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THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA – 35th ANNIVERSARY 1970-2005

# Martin Government Removes Queen From Diplomatic Documents

Comment by John Aimers,  
Dominion Chairman,  
The Monarchist League of Canada

Without any Parliamentary or public consultation, with the news issued via a press released issued December 29th during the holiday period when media was focused on the tragic Tsunami, and under the misleading heading “Canada Updates Diplomatic Practice,” the Prime Minister caused The Queen’s name to be stripped from Letters of Credence and Recall (used in Canada’s sending and receiving diplomats) so that these now run in the name of the Governor General alone.

Why is the Government intent on concealing from other countries the fact that The Queen is Canada’s Head of State?

If the Governor General is to be mislabeled as “Head of State,” contrary to the *Constitution Act and Letters Patent Constituting the Office of Governor General of Canada (1947)*, and this Governor General is effectively appointed, funded and controlled by the political executive, has Canada then *de facto* created a republican form of government, masquerading as a constitutional monarchy, again doing so without any public, Parliamentary or Constitutional writ?

Clearly, monarchists do not favour Canada’s becoming a republic. But even republicans or those neutral on the issue might well deplore a “stealth” approach by which the foundations of our constitutionally-established system are eroded without the normal processes of discussion and debate, followed by the necessary procedures of law which – insofar as any change to the Monarchy is concerned – require the approval of Parliament and all the Provincial Legislatures.

## WHAT WAS TAKEN, WHAT REMAINS

Sample English-language version of a Letter of Credence  
(the Letters themselves are bilingual, French and English balanced down two columns)



In the Name on and Behalf of

**Elizabeth II**

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada  
and Her other Realms and Territories Queen,  
Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

**Adrienne Clarkson**

Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada

To His Excellency  
Denis Sassou-Nguesso  
President of the Republic of Congo

Your Excellency,

Wishing to promote the relations of friendship and good understanding which happily exist between our two countries, I have decided to accredit to You

**Jean-Pierre Bolduc**

in the character of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada.

The experience which I have had of his talents and zeal assures Me that the selection I have made will be perfectly agreeable to You, and that he will discharge his important duties in such a manner as to merit Your approbation and esteem.

I, therefore, request that You will give entire credence to all that he shall say to You in My name, more especially when he shall convey to You the assurances of the lively interest which I take in everything that affects the welfare and prosperity of Your country.

Given at My Government House, this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, Two Thousand and Four

Your Good Friend,

## A Very Alarming Situation: the New Threat to the Canadian Monarchy – What Next?

By Fidelis

“The end result of this year’s travel and these recent changes has been to distance Canada from the monarchy in a way no one has sought or imagined. Many will want to know where the authority to make these changes comes from and what might be next.”

In a move that will be interpreted by governments outside Canada as all but ending the role of The Queen as Canada’s Head of State, on December 29th the Prime Minister announced changes to the manner in which the Government of Canada accredits its diplomats and to whom foreign States send their representatives. While the Prime Minister’s Office made an attempt to portray the new policy as administrative, and part of a natural evolution, there can be little doubt that in legal as well as practical terms this has effectively sent a message to foreign states about who the Government of Canada considers to be its Head of State, without qualification. To suggest in letters exchanged with foreign countries that this is the Governor General, with no reference to The Queen, is a startling departure for any of the realms of the Sovereign; the move will be seen as such

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## Earl & Countess of Wessex to Visit With Monarchist League Members

TRH The Earl & Countess of Wessex have been graciously pleased to accept the Dominion Chairman’s invitation to attend a Reception on behalf of the Loyal Societies which will take place at the Spoke Club, Toronto, at 4:00 o’clock pm on Tuesday afternoon, June 7, 2005. Any members wishing to order tickets for themselves and their guests should contact the Dominion Chairman as soon as possible at (416) 975-2608 or john.aimers@sympatico.ca

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Undoubted Queen

Former NB Premier Frank McKenna presents Letter of Credence to US President George Bush on March 8, 2005: first time Canada cloaks identity of its Head of State from its closest neighbour

## What next...

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by foreign countries and will add to great confusion about this question.

The last time there was debate or discussion of these matters was at the conclusion of the Silver Jubilee Year, when then-Prime Minister Trudeau – again during the Christmas (slow-news) period – announced that the Governor General would begin to sign Letters of Credence and Commission for Canadian diplomats, on The Queen's behalf (The Sovereign had signed them since 1931, when Canada began to send diplomats abroad). The amended Letters were revised to start: *On behalf of and in the Name of Elizabeth II.* Letters accrediting diplomats to Canada would continue to be written to The Queen, and accepted by the Governor General who would then forward them, unopened, to Her Majesty before being returned to the then Department of External Affairs. This did codify what had been envisaged by the Letters Patent for the Governor General as written in 1947 but which to that time not been fully implemented. Prime Minister Trudeau also announced that in future, The Queen had agreed that should it be necessary, the Governor General would sign Declarations of War or other international documents, on Her Majesty's behalf. The 1977 changes did make matters more administratively efficient and represented both The Queen's role and that of the Governor

General with some clarity. Canadian diplomats abroad had a document from the Governor General making clear that they were signed on behalf of the Head of State. Aside from the inconvenience (to some) of sending incoming Letters to the Palace, this process has worked well.

What is now unclear is the position of the 16 realms of The Queen. Up until now, as Canada shared the same Sovereign, Letters of Introduction were drafted between Prime Ministers. It is unclear whether the Governor General will now send Letters of Commission to The Queen of Australia, New Zealand, and Jamaica etc. The answer to this question will be telling indeed.

Interested observers can only assume that there is an unstated and possibly secret policy change given the events of the past year which has set new precedents. Many were stunned by the questionable and unusual protocol on display in France during the 60th anniversary D-Day commemorative events which both the Sovereign and Her Excellency attended, with the underlying impression left that they were equals representing the United Kingdom and Canada respectively, rather than the Queen of Canada and Her representative.

2003 and 2004 also saw an unprecedented public discussion and controversy concerning the grandeur of the Governor General's State Visits. This has been followed by continued global travels by the Governor General and several unusual trips including one to represent Can-

ada at an international Land Mines Conference in Africa.

While some may covet international travel and the cachet and status it brings, it seems to many that the Governor General is becoming more like a US Vice-President who travels where the President cannot go due to exigencies of time or security – as one incumbent expressed in the immortal phrase: "You die, we fly." Indeed, the recent inexplicable controversy surrounding the Governor General's whereabouts and reason given for not attending the Provincial Memorial Service for the much-loved Lieutenant Governor of Alberta resulted in the admission that Mme Clarkson was in Paris awaiting the rescheduled date for the inauguration of the President of Ukraine. If this is the result of the enhanced status for the Governor General, then Canadians have been the losers in the equation. A globe-trotting Governor General, jetting off at the whim of a Prime Minister and Ministers who cannot themselves keep up with the foreign travel, will have less time for Canadian events and issues, particularly those that arise from unforeseen developments. Ironically, the clear message from the public which emerged from the debate about the Governor General's budget and travels suggests disquiet over this interpretation of the role and lack of enthusiasm for it, to put it mildly. The end result of this year's travel and these recent changes has been to distance Canada from the monarchy in a way no one has sought or imagined.

Many will want to know where the authority to make these changes comes from and what might be next.

The legal justification from the Governor General or the Government of Canada for any "clarification" or "enhancement" of the Governor General's role is always the "Letters Patent Constituting the Office of Governor General of Canada" issued October 1 1947 by His Late Majesty George VI. The relevant sections are shown below: *II. And We do hereby authorize and empower Our Governor General, with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada or of any members thereof or individually, as the case requires, to exercise all powers and authorities lawfully belonging to Us in respect of Canada, and for greater certainty but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing to do and execute, in the manner aforesaid, all things that may belong to his office and to the trust We have reposed in him according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed him by virtue of the Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1940 and the powers and authorities hereinafter conferred in these Letters Patent and in such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Great Seal of Canada and under such laws as are or may hereinafter be in force in Canada.*

*IV. And We do further authorize and empower Our Governor General to constitute and appoint, in Our name and on Our behalf, all such Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and other necessary Officers (including diplomatic and consular officers) and Ministers of Canada, as may be lawfully constituted or appointed by Us.*

*XIV. And whereas great prejudice may happen to Our service and to the security of Canada by the absence of Our Governor General, he shall not quit Canada without having first obtained leave from Us for so doing through the Prime Minister of Canada.*

It is clear that all powers belonging to the Sovereign could in fact, be delegated (s. II), and that the Governor General could appoint diplomatic and consular officers in the Sovereign's name and behalf (as the previous Letters of Credence/Commission were styled). But the Governor General cannot not leave Canada without the Sovereign's permission! This last section must come as an irritant to a Governor General with international interests, to seek permission from the same individual one does not recognize as Sovereign outside Canada's borders. One wonders if section XIV is now being honoured more in the breach than the observance!

It is difficult to imagine that in 1947 either the Sovereign or the Government of Canada anticipated how these clauses might be interpreted. There has also been no explanation of what has changed since the developments of 1977 and why Letters of Credence can now be signed without reference to the Sovereign. Perhaps there will be new Letters Patent issued to make this even clearer? As the Letters Patent are constitutional in effect, will there be consultation or a process similar to that specified in the Constitution for the unanimous consent required of such a change to the Offices of The Queen or Governor General? Those who follow these matters closely and recognize their implications must take heed of the recent changes as they are the latest in a long line of "Canadianization" initiatives, which have been based on s. II of the 1947 Letters Patent. Some of these have been better received than others.

As many of the outward manifesta-

# LIBERAL STALKING HORSE FOR STEALTH ENDING OF MONARCHY?

**McWhinney Proposes Back Door Route to Abolishing Crown**

**"Government should move subtly and by indirection"**

**McWhinney playing "fast and loose" with Constitution – Legal Scholar**

A former Liberal MP and constitutional commentator argues in a forthcoming book that Canada could easily become a republic without resorting to what even he and most republicans admit would be the tortuous and unlikely process of Constitutional amendment, requiring unanimous consent of Parliament and the ten Provincial Legislatures.

