solidaires des habitants de Tumbler Ridge et de tous les Canadiens qui cherchent à comprendre, à guérir et à trouver la force.

Je tiens à remercier chaleureusement la police de la ville et le personnel du centre de santé pour leur courage en tant que premiers intervenants, ainsi que tous ceux qui, à travers la Colombie-Britannique, ont apporté leur aide de toutes les manières possibles.

CHARLES R

UN MESSAGE DU PRINCE ET DE LA PRINCESSE DE GALLES

Nous sommes solidaires de tous les Canadiens après la terrible tragédie qui s'est produite ce matin.

Nos pensées vont à toute la communauté de Tumbler Ridge, et nous adressons nos plus sincères condoléances aux familles et aux amis touchés par cette perte dévastatrice.

Nous sommes très reconnaissants du courage dont ont fait preuve les élèves, le personnel et les intervenants d'urgence qui ont agi avec altruisme face à une telle violence.

W & C

A reflection on Commonwealth Day

A generous excerpt from member Rod MacKenzie (25 minutes) from the service at Westminster Abbey
<https://youtu.be/5W5Z0s0x0>

Réflexion à l'occasion de la Journée du Commonwealth

Un long extrait (25 minutes) de l'intervention de Rod MacKenzie lors de la cérémonie à l'abbaye de Westminster
<https://youtu.be/5W5Z0s0x0>



...The biggest event each year is the worship service of all 56 nations in Westminster Abbey in London. King Charles III, by the unanimous vote of all 56 nations, is the Head of the Commonwealth. Our King, and Queen Camilla, were accompanied by Prince William & Catherine, Princess Anne and her husband Vice-Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, and by their cousins the Duke & Duchess of Gloucester both of whom are still working Royals.

Seeing the parade of 56 flags carried by young people of all 56 nations into to start, and out of to conclude, the Westminster Abbey Service is particularly colourful, meaningful and indeed inspiring.

With so much going so terribly wrong worldwide nowadays, our Commonwealth is one of the world's brightest lights of hope for our universally shared longing for peace, prosperity and friendship.

The Commonwealth is particularly precious for me because it formed Bomber Command in the Second World War. In 1939 the Commonwealth had only six members. Ireland was neutral and South Africa was fighting in Africa. That left the Air Forces of Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand to create, finance and staff Bomber Command...



Statement by Prime Minister Carney on Commonwealth Day

March 9, 2026

"Today, Canada joins our fellow Commonwealth partners in marking Commonwealth Day. In a more uncertain and divided world, the Commonwealth remains a constant - bringing together 56 member countries from North America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the Indo-Pacific. Across continents and under different skies, we are united by a shared commitment to work together and pursue the common good.

This unity reflects a shared understanding that we are stronger together. During his visit to Canada last year to deliver the Speech from the Throne, His Majesty King Charles III, the Head of the Commonwealth, reminded us that no nation can live unto itself. Only by working together can we become better equipped to respond to challenges, more proactive in shaping outcomes, and ultimately more secure and prosperous.

As Canada charts its path forward in this new world, we look to our fellow Commonwealth members as partners. Later this year, Commonwealth governments will gather in Antigua and Barbuda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Together, we will continue strengthening the foundations that unite us - democracy, human rights, sustainable development, and economic growth."

Déclaration du premier ministre Carney à l'occasion de la Journée du Commonwealth

9 mars 2026

« Aujourd'hui, le Canada se joint à ses partenaires du Commonwealth pour célébrer la Journée du Commonwealth. Dans un monde plus incertain et divisé, le Commonwealth reste une constante, réunissant 56 pays membres d'Amérique du Nord, des Caraïbes, d'Europe, d'Afrique et de la région indo-pacifique. À travers les continents et sous des cieux différents, nous sommes unis par un engagement commun à travailler ensemble et à poursuivre le bien commun.