Many wonder if Edward McWhinney's proposal constitutes a stalking horse for those in the Manley-Dhaliwal-Tobin wing of the Liberal party who favour Canada's abolishing the Monarchy. Added credence to the scenario came in the wake of the Martin "stealth" attack on the Crown by removing The Sovereign's name from Letters of Credence and Recall, and by comments from senior Ottawa figures suggesting "a graceful, slow decline" of the institution "to ease it out" by the end of The Queen's reign.

In *The Governor General and the Prime Ministers*, McWhinney suggests the federal government could achieve its end "more subtly and by indirection, through creating new glosses on the Law of the Constitution as written, without formally amending it." After the Queen ends her reign, the government would effectively abolish the monarchy "quietly and without fanfare by simply failing legally to proclaim any successor to the Queen in relation to Canada."

"It is difficult to imagine," writes Mr. McWhinney, "that anyone in Great

Britain – the British government, and certainly the Queen herself – would be upset by that, so long as it was all done politely and in good will." The "Office of the Queen" would thus remain in the Constitution, but "would remain inactive and, like very many other historically spent sections of the Constitution Act, wither away and lapse by constitutional convention."

Mr. McWhinney goes on to opine that no Supreme Court "would grant standing to sue and agree to hear any legal objection from anyone in Canada trying to make a constitutional issue out of what would be, in the end, a highly political decision."

### Legal Scholar Rebuffs McWhinney Proposal

McWhinney's imaginative proposal brought this swift rebuke from Ian Holloway, the Dean of Law of The University of Western Ontario.

"What utter contempt Edward McWhinney shows to our Constitution and its processes! ("Ditching Royals is Easy, Expert Says") It would be possible, he says, to transform Canada into a de facto republic subtly and by indirection, through creating new glosses on the Law of the Constitution, rather than by actual constitutional amendment. "The Supreme Court of Canada, Dr McWhinney reminds us, has likened the Constitution to a living tree, which must grow and take shape over time. True enough,

but the Court has also told us several times that our Constitution is a purposive one. Whether Dr McWhinney likes it or not, the Fathers of Confederation determined that our system of government was to be a constitutional monarchy. And in 1982, as part of the patriation process, it was decided to further entrench the monarchy in our constitutional scheme of things. For the government to do what Dr McWhinney urges – however clever it might seem – would be contrary to the plain purpose of those who framed our system of government.

"Dr McWhinney suggests that there would be little risk in what he urges for it would be unthinkable that the Supreme Court would grant anyone standing to challenge the move. This may or may not be true (though I would urge him to reread the Operation Dismantle case – he mightn't then be so confident), but it almost certainly would be the legitimate business of the provinces if the federal government were to seek to effectively destroy the Canadian Crown without their acquiescence. Perhaps Canada ought to abolish its monarchy. But we owe it to the Constitution to do so only after a full and informed debate – and after the passage of the requisite constitutional amendment. The course proposed by Dr McWhinney is precisely the kind of fast and loose playing with our system of government that gave us the sponsorship scandal."

tions of the Crown in Canada are the result of custom, tradition and practice, it is becoming more clear that these can be changed overnight (or over Christmas and New Year) without consultation or any necessity to do so, resulting in the further diminution of the personal involvement of the Sovereign in Canadian life and governance.

As a result of these changes, some have asked whether passports will no longer run in The Queen's name. Having told foreign governments to accredit diplomats to the Governor General, perhaps the Governor General would also ask foreign states to "allow the bearer to pass freely without let or hindrance and to afford the bears such assistance and protection as may be necessary." Particularly for those traveling on diplomatic passports, surely the source of their Letters of Credence will have to be consistent? State Dinners hosted by the Governor General have required the visitor to toast The Queen and People of Canada. Will the Governor General's health now be the subject of the toast?

Many other issues in our system of government also refer or require the participation of the Sovereign: Oaths for public officials, the creation of Honours, Royal designations and Royal Colonels-in-Chief. It is possible that these could also be up for review as well, particularly the involvement or reference to the Sovereign.

Fortunately our Constitution has codified several powers exclusively to the Sovereign and these are safer bets, although Rideau Hall staff members routinely suggest that The Queen has no role in Canadian governance. Some of the sections around which there is no mention of a Governor General include:

9: The Executive Government is vested in The Queen

14: The Queen authorizes the Governor General to appoint deputies

15: The Queen is Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces

16: The Queen may direct the location of the national capital

17: Parliament consists of The Queen, the Senate and the House of Commons

26: The Queen may appoint extra Senators, as in 1990

55-57: Royal Assent is given in The Queen's name

146: The Queen may admit new colonies – one hopes a Caribbean one for winter pleasure!

Aside from this, the Government can make many changes, and as we have seen, may well do so at any time. This could be particularly exacerbated during a lengthy reign where the Sovereign may no longer be able to travel to Canada, or in the worst case scenario, during a Regency.

As the Statute of Westminster required the consent of other realms to future legislation which would affect the monarchy, and as the Regency Act was passed in 1937 solely by the UK Parliament, it has no standing in Canada. With burgeoning powers for the Governor General, a Regency would effectively conclude the monarchy in Canada as the Governor General would have to exercise the Sovereign's powers.

Given the developments of 2004 and the most recent serious redefinition to the Crown for foreign governments, no scenario should be thought unthinkable. In that these constitutional changes were announced by press release shortly after a Tsunami, they may be a harbinger of a similar impact to come on our governance and the role of the Crown within Canada.

# FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

## *Extracts from some of the letters received by the Monarchist League and its members from MP's and Senators re: the Letters of Credence issue.*

Dr Carolyn Bennett, PC, MP, MD (St Paul's, ON) *"I understand you have concerns over this decision; however, it reflects the reality of current diplomatic practice."*

Gord Brown, MP (Leeds-Grenville, ON): *"The Conservative Party's founding principles express a belief in our constitutional monarchy and the institutions of Parliament."*

Dr Colin Carrie, MP, (Oshawa, ON): *"...I am disturbed by the manner in which the Prime Minister made this "announcement by stealth."...Indeed, the entire matter is reminiscent of former Deputy Prime Minister John Manley's insulting comments about the Monarchy during The Queen's last visit to Canada."*

Senator the Hon. Sharon Carstairs, PC (MB): *I do not share your concern with respect to the Letters of Credence and recall. To me, it is another example of modernization similar to the decision to have a written procedure for Royal Assent."*

Gary Goodyear, MP (Cambridge, ON) *"The Conservative Party of Canada intends to defend our constitutional monarchy."*

Office of Stephen Harper, MP, Leader of the Opposition: *"The Conservative Party shares your regard for the Queen and recognizes the influential role that the monarchy has played in Canadian history."*

Jay Hill, MP (Prince George-Peace River, BC): *"I too am a Monarchist."*

Daryl Kramp, MP (Prince Edward-Hastings, ON): *"Many people need to be reminded that the head of Canada's government under our constitutional system is The Queen. I feel changes to the approval of Letters of Recall and Credence violate this important principle."*

Gary Lunn, MP (Saanich-Gulf Islands, BC): *"This is an issue that transcends political affiliation, and goes to the core of our Canadian institutions. I respectfully ask that you [The Prime Minister] reverse your decision to remove the Queen from Letters of Credence and Recall. Given the slow but steady erosion to the Monarchy in Canada in recent years, I also ask you to confirm to me in writing, that as Prime Minister you support the Queen's continuing role as Canada's Head of State and will defend the institutions and measures that preserve this role."*

Peter MacKay, MP (Central Nova, NS) Deputy Leader, CPC: *"This is a thinly veiled*

*attempt to reduce the historic role of the Queen in the government of Canada."*

Anne McLellan, PC, MP, Deputy Prime Minister *"...the new practice is intended to better reflect that, on a day-to-day basis, the Governor General exercises all of the functions of the Head of State in respect of Canada's international relations."*

Senator Terry Mercer (Northend Halifax): *"I support the Prime Minister's decision and the continued evolution of Canada's independent democracy."*

Hon. Andy Mitchell, PC, MP (Parry Sound Muskoka ON): *"The Canadian Crown is fundamental to our system of government and our larger sense of identity as a nation. This is most evident in the institutions daily function and its visible face to the nation. As we move ahead into the future, it is with great respect and admiration that we continue to uphold Canada's Constitutional Monarchy..."*

Bev Oda, MP (Durham, ON): *"...I see no great desire by the people of Canada, nor benefit to them, in changing our Head of State to the Governor General... I believe the Governor General should continue to derive her authority through The Queen, and any changes to this should be debated by the people and Parliament of Canada."*

Pierre Polivère, MP (Nepean-Carleton, ON): *"This is the latest in a list of examples of the Liberal government's willingness to turn its back on Canada's proud traditions, including John Manley's insulting comments during Her Majesty's last visit to Canada."*

*"The Conservative Party's founding principles express a belief in our constitutional monarchy and the institutions of Parliament. The head of Canada's government under this system is the Queen. The Governor General is her representative in Canada, but derives her authority through the Queen. Changes to the approval of Letters of Recall and Credence violate this principle."*

Merv Tweed, MP (Brandon-Souris, MB): *My colleague Gary Lunn, critic responsible for the Privy Council, has sent a letter to the Prime Minister protesting the changes... Any changes to our constitutional monarchy should be vigorously debated and made only if a clear majority of Canadians agree – not piecemeal when no one is looking."*

# CHARLES & CAMILLA WED AT WINDSOR

Amidst happy crowds at The Queen's favorite official home, Windsor Castle, The Prince of Wales married Mrs Camilla Parker-Bowles on Saturday, April 9. The date was postponed by a day the week prior to the wedding in order to allow Charles to represent The Queen at the funeral of His Holiness the Pope at Vatican City.

Whatever the inconvenience to caterers and guests, the change in plans won wide applause. A *Daily Telegraph* leader opined: "By putting duty ahead of personal fulfillment – something he has so often been accused of not doing in the past – the Prince of Wales has demonstrated that he possesses the maturity of a monarch rather than the petulance of a spoilt heir to the throne... How can one fail to be impressed by a couple who have re-scheduled one of the most important days in their lives as a measure of their regard for a hero of the 20th century?"

After a brief civil ceremony conducted by the Registrar at the Guildhall, the couple entered a car while their immediate families cheerfully walked together to where The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and some 700 guests had assembled for the main event of the day. This was the Service of Blessing at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, conducted by The

Archbishop of Canterbury, and followed by a very happy Reception at the Castle.

On her marriage, Camilla became entitled to use all of her husband's style and titles. However, with the approval of The Queen, the couple agreed that she would be known as Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, and that, when Charles comes to the Throne, his wife would be styled HRH The Princess Consort, a felicitous riff on Albert, Prince Consort, whose energy and intellect so influenced nation and Empire during the early years of Queen Victoria's reign.

In addition to The Governor General and John Ralston Saul, Canadian guests at the wedding included The Hon Hilary Weston and Galen Weston, friends of The Queen and the Prince of Wales, as well as neighbours at their English home, Fort Belvedere, in the Castle precincts. Senior officers from Charles' Canadian Regiments joined those from the other Regiments of which he is Colonel-in-Chief in lining the staircase by which the Royal couple left the Chapel. These included Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the Royal Regiment of Canada, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Toronto Scottish (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own.) Mme Clarkson

remarked that "it was a wonderful, wonderful event... we buoyed them up, and they seemed very happy."

The Governor General gave the Royal couple a hand-cast pewter bowl commissioned from Newfoundland artist Raymond Cox, while the Government announced it would present them a specially crafted red cedar bench, to be made by Randy Kerr, of Almonte, Ontario.

The engagement of Charles and Camilla had been announced on February 10th. Rideau Hall was silent on receipt of the news; however, the Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada was later informed that Her Excellency had sent a private message of good wishes. Prime Minister Martin issued an announcement wishing the couple happiness. Other comment was less restrained. Vice-regal gadfly Pat Martin, MP, called the news "a big diversion" from Tony Blair's



decision to invade Iraq; Immigration Minister Joe Volpe evasively said "Stepping into monarchical questions is always like a quagmire, at the very best"; and Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Ducespepe told a reporter "It is of another century... so we will make you happy. We will leave you all the monarchy."

Meanwhile the Department of Justice announced that since the marriage would have no impact on the Line of Succession, there would be no need for

The Queen's Privy Council for Canada to meet to give formal approval to the marriage. It had done so in 1947, when Elizabeth and Philip became engaged, and again in 1981, for Charles and Diana, as issue from both marriages would be in line to the Canadian Throne.

## Canadians Overwhelmingly Support Charles as King – Polls

Quebeckers lead Canadians in overwhelmingly favouring the Prince of Wales' becoming King. According to a poll taken for the CBC by Environics, and released the eve of HRH's wedding, 73% in La Belle Province – and 65% nationally – support Charles while only 27% across the country said he should not become King. An Ipsos-Reid poll commissioned by The Globe and Mail and CTV News showed similar results, with a 56-24% acceptance of the marriage of Charles and Camilla. 61% stated that Camilla should not become Queen, with the youngest Canadians (18-34) most likely to support this eventuality (31%). 51% of the national sample thought that Charles should give up his right to the Throne in favour of Prince William.





## Charles & Camilla: Reason To Celebrate, Time To Forgive

*Editorial Comment by John Aimers  
(based on Mr Aimers' op-ed which  
appeared in The Globe and Mail,  
April 9, 2005)*

Canadians and the entire Commonwealth watched as Charles and Camilla wed at Windsor. Their titles may now be Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, respectively; but April 9th brought Camilla into our extended family, personally, and into our Royal Family, nationally, through a union approved by The Queen and blessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is true that the long shadows of the past have hung over the run-up to their wedding. Yes, Charles and Camilla enter upon this new stage of their lives as mortals, as imperfect human beings. If we did



not know this to be so because it is the common lot of all creation, then the intense media focus upon them – not to mention the gross distortions and innuendi of the tabloids – has surely left no doubt as to their flaws, and to their conduct in each of their previous unhappy marriages.

However, our vocation as humans, and, for many, as adherents of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, also teaches us to forgive. Shakespeare wrote that “*in the course of justice, none of us should see salvation... We do pray for mercy, and that same prayer doth teach us all to render the deeds of mercy.*”

It ill serves the memory of the many good works of Diana, herself a complex blend of the admirable and the infelicitous, to suppose that she would not wish for her sons to have a happy father.

Do we reasonably portray her as but a restless spirit “ranging for revenge” or rather, should we not better remember the happiness she brought to millions and her love for her greatest legacy, William and Harry?

It ill serves the record of the last three decades to neglect the substantial a-

chievements of Charles's working life – through his Prince's Trust bringing opportunity and dignity to inner city youth throughout the world; through his role as a principal interlocutor between Islam and the West; through his restless, provocative intelligence brought to bear on subjects ranging from complementary medicine and best agricultural practice through to the horrors of modern architecture and the mangling of the English language.

Should we judge the Prince today solely on the basis of the wreck of his first marriage, or, rather, wish our future King happiness in his second – the same fresh opportunity that millions of his future subjects have found, as our own family members and friends find every day?

It ill serves the unequalled record of unstinting service of Elizabeth, Canada's Monarch, entering upon her eightieth year of life and her fifty-third as our Queen and friend, to neglect the truth that she is helping to provide for the success of this marriage as a result of her own painful journey between the Scylla of her love as a mother and the Charybdis of the dictates of duty by which she has always reigned.

Should we forget that in making this day possible Her Majesty is likely performing the last great act of her Reign, and transmitting to us her clear desire that we support her son even as she has always supported us – as she memorably said, “no fair weather friend”?

For all of Freud and the babblings of new-age shrinks and savants, every Canadian knows that happiness, heart's ease, provides the key to a successful, useful life. Charles did not choose to be born to the destiny that awaits him. He will be a better King, and a better man, with a trusted companion by his side: a woman who by all accounts loves him deeply, eschews titles and honours and has neither personal agenda nor calculated media profile.

Given our propensity to identify ourselves as a tolerant and generous people, monarchists should, as all Canadians, extend hearts of forgiveness and bonds of affection towards Charles and Camilla – and look forward to welcoming the Royal couple to our shores en route to their projected American tour this Autumn. God bless them both!

# Canada's Royal: Camilla's Québec & UEL Connections

*by Brent Cameron*

Monarchists often cite the multicultural nature of the Monarchy, with the lineage of the Royal Family being drawn from virtually every corner of Europe and beyond. With the marriage of HRH The Prince of Wales to Mrs. Camilla Parker-Bowles, however, one can add two more to the mix – Québécois and Ontario United Empire Loyalist.

William Addams Reitwiesner has recently posted on the Internet a detailed ancestry on HRH The Duchess of Cornwall in which a very prominent Canadian connection figures. It begins with the Duchess' great great grandparents, William Coutts Keppel, the 7th Earl of Albemarle, and his wife, Sophia Mary MacNab. Sophia was the daughter of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, who served as the Prime Minister of the United Province of Canada (Upper and Lower) from 1854-1856. Their wedding took place in Hamilton, Upper Canada at the MacNab family home, Dundurn Castle.

Further research finds connections to Rev. John Stuart, M.A., D.D., U.E.L., who founded St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, Ontario and William Napier, Commissioner of the Port of Québec.

The Duchess' family tree is replete with names from Canada's colonial past, both English and French. One can read of the Royal Consort's 5th Great Grandmother, Marie-Charlotte Coursol, baptized at Verchères, Québec, on 3 Apr 1756; or her 4th Great Grandfather, John Stuart, a United Empire Loyalist from Fort Hunter, New York, whose remains are interred at the Blue Church Graveyard, outside Brockville, Ontario.

The marriage of Charles and Camilla has created a tangible link between the Monarchy and some of the men and women who were instrumental in the development of Canada from a small colony to a proud and prominent nation. It is a legacy not reflected in pomp and circumstance, but in the toils and hardships of everyday Canadian pioneers.

The Duchess' Canadian heritage is a heritage shared by millions of us here today.

*Brent Cameron is an author and political activist. His book, "The Case For Commonwealth Free Trade," is published by Trafford. He lives with his family outside Kingston, Ontario. His complete analysis of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's ancestry can be found at <http://www.wargs.com/royal/camilla.html>*



### The Poet Laureate Celebrates the Wedding “SPRING WEDDING”

*by Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate*

I took your news outdoors, and strolled a while  
In silence on my square of garden-ground  
Where I could dim the roar of arguments,  
Ignore the scandal-flywheel whirring round,

And hear instead the green fuse in the flower  
Ignite, the breeze stretch out a shadow-hand  
To ruffle blossom on its sticking points,  
The blackbirds sing, and singing take their stand.

I took your news outdoors, and found the Spring  
Had honoured all its promises to start  
Disclosing how the principles of earth  
Can make a common purpose with the heart.

The heart which slips and sidles like a stream  
Weighed down by winter-wreckage near its source –  
But given time, and come the clearing rain,  
Breaks loose to revel in its proper course.

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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

## OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL

It is sad to find the Governor General, supposedly the focus of national unity and shared purpose, continually at the centre of political sniping and party controversy. This statement is the more serious at press time. At a moment when Parliament seems enmeshed in scandal and the government is facing no-confidence votes and a possible election, a number of possible scenarios relating to governance could demand the exercise of vice-regal influence, public or private. Indeed, even M. Duceppe has suggested this to serve his own ends!

The first observation is also the more true in that Mme Clarkson began her time in office, indeed her first few years, with boundless energy, unparalleled eloquence and an imaginative programme of engagement and domestic travel.