Cette unité reflète notre conviction commune que l'union fait la force. Lors de sa visite au Canada l'année dernière pour prononcer le discours du Trône, Sa Majesté le roi Charles III, chef du Commonwealth, nous a rappelé qu'aucune nation ne peut vivre en autarcie. Ce n'est qu'en travaillant ensemble que nous pourrions mieux nous armer pour relever les défis, être plus proactifs dans l'élaboration des résultats et, en fin de compte, être plus sûrs et plus prospères.

Alors que le Canada trace sa voie dans ce nouveau monde, nous considérons les autres membres du Commonwealth comme des partenaires. Plus tard cette année, les gouvernements du Commonwealth se réuniront à Antigua-et-Barbuda pour la réunion des chefs de gouvernement du Commonwealth. Ensemble, nous continuerons à renforcer les fondements qui nous unissent : la démocratie, les droits de la personne, le développement durable et la croissance économique. »

AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION

by M Fagan - Feb 26, 2026

Having no idea what may possibly be “already in the works” - but the Gordie Howe International Bridge is set to be opened ‘sometime’ in 2026, would it not be a grand idea for the League to approach our Prime Minister and suggest that the King as our Head of State (scheduled to be in America in April) be invited to do the honours?

It would have the added benefit - especially during U.S. bicentennial celebrations - of reminding Trump again that we are not interested in his “51st state” fancy. His showing of a map of Canada and Greenland this some weeks ago with American flags over them should be countered with a huge display of our own patriotism which would truly be on international display as the Windsor/Detroit crossing. It is the busiest in the world in the commerce department, so images of this event would be broadcast around the world. And Trump does like the Royals.

As an alternative suggestion - the Prince of Wales (our future King) is coming over for the World Cup in the Summer so the invitation to open the new international crossing could be extended to him?

I cross the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor regularly and the view from it of the new Gordie Howe Bridge is spectacular - it is an amazing architectural feat so having a “Royal” ribbon-cutting would be the icing on the cake!

A member in Ontario - March 3, 2026

Having King Charles - as our Head of State - open the Gordie Howe Bridge is an excellent idea! Perhaps Mr. Trump should also be invited to attend to open it as the American Head of State. Here's why.

Knowing how much Mr. Trump loves our King, it would be an opportunity for him to attend an international event with King Charles. What better way to get Trump to drop his opposition to opening the bridge - if he (Trump) could be part of its dedication in conjunction with King Charles.

Secondly, it would be a wonderful signal to the world (and to Trump) that we are an independent nation and that His Majesty is King of Canada. Trump could hardly call for us becoming a 51st state, if

he were there to open the new bridge as the American Head of State and King Charles as the Canadian Head of State.

Thirdly, having both an American President (representing the United States) and a Canadian King (representing Canada) open the bridge would be reminiscent of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth II jointly opening the St. Lawrence Seaway as they did in 1959. In other words, two Heads of State each representing their countries. The optics would be perfect and the impact powerful.

I realize that the Americans paid nothing



ing towards the costs of the bridge; however, having Trump there alongside our King in order to get it opened would be worth it indeed!

UNE SUGGESTION INTÉRESSANTE

par M Fagan

N'ayant aucune idée de ce qui pourrait être « déjà en cours », mais sachant que le pont international Gordie Howe devrait être inauguré « courant » 2026, ne serait-il pas judicieux que la Ligue approche notre Premier ministre et lui suggère d'inviter le roi, notre chef d'État (qui doit se rendre aux États-Unis en avril), à présider la cérémonie ?

Cela aurait l'avantage supplémentaire, surtout pendant les célébrations du bicentenaire des États-Unis, de rappeler à Trump que nous ne sommes pas intéressés par son idée fantaisiste d'un « 51^e État ». Sa présentation, il y a quelques semaines, d'une carte du Canada et du Groenland sur laquelle figuraient des drapeaux américains devrait être contrée par une démonstration massive de notre propre patriotisme, qui serait véritable-

ment mise en valeur à l'échelle internationale grâce au passage frontalier Windsor/Detroit. Il s'agit du passage frontalier le plus fréquenté au monde sur le plan commercial, de sorte que les images de cet événement seraient diffusées.