The Governor General: travels and travails

Those attributes won her many admirers and implanted Rideau Hall on the consciousness of Canadians in a way unique to the media age, and not seen in any dimension since the Vanier and Michener years – which now seem a lifetime past.

Whatever went wrong? Is it simply that, as some commentators have written, Canadians are cursed with a central, self-demeaning flaw whereby we are determinedly critical of too-conspicuous success and enjoy devouring our own? Have certain vocal and articulate elements of Canadian populism combined with Western suspicion of all things Eastern, and so allowed the *ab initio* prejudice against Mme Clarkson's CBC background and cultural connections – and her controversial spouse's writings – to infect us all? Are Canadians now so lamentably ignorant about their institutions that they subject the occupant of Government House to the same barracking of over-zealous scrutiny and holier-than-thouism which seems to drive many from elected political office, justified or not, and deter others from entering public life?

The foregoing may provide part of the answer, but only a small part.

The difficulties of Mme Clarkson's time in Office seem to us to stem from a more fundamental issue: the evident desire of her advisors – capital "A" (as in the Prime Minister's and Privy Council

Offices) and small "a" (as in some at Rideau Hall) – to make Mme Clarkson what, for all her many virtues, she palpably is not: Canada's Head of State.

A Governor General derives her independence and her dignity not from her own stature (for some will always find fault, witness the muttering that began even prior to her nomination as viceroy); not from her good works (one individual's driving agenda can be vastly different to another's, and each will appeal to a distinct segment of the population); and not from cozying up to the views of enlightened opinion in official Ottawa (once in thrall to the mandarin, always a captive!)

Rather, a GG can and should command respect and confidence primarily because she is the representative of Her Majesty The Queen. What could be a greater honour? Who a more potent authority and exemplar?

Render that primary honour and role nearly invisible – as has been done in so many ways which these pages have enumerated in recent years – and you make the Governor General just another Ottawa figure, fair game for the attack politics of the era. Send her abroad frequently, and inevitably you will find a messy conflict between domestic duty and what is perceived, even when unfairly, as foreign frolic on the taxpayers' dime. Hence the incredibly maladroit public relations disaster of the Lois Hole funeral, where Rideau Hall, hence Her Excellency, lost any credibility as it seemed not only unable to get its story straight, but then proceeded to change that story several times.

This fiasco was not merely another too-eagerly driven nail in the coffin of Mme Clarkson's last months in office. It once again drove a wedge between the people of Alberta and "Ottawa," leaving a heavy burden on Her Excellency's successor, causing another small rift in national cohesiveness. That Albertans are far too intelligent to allow such goings-on to prejudice their loyalty to the Crown was evident in the media reports of sold-out stadia in Calgary and Edmonton for major Royal events during The Queen's homecoming. The people know the real locus of authority!

By way of excuse we have been told "Ah, but you know the Governor General has to accept the advice of her Prime Minister." Twaddle! Yes, of course Her Excellency has to accept the conventions of signing properly-passed legislation with which she might personally disagree, Order-in-Council appointments of persons whom she might find odious, dissolving Parliament in the normal course of events even if it should interrupt her vacation plans. That is "A" type of advice, and no GG would do otherwise than heed it.

But the Governor General need not be supine. It is well known that on a number of occasions The Queen has resisted suggestions that she agree to this or that, matters touching the dignity and independence of the Crown. Good reason is provided, The Queen's stature and wisdom carry the day and the Realm continues just fine, thank you very much. So might a GG act. With a robust view of the importance of, say, having the Sovereign's name appear on diplomatic documents; with the grace to acknowledge The Queen's role as Fount of Honour whenever Canadians receive recognition; with

insistence that it be perfectly clear at a D-Day or other international celebrations as to who is Canada's Head of State – the republicans in their Langevin Building warrens will be more likely to crawl back into their holes and not quickly again advance a similar agenda. Derogating the Canadian Crown is not the top of their list, after all. It flourishes absent road blocks blocking those of the Manley ilk having their way – and, it should be noted, doing so without Parliamentary debate or public discussion.

*Canadian Monarchist News*, and spokesmen for the Monarchist League of Canada in the media, have been constant supporters of the Office of Governor General, and of Mme Clarkson, personally, placing the very most positive construction on Rideau Hall's activities, and defending Her Excellency from invective and attacks not always justified. We have done this to our cost: disgruntled members, a distinct decline in contributions at one point, criticism even from our Parliamentary friends one of whom telephoned this office to ask if ever before in our experience we had heard of booing erupting when the Governor General's name was mentioned, as happened in that MP's constituency. Even the Commons' Operations Committee – though mindful of "good things" done, sent an unparalleled rebuke; the House confirmed chopping \$400,000 from the Rideau Hall budget in a December 9 vote.

We do not regret our past words: we admire Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul as people, appreciate their kindness to us, see their enormous devotion to Canada and salute all the good they have done, especially in supporting our Armed Forces. However, our ultimate loyalty must be to the Office, the Canadian Crown, not the person.

We do feel terribly saddened: we are sad that, in terms of the cause of some significant portion of recent controversies which have not been the result of the prevailing culture, and the remedies for which have lain within their control, Rideau Hall just doesn't seem to get it.

## LETTERS OF CREDENCE: INCREDIBLE

"Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast." Thus spoke the White Queen in *Through the Looking Glass*. And that is exactly how Mr Martin and his confrères wish the Canadian public to think – or rather, not to think, but to believe – in respect of The Queen's name being stripped from Letters of Credence and Recall. Their courteous explanations and verbal sleights of hand do not obscure the truth: Canada is hiding from the world the identity of its Head of State. The more sinister reality is that this unnecessary act is an end run around the Constitution, and as Fidelis points out in *A Very Alarming Situation* in these pages, the thin edge of a honed wedge.

The uproar in Ottawa during recent months has centered, first, on gay marriage and, latterly, on the Sponsorship scandal. These have necessarily muted any focus on what might at first glance seem to many a trivial administrative detail of arcane diplomatic practice, now "updated" courtesy of the republicans in PMO and PCO. Whether Mr Harper would reverse the Advice to Her Majesty,

and whether he will have the opportunity to do so, time will tell. It is easier to believe that he might than the truly impossible justification given for this wholly indefensible legal and personal slap at our Sovereign. We regret that we do not share the White Queen's credulousness. Nor do we believe that our dutiful Monarch is fooled for one second.

## LOIS HOLE

After several disastrous incumbencies, including a former occupant engaged in a public row with his successor over the location of the New Year's levee, Lois Hole restored dignity and public affection to the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. Her mission was the more significant in that the Province is arguably the most American in style, most "Reform"-minded in politics and, in its urban areas anyway, least traditional in



Lois Hole – Queen of Hugs

outlook in the Realm. Her Honour entered The Queen's service with several advantages: national respect through her reputation as one of Canada's leading horticulturalists, and her high-profile position (which she insisted on retaining for a time in order to meet existing commitments) as Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

Early days after her February, 2000 swearing in brought a few bobbles over Her Honour's openly speculating about how she might treat a request to give Royal Assent to a Bill giving private companies a role in the health care system. But even the Premier was quickly won over by Mrs Hole's devoted service, and that warmth of personality which was her hallmark. Mr Klein remarked on her January 6, 2005 death that "There is probably no community in Alberta which has not been touched by the grace of Mrs. Hole... for those gifts we are grateful and blessed."

Utterly genuine her style: we saw Her Honour's famous hugs in action one cold March night during Jubilee year when Prince Michael of Kent was touring Canada, and we brought HRH to an Edmonton restaurant for an informal dinner with Her Honour so that they would be acquainted before they undertook an engagement together the next day. After quite a late evening, Her Honour hugged goodbye every member of staff, manager through to bus boys, as she thanked them for an exceptional meal. The next day provided our favorite memory of Her Honour. Prince Michael had finished his Address to the Legislature, and met the Lieutenant Governor just outside the Chamber. Facing quite a formidable descent to their waiting car, HRH took



Her Honour's arm and gently supported her down the stairs. Royal and viceroy, making their way together: a wonderful picture and a special moment.

Her memory is deservedly hallowed in the land she loved.

### **THE ROYAL HOMECOMING AND A POSSIBLE ELECTION CALL**

This issue is being aired in the media as The Queen's homecoming draws near. How might a The Queen's May Homecoming be juxtaposed with a possible federal election should the Government be defeated on a Question of Confidence in the House of Commons?

To begin, the Prime Minister continues in office regardless of any Dissolution of Parliament. Unless or until he resigns, he remains The Queen's sole "advisor" in the constitutional sense in respect of Canada. Thus, he alone bears the responsibility to advise Her Majesty to proceed with, delay or cancel any Canadian Homecoming.

Second, The Queen is not a porcelain doll who needs to be insulated from the reality of partisan politics, of which she is well aware in all her Realms. Indeed, Her Majesty is continuing her programme of engagements in the UK during its current election campaign.

Third, one strong argument in favour of continuing the Royal Homecoming despite an election call just before or in the middle of the tour is that the focus of this particular visit is provincial; that is, the celebration of the Centenaries in Confederation of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Fourth, should an Election Writ be issued prior to The Queen's arrival, one possible way for the Prime Minister to ensure that The Queen's visit is in no way seen to be enmeshed in an election campaign would be for him to greet The Sovereign on her arrival, preferably in the company of the Leader of the Opposition, thus showing both courtesy to HM and a bi-partisanship transcending the disagreements of the moment. Mr Martin would then inform The Sovereign that the visits had been "provincialized." This would mean that while federal logistical, security and other support would continue, federal Ministers-in-Attendance – and invitations to Government and Opposition MP's to events along the tour – would be withdrawn. The primary "political" hosts would then be Premiers Calvert and Klein, respectively, as would be fitting given the nature of the visit. If it were thought necessary to have an ongoing federal presence, a senior Privy Councillor no longer involv-

ed in party politics could be delegated to perform this task on behalf of the Government. By agreement, active campaigning could be suspended for the three or four days of HM's presence in each of the provinces concerned.

As well, it might be both instructive and refreshing for HM to be in Canada during the early stages of a campaign. HM represents the unifying part of our political processes, the humane institution of the Crown; she is a world-respected stateswoman who seeks nothing for herself in a life of constant, dutiful service. These qualities would stand in fine contrast to the inevitable partisan bickering, jockeying for position and seeking of personal advantage which characterize the election process. Royal Tour-cum-election would provide Canadians with a useful primer to the dual nature of Canada's Executive Authority.

Finally, it is certainly true that there are potential disadvantages to HM's presence during an election period. Some politicians might seek to create controversy over the election call or the defeat of the Government in the House as it relates to the timing of her homecoming. Others might seek to intrude themselves into the media coverage of events in the visit. The media would most certainly parse every word HM uttered, seeking to find some "political" nuance in even the most carefully-crafted remarks HM might make. It is possible that such parsing and attention, coupled with the media focus on both tour and election, could diminish the celebratory, unifying and happy nature of what otherwise should be the highlight of the two Provinces' Centennial celebrations. As well, when HM comes to Canada, she does so as Queen of all Canada, and as Queen of all Canadians. "Provincializing" a visit, and holding it during a time of partisan debate amidst an election, would inevitably to some extent diminish the focus of the country upon sharing in Alberta and Saskatchewan's celebrations, and in reflecting on their significant contributions to Confederation.

As of press time, the political situation remains fluid and the foregoing is thus both hypothetical and speculative. One hopes that cool heads in the PMO and Mr Harper's offices might find an hour to speak civilly to each other as to the various possibilities, and determine the best decision for the country should the need arise: one which reflects honour to our beloved Sovereign, and credit to the maturity of our elected leaders.

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*Royal postcards on sale:  
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# **Excerpts From Statement by President of Treasury Board & Questions from MP's**

**At The House Of Commons Standing Committee On Government Operations & Estimates Re: The Governor General's Budget**

April 14, 2005

Hon. Reg Alcock (President of the Treasury Board):

...The principle I had wished to establish and, I believe, the committee wished to establish, for the Governor General's office at that time was that the Governor General's office, like any other function of Parliament, was accountable. When you're spending taxpayers' money, you need to come before the representatives of the people of Canada and defend that spending.

There are, however, some unique characteristics in the relationship between the Governor General's office and government. I believe they go back to the time of Cromwell when the King or the Crown was prevented from entering the House of Commons. They simply could not; it would have been improper for them to go there. That prohibition continues in our constitutional arrangements today.

There's another aspect to the Govern-



nor General's office that I think is important to consider as we go through our work, and that is, the Governor General, Parliament, and the judiciary constitute three separate bodies in our system of responsible government. The Governor General is the de facto head of state, as well as being commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces. In these capacities, the Governor General carries out constitutional and state responsibilities.

There are those who would argue that the Governor General is the linchpin of our responsible government, in that it is the Governor General, in addition to her other responsibilities, who ensures the continuity and functioning of government; ensuring that Canada always has a Prime Minister is a responsibility of the Governor General. It is to the Governor General that individuals would go should they ever wish to request a change in government. Summoning, proroguing, and dissolving Parliament are the responsibilities of the Governor General – not the government – as are reading the Speech from the Throne and granting royal assent to government legislation.

In the role of commander-in-chief, the Governor General performs an extremely potent symbolic role, building pride and morale among the troops and Canadians at large. For example, the Governor General visits Canadian forces in conflict zones such as Kosovo, Bosnia, and Afghanistan, meets with Canadian forces on bases in Canada, and represents

Canadians at memorial services and funerals of fallen military personnel.

The Governor General also fulfills important traditional roles related to bringing Canadians together and upholding and promoting Canadian values. Examples of these would be the regional visits to small communities and isolated communities in northern Canada, and to urban centres – approximately 50 communities per year in the very busy schedule of this Governor General.

I'd like to highlight some of the key initiatives that have been planned by the Governor General for 2005-06. The Governor General will be representing Canada alongside hundreds of Canadian veterans at events to commemorate the liberation of the Netherlands. She will officially open the Canadian War Museum. With Canadians in Saskatchewan and Alberta, she will celebrate the centennials of those provinces. She will visit with Canadians in a variety of northern communities, as well as other regions of the country. She will preside over as many as 14 honours investitures and several Governor General's Awards presentations. She will welcome up to 200,000 Canadians and other visitors to the official residences in both Ottawa and Quebec City.

The social aspects of the Governor General's commitments include comforting people in times of loss, offering hope and inspiration, recognizing achievement and celebrating excellence, bringing Canadians together, fostering unity, and promoting Canadian values. And all of this costs money.

The visitor services program, in which the agency invests \$1.2 million annually, is one of the Governor General's most highly visible and popular initiatives. The objective is to promote greater awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Governor General and the history of our democracy through school visits, historical exhibitions, and guided tours. Visitors to Rideau Hall and La Citadelle, as I've mentioned, number 200,000 annually, and surveys indicate that at least 82% leave with an increased understanding of our country.

There is also tremendous interest among Canadians in receiving milestone anniversary and birthday greetings, and we as members often participate in that and request those from the Governor General. Between 25,000 and 28,000 such messages are sent to Canadian citizens annually at a cost of \$90,000.

Over the past two years, the Governor General has presided over eight combined citizenship and Caring Canadian Award ceremonies, and during each of these, approximately 35 to 50 new citizens were sworn in. These events are held across Canada in the many recreational centres and schools the Governor General visits. Approximately 500 people attend each of these events, and the costs are from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Each year the Governor General presents honours and awards on behalf of all Canadians to recognize people who have demonstrated excellence, courage, or ex-

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ceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to our country. The Order of Canada, the Order of Military Merit, the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, decorations for bravery, and Meritorious Service decorations are some of the Canadian honours with which committee members are most likely familiar.

The Order of Canada, established in 1967, is the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. More than 4,000 Canadians have so far been invested for their contribution in making Canada a better country. And each year about 200 additional Canadians are so honoured. Four investiture ceremonies are held per year at a cost of \$75,000 per ceremony. Appointments to the order are made on the advice of an advisory council, chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada, that meets twice a year to review the over 1,000 nominations received from Canadian citizens.

Bravery awards are an example of the many honours and investitures over which the Governor General presides each year. You can imagine the poignancy associated with recognizing Canadians who have, in many cases, risked their own lives to save another. Three times a year the Governor General presides at awards and presents these awards. On average, 45 Canadians are honoured at each ceremony attended by approximately 200 people, including family and friends of the recipients. Each ceremony costs approximately \$60,000, including the cost of travel and accommodation within Canada for each recipient and one guest, as well as the cost of the reception following. In each case, there's a process to identify award recipients that involves research and analysis by the advisory committee. Many of you have attended ceremonies when your constituents are being so honoured.

Now to the details of the estimates. For the fiscal year 2005-06, the office is seeking \$19,060,000, a total amount that is \$121,000 less than the amount approved in their 2004-05 estimates, and this amount will be further reduced by their contribution to the expenditure review committee. The 2005-06 main estimates can be summarized in two areas of activity. First, the Governor General's program: \$9.4 million. This includes constitutional and traditional activities, at a cost of about \$4.3 million; visitor and outreach programs at Rideau Hall and La Citadelle – the one I mentioned before that has nearly 200,000 visitors – \$1.2 million; communications, at \$1.5 million; activities to promote citizens' engagement in communities across Canada as well as public events, at \$1.3 million; and funding for pensions and operating expenses for former Governors General, \$990,000. And the Governor General does receive a salary of \$114,000.

The second area of activity is the Canadian honours program, at \$4.1 million. This includes administration and implementation of the national honours system and the Canadian Heraldic Authority. An additional \$5.5 million is attributed to both of these program activities for corporate services support. The business line for former Governors General no longer appears in these estimates, as this is now incorporated in the Governor General's activity lines. These program activities will be measured and evaluated against the office's threefold strategic outcome: representing the Crown in Canada, promoting Canadian sovereignty, and recognizing excellence among

Canadians.

The Governor General has a constitutional responsibility to guarantee responsible government. It is her duty to promote Canadian sovereignty and to recognize excellence among Canadians. The agency is currently developing results-based performance measures to evaluate its success in reaching these outcomes.

**Joe Preston (Elgin-Middlesex-London, CPC):**

If I can get to some good financial questions right at the start, the budgets for 2005-06 and 2004-05 both sit at about \$19 million in total. We realize that when we add travel – I know we can't predict what travel will take place in 2005-06 – we come up with some millions more, if we average the last couple of years. A total of about \$35 million will be spent this year.

This Governor General has been our most active, with an awful lot of activity going on in the honours programs and, as you explained, in an awful lot of other areas. Canada is proud of those programs, but I'd like to ask the question again. Over the term of this Governor General, this budget has significantly increased. I don't want to quite use the term "doubled", but it's pretty close. The total overall value, or the total overall amount spent, has increased... let's just leave it that it has increased by a great deal. Are we doing that much more?

**Hon Reg Alcock:**

...In fact, some of the awards programs, which added significantly to the cost of the office, were begun under the previous Governor General. I think it was the Caring Canadian one. Each Governor General will select an area they wish to leave their mark on. The previous Governor General was Governor General LeBlanc, and one of his areas was to recognize the volunteer work of Canadians, so he began a program partway through his term that came into full application under this particular Governor General.

There was another area around the National Capital Commission. Frankly, there's an issue here if you wanted to look at it. You should look at the official housing operated by the National Capital Commission, because for political reasons we decide we're not going to invest in these things, and these very important, very beautiful old residences are falling down because we wear the hair shirt. There are some issues here. That situation was occurring at Rideau Hall, so money was put into the renovations and upkeep of Rideau Hall. There's no question about that.

Also, one of the things this Governor General has sought to do is to reach out to Canada, and she has been very active. I think in fairness – and Mr. Preston, we are very respectful of this office – there was concern by the members of the committee who first did this, because there had been a number of stories about what was seen as profligate or expansive spending. I think that's what prompted some of those early concerns.