Comme autre suggestion, le prince de Galles (notre futur roi) viendra assister à la Coupe du monde cet été, alors pourquoi ne pas lui proposer d'inaugurer le nouveau passage frontalier international?

Je traverse régulièrement le pont Ambassador à Windsor et la vue qu'il offre sur le nouveau pont Gordie Howe est spectaculaire. C'est une prouesse architecturale incroyable, donc une cérémonie d'inauguration « royale » serait la cerise sur le gâteau !

De la part d'un membre de l'Ontario

Que le roi Charles, notre chef d'État, inaugure le pont Gordie-Howe est une excellente idée ! Peut-être faudrait-il également inviter M. Trump à l'inaugurer en tant que chef d'État américain. Voici pourquoi.

Sachant combien M. Trump apprécie notre roi, ce serait pour lui l'occasion d'assister à un événement international en compagnie du roi Charles. Quel

meilleur moyen de convaincre M. Trump de renoncer à son opposition à l'ouverture du pont que de participer à son inauguration aux côtés du roi Charles ?

Deuxièmement, ce serait un signal fort envoyé au monde entier (et à M. Trump) pour montrer que nous sommes une nation indépendante et que Sa Majesté est roi du Canada. M. Trump aurait bien du mal à réclamer notre accession au statut de 51^e État s'il était présent pour inaugurer le nouveau pont en tant que chef d'État américain et le roi Charles en tant que chef d'État canadien.

Troisièmement, la présence simultanée d'un président américain (représentant les États-Unis) et d'un roi canadien (représentant le Canada) pour l'inauguration du pont rappellerait l'inauguration conjointe de la voie maritime du Saint-Laurent par le président Dwight D. Eisenhower et la reine Elizabeth II en 1959. Autrement dit, deux chefs d'État, chacun représentant son pays. L'effet serait saisissant et l'impact considérable.

Je sais que les Américains n'ont pas contribué au financement du pont; toutefois, la présence de Trump aux côtés de notre roi pour son inauguration serait un geste symbolique fort !

The Governor General Attends Arctic Winter Games Whitehorse, Yukon – March 14, 2026

Her Excellency's attendance at the Arctic Winter Games supported recognized and honoured Canadian participants, coaches and volunteers; promoted the importance of physical and mental health and wellness; promoted dialogue and diplomacy among Arctic nations; and encouraged reconciliation among peoples. In the evening, the Governor General joined participants, coaches and volunteers at the 2026 Arctic Winter Games Cultural Gala to celebrate circumpolar sport, culture and unity.

The Governor General met with the following northern commissioners to engage on key issues related to the Arctic: the Honourable Adeline Webber (Yukon), the Honourable Gerald W. Kisoun (Northwest Territories) and the Honourable Eva Qamaniq Aariak (Nunavut).

After attending various sporting events, Her Excellency attended the closing celebration of the Whitehorse 2026 Arctic Winter Games and delivered remarks. She then met with residents, participants, coaches, volunteers, dignitaries and visitors.



La gouverneure générale assiste aux jeux d'hiver de l'arctique, Whitehorse, Yukon

La présence de Son Excellence aux Jeux d'hiver de l'Arctique a permis de soutenir les participants, les en-

traîneurs et les bénévoles canadiens, qui ont été reconnus et honorés; de promouvoir l'importance de la santé et du

bien-être physiques et mentaux; de favoriser le dialogue et la diplomatie entre les nations de l'Arctique; et d'encourager la réconciliation entre les peuples.

En soirée, la gouverneure générale s'est jointe aux participants, aux entraîneurs et aux bénévoles lors du Gala culturel des Jeux d'hiver de l'Arctique 2026 afin de célébrer le sport, la culture et l'unité dans la région circumpolaire.

La gouverneure générale a rencontré les commissaires du Nord suivants afin de discuter de questions clés liées à l'Arctique: l'honorable Adeline Webber (Yukon), l'honorable Gerald W. Kisoun (Territoires du Nord-Ouest) et l'honorable Eva Qamaniq Aariak (Nunavut).