We have an awful lot of information on that. I think we perhaps misunderstood a piece of that, in that often...the Governor General does not travel internationally without the approval of the government, most often at the request of the government. Her international travel would be to replace the Prime Minister or the Minister of Foreign Affairs, depending on the state occasion that would take her there, so some of that workload increase was a recognition of the unique

talent of this Governor General and the demands of the government at that time, and was driven by decisions outside her direct control.

Nonetheless, in some of the other foreign travel, if you look at the summary table, you will see there is quite a significant drop in travel. I would argue it is a direct result of the concerns expressed by this committee.

...In the 2000-01 fiscal year, which is the first fiscal year in which she was Governor General, her office budget was \$13.7 million. It grew to a high point of \$19.2 million, and it's just under \$19 million... Actually, when one recognizes that a good portion of that is staff, so that the statutory salary increments and all that are in it, decreasing the operational side still further, the order of magnitude over that period of time would be \$13.7 million to \$19.1 million, or about \$6 million.

...In 2005-06 the estimates will be further reduced by an additional \$300,000 because of the expenditure review commitment. Efficiencies will be realized through the following: modifying the format of some honours investiture ceremonies to reduce per capita costs and reduce staff overtime costs – there will be \$120,000 savings in that area; limiting the amount of hospitality offered to the community groups – sandwiches are getting smaller; non-government organizations of which the Governor General is patron, for a \$70,000 saving; reducing the promotion of honours activities, for roughly \$100,000 savings; and reducing costs of travel for Caring Canadian Award advisory committee meetings, through the use of teleconferencing, for about a \$10,000 savings.

**Ms. Louise Thibault (Rimouski-Neigette-Témiscouata-Les Basques, BQ):**

...Tell me how you will act differently. You are telling me that in 2003-04, the costs of support given by other departments to the Governor General was \$17 million and that they had been reduced to \$12 million. There has been less support to the Office. This is a huge decrease.

**Hon Reg Alcock:**

The very largest reduction you will note is in the travel and ceremonial events that the Governor General is participating in at the request of DFAIT, which has gone from \$4.5 million to \$500,000. That's where a large chunk of that major reduction would be found.

The vote that was taken in the House to reduce \$417,000 in the last quarter of last year was accommodated in a number of ways, none of them easy. The communication activities for the promotion of the honours programs were reduced. An exhibit that had been planned and budgeted for Rideau Hall was cancelled.

**Pat Martin (Winnipeg Centre, NDP):**

...I first want to say that I'm very grateful for how detailed and comprehensive this breakdown is. Part of the irritation we have felt in trying to learn the whole cost of operating the Office of the Governor General has been that it's like pulling teeth. Even though we were commenting on the budget of the office, it was very difficult to find everything laid out in this way, so I do find that really useful.

...What was the process by which the spending incrementally increased by 40% in a period of time? When every other government department and insti-

tution was being cut and hacked and slashed and gutted, this institution was incrementally creeping up year to year to year, 40% in the same period of time. How did that happen? Did they just start spending more money? Did they come to Treasury Board and say, "I want more money"? Certainly no oversight committee was ever engaged in commenting on these increases. How did you let that get past you?

...I would simply say that your comment was that the Governor General's budget grew because this Governor General truly reached out to Canada, and I don't deny that. I like the work she did in the north. I think it was wonderful, a real commitment to northern Canada, etc.

My question would be, who asked her to go? Can the Governor General of Canada, be it anyone, simply wake up with a notion one day and say, "I think I'm going to really get to know Inuit people and get Inuit people to know us", and embark on a whole new program that may cost \$1 million, or whatever? Do they have that kind of latitude? Is it that easy?

**Hon. Reg Alcock:**

I'm going to take a stab at this, because I don't have the precise answer. I'm going to suggest it's this way. Each Governor General is asked to define the areas in which they wish to focus, and should they wish to take on activities that incur greater cost, they would come back to the government and request the funds, and the funds would be either granted or denied. So the control would always be with the representative of the taxpayer to do it.

**Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, LIB):**

...We are going to have a new Governor General, I understand, maybe in October. On the Governor General prior to the current one, I'm not sure I remember what his objective was, but I do know he was quite ill during his last couple of years, and that probably impacted on the dollars spent. So I'd like to make sure we normalize the fact that we had an unusual circumstance.

But it raises the question that if we get a new Governor General in October and they don't have the same vision of traveling in Canada, I would expect a pretty substantial change in this budget if they want to spend more time here and have people come to them, as it were. Is there variability in the Governor General's operating expenses that would reflect a difference in philosophy?

**Hon. Reg Alcock:**

You have to think about that in two ways. On the core budget, there will still be 200,000 people visiting, and there will still be honour ceremonies that will be operated, and all that sort of thing. So that level of activity will be maintained, and it will incrementally grow in alignment with other cost increases. But should the next Governor General take a different approach to some of the outreach activities, I think you would expect a decrease.

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# Debate Extracts: Commons Cuts the GG's Budget

DECEMBER 9, 2004

**On the Motion of the Government to Restore the \$400,000 cut from The Governor General's Budget (after which the House divided, and the Motion to reinstate was lost 120-171)**

**Hon Reg Alcock, PC, MP: President of the Treasury Board:** While the Governor General does not appear by convention, and should not appear, her staff were there immediately. They provided detailed information and responded very openly and frankly to members of the committee. If members look at the Governor General's budget, the incident the people were concerned about took place a whole budget cycle ago. This is a different budget year. The increase the Governor General's office received this year was effectively zero and travel has been curtailed. Therefore, a lot of the issues that members were concerned about were addressed in this budget....

The Governor General is a very intelligent woman. She got the message loud and clear from Canadians and from the House, and she moderated her behaviour. The precipitating incident has been corrected. The travel costs of the Governor General are often covered if she is travelling on behalf of the government, DFAIT might cover it or defence might cover it if she is travelling in her capacity as commander-in-chief. Has the total amount of travel been reduced? The answer is yes. Are there any more trips of the kind where the concerns came out? The answer is no.

**John Cummins, MP: Delta-Richmond East, BC:** Part of the issue that troubled most Canadians was the travel that the Governor General undertook as she saw it to do her job. Most Canadians were offended by some of that. They saw it as extravagant. The other part of the Governor General's job involves ceremonial duties and the maintenance of her residence, which is a historical site. I understand they are part of the budget as well. I do not want to see the Governor General's ability to perform the sort of ceremonial duties that are expected of her undercut or impacted. I want to ensure that the kind of travel that was undertaken, which I understand was not in her budget but came out of foreign affairs, is stopped. I want to see that sort of non-sense stopped.

**Pat Martin, MP: Winnipeg Centre, MB:** The only argument I have heard so far from the Liberals has been that to reduce the Governor General's budget, to ask her to tighten her belt and sharpen her pencil, would be inconvenient. It would inconvenience the Governor General for us to impose these conditions at this time. This comes from a government that had no qualms whatsoever cutting, hacking and slashing virtually every social program in the country that we value and inconveniencing millions of people by reducing the benefits they may enjoy from those programs. Yet, by some class issue, it will not apply the same logic to Rideau Hall.

**Leon Benoit, MP: Vegreville-Wainwright, AB:** ...the committee requested in a report about a year ago that the Governor General report on her spending and on her plans for spending in a much more complete way. To be fair, the Office of the Governor General has moved on that and is doing a better job now, but there is still a long way to go. The committee expected more and this spending cut was partly to send a message that she

will provide a better accounting of spending, better budgeting or a better explanation of the effectiveness of the spending or she simply would not get the money. I think that message was sent loud and clear.

**Peter MacKay, MP: Central Nova, NS:** When the Governor General took 59 of her friends and colleagues from the arts community to circumnavigate the globe, a trip which was exorbitant by any standard, costing over \$5 million to the Canadian taxpayer, there was a price to pay for that. That price to pay is coming from the pockets of hard-working Canadian taxpayers. To that end a very strong message is being sent, a strong message that addresses concerns that the Prime Minister used to hold over the democratic deficit, concerns that Canadians should have over the way in which the government and the Governor General have spent their money.

**Ms. Louise Thibault, député (Rimouski-Neigette-Témiscouata-Les Basques, QC):** It is up to the Governor General and her senior officials to use their creativity and their undoubted sense of innovation, to do things differently and reduce costs... I am sure we can all remember the slogan – one I heard more often in a previous life – that was widely used in the government: “Do more with less”. It is high time for the head of state, the Governor General, to lead the way.

**Ms. Françoise Boivin (Gatineau, Lib.):** Culture may not be important to some parties in this house, but it is extremely important to this government. It comes to life through the activities of the Governor General and the intensity and vigour of these activities in helping to interpret Canadian values and Canadian identity, not only to the nation but also to the world... It included a “walking home initiative”, where people in their various communities were invited to join the Governor General in walking, talking and enjoying each other's company in the natural local setting.

**An hon. member:** Oh, oh!

**Ms. Françoise Boivin:** Some people might laugh at that, but the people who walked with the Governor General, if they laughed it was from happiness, not from contempt like we can hear sometimes in this room. These walks were held in the Forillon National Park in Gaspé. Along the seashore in Newfoundland, between Repulse Bay, Naujaat, and the Arctic Circle, and I could go on and on. This gave the Governor General a chance to speak. It permitted the Governor General to speak with Canadians and this is what we have to look into when we take such a decision...

**Hon. Bill Graham (Minister of National Defence, Lib.):** I think the proposition to cut the budget of the Governor General is unwise, I think it is unjustified and I think it is misdirected. It is first and foremost an attack on the institution of the Governor General and as such it is unwise. It is also a personal attack, as we have heard in the House tonight, on the present Governor General and as such it is unjustified. It will punish Canadians who otherwise would benefit from the programs that will have to be cancelled and as a result it is misdirected.

We rarely reflect on the role of the Crown in Canada and its importance to our Constitution and democracy. It is ironic, I suggest to colleagues, that we are called upon to do so in this debate...