Après avoir assisté à diverses manifestations sportives, Son Excellence a pris part à la cérémonie de clôture des Jeux d'hiver de l'Arctique 2026 à Whitehorse et a prononcé une allocution.

Elle a ensuite rencontré des résidents, des participants, des entraîneurs, des bénévoles, des dignitaires et des visiteurs.



Books Touching on our Late Queen

Various books to meet many types of readers, from adults to children.

The League has received many queries as to books about Elizabeth II of happy memory, a number of which are listed below. Many have also asked how you might obtain HM's Official Biography. As far as we know, it will be printed in the UK at least two years hence - quite possibly more - dating September 28, 2022, the day of her decease.

The following provides information about aspects of books about The Queen known to the League, and which are generally available in the UK.

The Life of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Our Times



by Robert Hardman, "who wraps up the full story of one of the undisputed greats in a thousand years of Monarchy... distills Elizabeth's complex life into a must-read study of dynastic survival and renewal... With peerless access to members of The Royal Family, staff, friends and royal records, [it] brings fresh insights and scholarship to the modern royal story..."

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Queen Elizabeth II, a Concise Biography of an Exceptional Sovereign by David Cannadine

Elizabeth, an Intimate Portrait by Glyes Brandreth... from the writer who knew her and her family for over fifty years.

Elizabeth The Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch by Sally Bedell Smith; the Real Story Behind The Crown

The Times Queen Elizabeth II: Commemorating Her Life and Reign 1926-2022

BRIEFER OR FOR PARTICULAR AUDIENCES...

Our Rainbow Queen by Sally Hughes - treats "its colourful wardrobe."

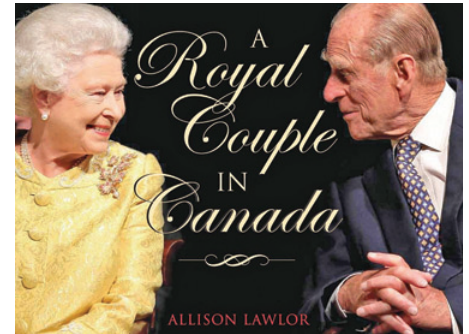
Royal Family, Royal Study by Roland Gough

The Faith of Queen Elizabeth ... The Poise, Grace & Quiet Strength Behind The Crown

All the Queen's Corgis, the Story of Elizabeth II and Her Most Faithful Companions

Elizabeth Revealed: 500 Facts About the Queen and Her World by Lucinda Hawksley

OF PARTICULAR CANADIAN ROYAL INTEREST...



Official Visits by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip: A Royal Couple in Canada, by Allison Lawlor

Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family In Canada, by Takso and Poling

Queen Elizabeth II (A Life Story) published by Polastic Canada in the Who Was series

Who Was Elizabeth? by Megal Stine. Random House Canada

A Little Golden Book Biography, by Jen Arena

Tous les livres mentionnés dans cette newsletter sont en anglais. Nous recherchons des éditions en français des qu'elles seront disponibles.

"Free Challenge" for you to give away an issue of CMN

The last issue of *Canadian Monarchist News* has already met with a particularly positive response from members in terms of contents, colour and bilingual text. That puts us in the happy place of encouraging readers - you, our members - to help us widen our reach, and show what we are. That is, a contemporary outreach to provide an accurate look into today's Canadian Crown, explaining its real identity, not some old-fashioned view of yesteryear!

We've set aside copies to provide an opportunity for a free copy of CMN:

- A) You can choose for us to send an additional copy which you will pass on... or
- B) You can give us the name and address of a family member, friend or work colleague to receive a copy. No better outreach exists! And you will have the choice of the League's identifying you as the giver, or to remain unknown.

We look forward to your helping with our work; and we thank you for the pride

you evidently share to the institution of the Maple Crown and the League that is proud to promote a better understanding of both.

« Défi gratuit » : offrez un numéro de CMN

Le dernier numéro de *Les Nouvelles monarchistes du Canada* a déjà reçu un accueil particulièrement positif de la part

des membres en termes de contenu, de couleurs et de texte bilingue. Cela nous place dans la situation privilégiée d'encourager les lecteurs, c'est-à-dire vous, nos membres, à nous aider à élargir notre audience et à montrer ce que nous sommes. C'est-à-dire une initiative contemporaine visant à fournir un aperçu précis de la Couronne canadienne d'aujourd'hui, en expliquant sa véritable identité, et non une vision démodée d'antan!

Nous avons mis de côté des exemplaires afin de vous offrir la possibilité

d'obtenir gratuitement un exemplaire de NMC:

- A) Vous pouvez choisir de nous demander de vous envoyer un exemplaire supplémentaire que vous transmetrez... ou
- B) vous pouvez nous donner le nom et l'adresse d'un membre de votre famille, d'un ami ou d'un collègue de travail qui recevra un exemplaire. Il n'existe

pas de meilleure façon de faire connaître notre cause! Et vous aurez le choix entre être identifié par la Ligue comme le donateur ou rester anonyme.

Nous nous réjouissons de votre aide dans notre travail et vous remercions pour la fierté que vous partagez manifestement envers l'institution de la Couronne de chène et la Ligue, qui est fière de promouvoir

une meilleure compréhension des deux.



Chairman Finch Asks Members to Assist the League in Creating Five New Branches

I ask members who live in the areas mentioned below to assist in bringing to life (or back to life) the below-named branches. Branches had been for some years a useful way to recruit new members with energized outreach so that more understanding, fellowship and imaginative talents to make our work thrive. If you are willing to help, please contact me at Robert Finch (finchrw@gmail.com) in hard the work of diligent promotion to be sure, but at the same time in a rewarding involvement for more folk to promote the Maple Crown, Canada's form of governance.

New Brunswick - An active branch in NB is a natural effort considering the

Terrific Interest in our Out Reach

Thanks to many of you, we have invested over \$10,000 (and climbing) for an outreach to some 30 or so organizations (ranging from Kiwanis to Scouts to...) and church denominations (1000 and climbing) as well as to include in the New Year, Jewish and other faith groups.

The League has always placed an emphasis on the truth that loyalty to the Crown is inter-denominational, and works to make clear the misunderstanding that a monarchist probably is an Anglican - or not a such-and-such believer.

Next stop on the route: libraries and the inexpensive and very targeted paid ads on the Internet.

Grand intérêt pour notre action

Grâce à beaucoup d'entre vous, nous avons investi plus de 10 000 dollars (et ce n'est pas fini) pour sensibiliser une trentaine d'organisations (allant du Kiwanis aux scouts...) et les confessions religieuses (1000 et ce n'est pas fini), ainsi que, pour la nouvelle année, les groupes juifs et autres groupes confessionnels.

La Ligue a toujours mis l'accent sur le fait que la loyauté envers la Couronne est interconfessionnelle et s'efforce de dissiper le malentendu selon lequel un monarchiste est probablement anglican - ou n'est pas tel ou tel croyant.

Prochaine étape: les bibliothèques et les publicités payantes peu coûteuses et très ciblées sur Internet.

province's loyalist roots. The bilingual nature of the province presents a great opportunity for the League to encourage our work.

Toronto - The largest city in the country should be the flagship branch of the League. The population centre along with the concentration of national media mean we need to have a more visible and active presence in the GTA.

Hamilton - I may be biased towards my hometown but I have personally seen what a thriving branch can do in Hamilton, which also can also be a gateway for members in Niagara and the Golden Horseshoe who don't travel to or connect with Toronto.

London - It has the population base and is central to millions of others in southwestern Ontario. Thus it provides a so-far hidden opportunity to rebuild the London branch.

Edmonton - Strategically, the League should have a strong presence in the capital of Alberta.

Excerpt from a Member's Letter

*by Shawna Brown
from Courtenay, BC*

I do take a bit of umbrage at the idea that Alberta's been treated badly by "Eastern Elites" as such "Western Alienation" narratives tend to be generated from being poorly-informed by regional media and local majority opinion, however reactionary, parochial, and myth-based that is. Moreover, it always omits the fact that there is another whole province and diversity of opinion and priorities to the West of them.