I believe that this institution is impor-

tant to us. It is the symbol of what we are as a nation and it serves to differentiate us in important ways from our culturally powerful neighbour to the south and thus to craft our unique Canadian identity.

Its present incumbent – and here is where I say this is a personal attack – incarnates, in my view, the modern Canadian experience, as the member for Gatineau so well expressed tonight: integrating newcomers. The present incumbent came here as a refugee from China. She came here as a refugee during the war in Hong Kong, and I am proud when I go to Asia representing our country to be able to say we are one of the rare institutions in the world that has chosen as our head of state someone who is an immigrant and has come to our shores as a refugee. We should be proud of that...

I would like to tell the House tonight about my experience as its defence minister.

The Governor General is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces. As such, she plays a significant role, by recognizing the contribution of our military and by providing a great deal of moral support to our troops in active service... Let the members opposite speak to our troops and ask them what they think about the Governor General when she visited them in Kosovo in 2002, in Bosnia in 2001, spending her Christmas aboard our naval ships in the gulf in 2002, and in Kabul, Afghanistan, for New Year's in 2003. No doubt the opposition would like to cut her trip to Kabul this year.

This is an attack on the Governor General. This is an attack on the commander in chief of our forces, who is very much appreciated by our troops. It is an attack on the ability of our troops to be able to benefit from the presence of our Governor General.

I totally agree with her. She has comforted the wounded around the world and the families of deceased soldiers killed in active duty and I have been there to see it. She has paid tribute on countless occasions to our veterans and those who have died in defence of Canada, Canadian values and freedom and justice.

I was proud the other day to attend an awards ceremony of medals at Rideau Hall. I saw the Governor General personally comforting widows of those who had served for our country, people who had died.

I ask the opposition to ask those widows, ask those members of our forces who received decorations from the Governor General. They appreciate it. They appreciate her service. They appreciated her when she went to Juno Beach, when she attended in June 2004 for D-day. They appreciated it when she returned subsequently on their behalf to Italy to celebrate the sacrifices they had made.

Since the hon. members do not wish to accept my words, let them listen to the words of Cliff Chatterton, who has not necessarily been a great friend of the government, but he is a prominent advocate for Canada's veterans. He said of the current Governor General that:

*She takes her role as commander in chief of the armed forces very seriously. I have been dealing with governors-general going back to 1945 and in my estimation she is the first one who has decided that is a real role.*

That is the role that the troops of our country have for her. All I ask of the

opposition is to ask our troops. I have asked them and they stand behind their Governor General and their commander in chief.

A lot of the origins of this motion result from trips that the Governor General has organized on behalf of Canada. Let us recognize that the Governor General, when she travels on state visits at the formal request of the Government of Canada through the Prime Minister and on the advice of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, is acting on behalf of Canadians.

I had the privilege, as did some members of the opposition some time ago, when I was chair of the foreign affairs committee, to go with her on a trip to Argentina. With her she took a general. She took aboriginal leaders. She took politicians. She took cultural and university leaders and she took representatives of industry.

This unprecedented team Canada approach at diplomacy has been an unqualified success for Canada. It has given us a new image of ourselves. She has adopted that approach on other trips, garnering enormous attention for Canada. In the media of foreign countries and countries she visits, that attention is of direct benefit to us and our profile and our commercial prospects in those countries.

These cuts will not punish the Governor General. They will punish Canadians, ordinary Canadians who look forward to participating in activities that will now have to be cancelled, and whereby their contributions to their country will not be able to be recognized. That is the object of this resolution.

**An hon. member:** That's her fault.

**Hon. Bill Graham:** That is her fault, says a member of the opposition. That sums it all up. It is that meanspirited nature of this measure. It is meanspirited, it is misdirected, it is undeserved and, in my view, it is not worthy of this Parliament.

I recommend that we reconsider this and restore the budget of a Governor General who has chosen to work hard, do her job honestly, try to elevate the nature of how we see ourselves as a country and is respected and admired by her fellow citizens.

**Mr. Lee Richardson (Calgary Centre, AB):** ...It is not about the office of the Governor General. No one here is out to attack the office of the Governor General. It is simply about trimming her sails and taking her down a notch or two. Maybe she was living a little high on the hog and the folks just said that it was enough. Before she destroyed the office of the Governor General in the minds of Canadians, because of this profligate waste of spending, we wanted her to just tone it down a bit. It is about that.

It is not about her travelling across Canada. It is about her travelling around the world with an entourage of friends, flaunting our money and wasting it. That has annoyed Canadians. Canadians said that it is enough and that it should be toned down a bit.

It is not about some great dramatic loss of money for the Governor General or people not getting their Order of Canada or their bravery medal because we are cutting her back. We are talking about \$400,000 out of an almost \$20 million budget.

It is a slap on the wrist to say, “Enough is enough. Just tone it down a little Your Excellency”.

# STROME GALLOWAY 1916-2004

*Military hero, League co-founder, heraldist, author, patriot*

John Ralston Saul and Monarchist League contingent at military funeral

**M**arch, 1970 found me working as Administrative Assistant to the Rt Hon John Diefenbaker in his suite of Parliamentary offices on the fourth floor of the Centre Block. A month or so before I had agreed to use the sixteen names of Canadians who were members of the International Monarchist League and contact them, with a view to establishing an independent Monarchist League of Canada. The door to the office opened, and – unannounced in those days of nearly non-existent security on the Hill – in bounded Strome Galloway. The rest, as they say, is history.

On August 16, 2004, as Paul Benoit, Bill Galbraith and Leo Regimbal sat beside me in a crowded pew at St Bartholomew's Church, Ottawa, to represent the League at Strome's funeral, it seemed an era had ended. In this the home church of Rideau Hall, a great concourse of Strome's friends and colleagues in various causes joined with his brothers-in-arms to bid farewell to a remarkable Canadian. It was fitting and appropriate that HE John Ralston Saul was also present. Not only had Government House and all it had stood for lain at the centre of Strome's loyal heart, but His Excellency's mother had known the Galloways well. It was that sort of a gathering: an interweaving of associations and friendships, of un-self-conscious patriotism and assumed duty which very much represented the Canada that had been but, alas, seems to have vanished before our eyes.

Not surprisingly, in our last conversation just a few weeks before his death, Strome had alluded to this new era in which history and tradition seem swept away by forces representing a great deal of energy but not much accomplishment. He fretted about how he should dispose of his collection of military memorabilia and the many volumes of books he had collected down the years. But he remained intensely curious about the work and progress of the Monarchist League, and frustrated that, bed bound, he had been unable to attend a Palace function which the Duke of Edinburgh had organized for Senior Colonels of his Regiments.

After a brief period as the League's Ottawa Chairman, a time marked by growing pains for a young League infil-



*Wearing his Gold Badge of Service, Colonel Galloway reminisces at Dominion Chairman's Accession Sunday Luncheon, February, 2000*

trated by curious individuals with various extreme agendas unrelated to the Monarchy, and a very raw Dominion Chairman, Strome never again held formal office in the organization. But his influence was seminal: whether drafting a Brief to oppose Mr Trudeau's Constitutional Amendment package, writing for the former *Monarchy Canada*, or speaking around the country, his presence, loyalty and eloquence never lay far from our consciousness. And he never hesitated to pick up the telephone with a word of advice, the latest gossip from military circles in Ottawa and a dollop of encouragement as he saw the young and easily-ridiculed organization slowly transform into the respected voice of Canadian monarchism. It was with great joy we welcomed him to Toronto in 2000 as he held an overflow Lunch audience spellbound with his reflections on Crown and League. Later that day, he witnessed with pride Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston give us our Armorial on behalf of The Governor General, Arms bearing the Royal Crown by permission of Her Majesty The Queen.

Many have wondered how it was that this most active and courageous of wartime soldiers never received a decoration; and those of us who knew Strome in civilian life found it even more incomprehensible that he was not subsequently honoured by his country with the Order of Canada or Order of Military Merit. The latter may be partly explained by Strome's controversial political campaign as a Tory candidate in an era marked by linguistic debate, a particularly contentious issue in the National Capital where thousands of unilingual English-speaking public servants felt themselves threatened and were eventually displaced as the institutional memory of ministry after ministry was deracinated. But I think the clue to both omissions may lie in Strome's essential character. He was a fighter rather than a conciliator. He expressed his views openly and did not worry about his "image." (See Mr Cooper's wry tribute, below.) His strivings were for Queen and truth rather than for

the praise of his superiors and self-aggrandizement.

Lest the foregoing make Strome seem a man combative and steely of temperament, nothing could be further from reality. He was a man of faith. Always a loving husband and father, his latter years were largely spent as devoted nurse to Jean, his beloved wife who was as one in all his endeavours. "Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own" run the final lines of a Chesterton poem I sent Strome to cheer him several years ago. He never failed to tell us that it occupied a prominent place on his refrigerator door. He lived the words daily during a life lived large and well.

Fellow League member Bob Nuttall passed on this poem, which Avis Walters wrote for Winston Churchill. Its words seem an apt conclusion to my inadequate tribute to this brave man:

*Tread thou the way of truth,  
Where none but heroes, with heads held high  
And eyes aflame, deserve to be;  
And on God's battlements with imprint deep  
Now firmly are thy feet emplaced  
That Death, indeed in flight, might lose the victory.  
Here is thy guerdon won,  
And on thy brow 'tis firmly laid,  
As History doth thy nobleness invest  
That in thy finest hour – now in Elysium fields  
Thy restless spirit still – may now at last find rest.  
Rest in Peace, old friend. JLA*

## Reminiscences & Tributes From League Members

*From Paul Benoit, Ottawa, Vice-Chairman of The Monarchist League of Canada:* For the last few years of his life, Strome lived at New Edinburgh Square, a residence for seniors not too far from the centre of Ottawa. As it happens, my mother was also a resident there and that provided me with another perspective on Strome's noble character. The way he cared for his wife Jean was the subject of admiration on the part of the other resi-



*Colonel Galloway with Toronto Chairman Kent Jackson at Ottawa Branch Dinner, c 2001*

dents. Strome had been a hero to the soldiers under his command, to monarchists and others who cared about our heritage, and here, in the last campaign of his life, was he still setting an example of devotion for all around him.