Now British Columbia has its fair share of East-bashing provincialists, ironically often but not always from Alberta and Saskatchewan - I'll leave the US ranchers and oilmen and their descendants as a side note.

However, there are also people in British Columbia like myself born here to "Old Stock" Canadians from back East, who have family back East, and who have actually been to Ottawa and Quebec and Newfoundland and who roll our eyes at these narrow false regionalist narratives. We identify as Canadian first, British Columbian second. We also have people who immigrated directly from the UK, an Asia-Pacific mosaic that dates back to the early pioneer days of the wild West Coast, and other newer-comers just like every province including Alberta. We even have

francophones. All of us are here by the grace of our Indigenous hosts.

The Alberta separatist movement does not seem to cut a very deep or wide demographic swath, to put it one way. That it is backed by anti-constitutional monarchist foreign hostile forces should be alarming to all Canadians. To quote former Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister, a conservative, "I don't like it when Quebec does it either"

Extrait d'une lettre d'un membre

*par Shawna Brown,
de Courtenay, CB*

Je m'offusque quelque peu à l'idée que l'Alberta ait été maltraitée par les « élites de l'Est », car ces discours sur « l'aliénation de l'Ouest » ont tendance à être générés par une mauvaise information de la part des médias régionaux et de l'opinion majoritaire locale, aussi réactionnaire, provincialiste et mythique soit-elle. De plus, ils omettent toujours le fait qu'il existe une autre province entière, avec une diversité d'opinions et de priorités, à l'ouest de l'Alberta.

La Colombie-Britannique compte elle aussi son lot de provincialistes qui dénigrent l'Est, ironiquement souvent, mais pas toujours, originaires de l'Alberta et de la Saskatchewan - je laisserai de côté les éleveurs et les pétroliers américains et leurs descendants.

Cependant, il y a aussi en Colombie-Britannique des gens comme moi, nés ici de Canadiens de souche venus de l'Est, qui ont de la famille dans l'Est, qui sont allés à Ottawa, au Québec et à Terre-Neuve, et qui lèvent les yeux au ciel devant ces discours régionalistes étroits et fallacieux. Nous nous identifions d'abord comme Canadiens, puis comme Britannico-Colombiens. Nous avons également des personnes qui ont immigré directement du Royaume-Uni, une mosaïque asiatique-pacifique qui remonte aux premiers jours de la colonisation de la côte ouest sauvage, et d'autres nouveaux arrivants, comme dans toutes les provinces, y compris l'Alberta. Nous avons même des francophones. Nous sommes tous ici grâce à l'hospitalité de nos hôtes autochtones.

Le mouvement séparatiste albertain ne semble pas avoir une grande influence démographique, pour ainsi dire. Le fait qu'il soit soutenu par des forces étrangères hostiles, monarchistes et anticonstitutionnelles devrait alarmer tous les Canadiens. Pour citer l'ancien premier ministre conservateur du Manitoba, Brian Pallister : « Je n'aime pas non plus quand le Québec fait cela. »

Separatism isn't Treason, but it's Still a Betrayal

By: Ian Holloway, PC, KC, PhD, LLD
Professor of Law,
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Excerpted from *The Line*

Separatism is having a moment in Canada again. After shying away from the issue for almost a decade, the Parti Québécois is on a bit of a roll and has won back to back to back by-elections since placing the issue on their front burner once more.

But the real heat these days is coming from Alberta. The Republican Party of Alberta claims that an astonishing 40 per cent of the government caucus supports the Alberta independence movement. This is almost certainly wildly exaggerated, but it seems clear that some MLAs have signed the petition demanding a referendum on independence. CTV has reported that lawyer Jeffrey Rath, who has become a self-anointed spokesman for the separatist mob, has asserted as much: "It shouldn't surprise anybody that UCP MLAs are signing the petition". And, he claims, more are to come: "We're confident that more of them will [sign], because they believe in allowing Albertans to have a say in their future."

Predictably, some people have raised the T word - "Treason". So what's the score? Have the elected Albertan independantistes been conducting themselves like latter-day Lord Ha Ha's? The short answer is no. These legislators need not fear any legal consequences from being outed as being in favour of breaking up the country. Section 46 of the Criminal Code of Canada says that the crime of Treason must involve either acts of violence or providing military or scientific information to hostile foreign powers. Simply signing a petition, however ill-founded it may be, doesn't meet the threshold of Treason with a capital "T."

So that's the law - the "lock 'em up and throw away the key in cases of Treason" kind of law, that is. But there is a deeper legal issue at play here. And in some ways it is even more troubling than the provisions of the Criminal Code. And that is whether, by signing the independence petition, these MLAs have violated their oaths of office.

To many, including undoubtedly many of the separatists who say that they want to make Alberta a republic, the idea of an oath having any real legal meaning seems at best quaintly anachronistic. But the reality is that the whole of our legal and

governmental system depends upon it.

When a witness gives evidence in court, the principal safeguard against perjury is requiring them to swear or affirm that they will tell the truth. It may seem archaic in 2026 to ask witnesses to put their hand on a Holy book (as most still do; relatively few affirm) and swear that they will tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". But that's how we do it. The ritualistic public affirmation that one will do one's duty to the rule of law is the glue that holds the adjudicative system together.



If that's true, why should it be any different in the political system? Again, it may sound old-fashioned, but what basis do we have for believing that our elected legislators will serve us, rather than themselves, other than that having them publicly promise to do so in an ancient ceremony?

Which leads us back to the Alberta MLAs who apparently want to see Alberta quit Canada and become a republic. When they took their seats, each of them promised, as required by the Oaths of Office Act, that they would be "faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty the King". The King of Canada, that is. Does signing a petition that asks, "Do you agree that the Province of Alberta should cease to be a part of Canada to become an independent state?" fulfil that obligation? Call me naive, but it seems pretty obvious that the answer is no.

The only conclusion is that these MLAs are either hypocrites for knowingly violating their oaths, or stupid for not understanding them in the first place. In either case, they have shown themselves unfit to sit in the Legislature. It may not be Treason with a capital "T", but it is disloyalty to the solemn oath they

took all the same. Instead of continuing to live a parliamentary lie, what they should do is have the courage to resign their seats and fight for what they say (or the Alberta Republican Party, anyway, says) they believe in.

When asked about this, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith told CTV's Vassy Kapelos that her MLAs can say or do what they like. "I don't police the responses of my MLAs, they can sign whatever petition that they want," she said.

With the greatest of respect to the Premier, this is a terrible answer. Of course, they cannot "sign whatever petition they want". If the petition were one to institute, say, a system of apartheid in Alberta, then I'm certain that she would care about that. So why is this petition any different? It isn't, of course, and Ms. Smith is failing in her duty for not calling it out.

The truth is that the Premier is trying to ride two horses at once. "A sovereign Alberta in a unified Canada", which she tells us is her goal, is an oxymoron. It's also a thinly-disguised attempt at blackmail. When CTV's Kapelos pressed her on whether she wants Alberta to remain part of Canada, Smith replied: "We need to see some action on the part of the part of the federal government" and "I'm sympathetic to the million Albertans who have lost hope that this isn't a real change of heart on the federal government's part."

No offence, Madam Premier, but that's not how patriotism works. You don't make your love of country conditional on the vicissitudes of the political party in office in Ottawa. I happen to share the view that Alberta has been given a raw deal by successive federal governments and by the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal elites. But that doesn't mean that I hate Canada and want to break it up. No, what I want to do is change how the rest of the country sees us, and to make it truly value what Alberta brings to the federation.

The bottom line is that Ms. Smith needs to pick a lane. If she favours independence for Alberta, she owes it to Albertans to say so, and then to make that case. But if she truly believes in Canada, then she needs to say that clearly and unequivocally, and then set the ground rules for her caucus. If that results in her getting bounced by her Party, so be it. At least then, she can say that she was loyal to her own oath - unlike her fellow MLAs who have signed the petition.