*From Bill Galbraith, Past Chairman, Ottawa Branch:* I first met Strome in 1983, a short time after I had joined the Monarchist League. There was no Branch activity to speak of, one of those cyclical times in volunteer organizations. Strome was recovering from hip surgery. His name was in *Monarchy Canada* magazine as Chairman, so I telephoned him to ask what was going on. He replied something to the effect of: not much but let's meet after I'm out of hospital and we'll see what we can do. The rest is, as they say, history! He was a guiding light always and to my mind always the best speaker we ever had, whether planned or spontaneous. He was a born raconteur.

When Strome and Jean were living on Alta Vista Drive in Ottawa, I used to work in a building a short distance from their home. Sometimes, at noon, I would wander down and have a cup of coffee and we'd talk. These were great diversions from my business day and the conversations were always enjoyable and stimulating. Sometimes, I would drop by in the evening to ask him a particular question, monarchical or military, to which I knew he would have the answer. During one of my visits, and while he had difficulty manoeuvring the stairs,



*Happy days: Strome and Jean outside Officers' Mess, while visiting RCR soldiers on UN duty, Nicosia, Cyprus, 1991*



*Last Post: The Quartermaster of Honour, found by the 1st and 3rd Battalions, Royal Canadian Regiment, bear their distinguished son and Colonel of the Regiment to interment in Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa, August 16, 2005*



Co-founders: Strome Galloway with John Aimers

Strome asked me to go down to his study, and in a particular place I would find his funeral arrangements and could I bring them up to him. I did. He wanted to make some amendment to them, explaining that he didn't want his wife Jean to know he was planning his own funeral! This was when they both still had many good years ahead of them. Strome seemed to leave very little to chance, at least that which was within his control. Strome set a wonderful example for all of us as we age; staying engaged in life is the only way, right to the end.

From Fr Robert Greene, Calgary Branch Chairman: We served at the same time in Italy, though he was with the 1st Div and I was with the 5th. I shall be saying mass to-night with a special intention for Strome's soul, and thanksgiving for his life and witness.

From Capt Terry Lawrence, Foxwarren, Manitoba: Shortly after I was commissioned in the Air Force I was stationed in Ottawa and attended the final "Stand-down" parade for the Canadian Guards on Parliament Hill. I was in the "New Hellyer Green" uniform. As I was escorting my wife and children to the stands I passed Col. Galloway and saluted him. He was, of course, dressed in full Guards dress uniform, standing with other officers awaiting their call to parade. He noticed my Air Force badges and thanked me for attending. My wife and I both mentioned to him how we could understand the importance of such a parade and how sad it must be to see the Guards disbanded. He made no



Strome with two of his grandchildren

attempt to cover his disappointment and as he shook my wife's hand and saluted her. He had more than a single tear in his eye. It was a most impressive parade and as everyone must know, there was never a more impressive Guards officer than Strome Galloway. I did meet him at a couple of other Ottawa events but that final parade will be a lifetime memory.

From Bill Lee, Qualicum Beach, BC, past Chairman Central Vancouver Island Branch: I never served with Strome but I did correspond with him and feel that I got to know him through his many books and articles in the Legion magazine. I believe that he was proudest, and rightfully so, of the fact that he saw more front line service than any other Canadian officer or other rank. That that unique service in action was not recognized by the usual citations such as the Military Cross and the Distinguished Service Order has always been a mystery to me. We have lost an irreplaceable link to the Canada that was.

From Mark Paine, Ottawa: Strome Galloway was such a wonderful gentleman and a tremendous supporter of the military (given his long and distinguished service record). I first met Strome when I was a junior officer and had the opportunity to chat with him on many occasions and he was most willing to take the time to talk to the junior subalterns which to our way of thinking was a wonderful thing. I met Strome through a very dear friend of mine who has also since departed (Capt Rean Meyer UE and a monarchist in his own right) and these two gentlemen were truly gentlemen's gentlemen.

From Leo Regimbal, Ottawa Branch Chairman: Colonel Galloway was a Knight Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, and a gentleman for whom I had the greatest respect within the Order of St. John. He wrote what is considered to be a definitive history of the Order when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Order in Canada in 1983. I, for one, will miss him greatly.

From Darrell Small, Ottawa: It seems that Strome, in his inimitable way, since the early seventies, was the cause of my involvement in The Heraldry Society, The Ontario Genealogical Society and the Monarchist League... The first Monarchist meeting that I attended was when Strome stepped down in January 1986 and Bill Galbraith became Chairman. The meeting was in the Ottawa Public Library auditorium, and Strome and Jean were sitting behind me. At the end

of that meeting Secretary, Blair Stannard announced "There is now a vacancy in the executive". Strome's hand descended sharply on my shoulder, while his voice loud and clear "Darell! do you want to be an executive??" Well! what was I to say, but Yes? Looking back, it is very evident that Strome was the central factor in my career as a retired officer and civic servant. It was an honour to work with him!

From Clifford Snell, Ottawa: I first heard the name Strome Galloway in January 1968 when I became a member of The Canadian Guards where his name was as common as Tim Horton... I first saw Colonel Galloway in June 1970 as he commanded The Canadian Guards last parade at Rideau Hall when our colours were given to the care of His Excellency Gov Gen. Mitchener. I had the opportunity to speak briefly to him at the last national reunion of former Canadian Guardsman in Petawawa last summer (where he was guest of honour and reviewing officer for our brief parade). I could see that I was speaking to a perfect gentleman, the kind of person that makes this world a better place. His passing leaves a hole that will be difficult to close.

From Robert Tracy, Ottawa: We are diminished! Strome Galloway epitomized the unique generation that rose to the challenge of the depression years and the Second World War. In the thick of battle as a young officer assigned to a Brit regiment, and later as an officer with the RCR, and post-war with the Canadian Guards, Strome always served as a superb role model for all elements of Canada's military. As an NCO during Hellyer's unification and integration fiasco, I fought the move that led to the destruction of Canada's military as one of the western world's best fighting force. We were aided in our cause by Strome and a few others of his ilk. As editor of the Canadian Forces magazine *Sentinel* in the early 1970s, I had the honour to interview Strome on a number of subjects, and visited his Alta Vista home "Redstones" on a few occasions, and later spent time with him at various Highland Games in Montreal and Eastern Ontario: a great man. Canada will feel his loss.

...and finally this, which we print with affection. As those who knew him will attest, it was so utterly Strome:

From F. Cooper, Victoria, BC: Strome Galloway was the man who, never having met me, wrote a letter to the Ottawa newspaper replying to one I had written criticising the government, in which he said in part: "Mr Cooper is obviously the sort who watches sports on TV on his front porch, drinking beer and wearing an undershirt."

CMN has in its possession a final article from Strome, entitled "Tittle Tattle with the Titled," which will be published in a future issue. — Ed.

### Galloway Gold Badge of Service to be Returned to the League

Long-time members may recall the Monarchist League of Canada's system of giving modest recognition to devoted and long-serving members. Others may wish to browse the website for an account of these honours, to be found at <http://www.monarchist.ca/new/docs/leaguehonours.html>

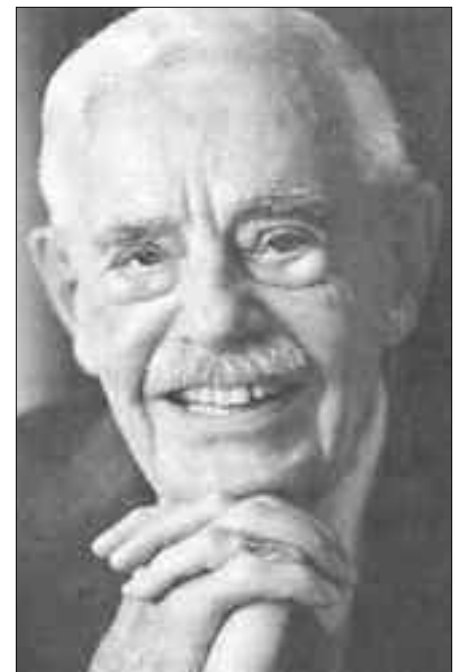
The Gold Badge of Service is an ex-



Strome Galloway as Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel of the Canadian Guards c. 1957

ceptionally rare distinction, for outstanding service to the League at the national level, or in a variety of capacities and/or Branches. Only 10 may wear it at any one time. It is returned to the League at the death of its holder, so that in the future it may be presented to another worthy recipient, so forming a fellowship of shared loyalty down the years.

It is therefore with mixed sorrow and pride that the League has been advised that the Badge of the late Colonel Strome Galloway, the second-longest Gold Badge holder (presented to him by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma at the League's 15th Anniversary Banquet in 1985), is by his specific instruction to be returned. In the fullness of time, a new presentation of this very special Badge will be made.



# Hope for the Monarchy in Canada: The Provincial Crown

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*“The opportunities for the Canadian Crown now lie largely in provincial jurisdiction. Given both the long-standing negativity in official Ottawa with respect to the institution and recent developments, supporters of the monarchy should turn their attention to the provinces. At the same time, it is in the interest of the provinces, whether they realize it or not, to reinforce the status of the provincial Crown as a key to their co-sovereignty in Confederation and an antidote to recurrent efforts at centralization.”*

## Introduction

Supporters of the Canadian Crown and the role of the monarchy in Canada are increasingly disturbed by the direction taken by some Ottawa authorities, especially Rideau Hall, in the first years of the twenty-first century. This direction appears to be, on the one hand, minimizing the status of the Sovereign through exclusion, disinformation and discourtesy towards Her Majesty and her family; and, on other hand, downplaying the status of the Queen's provincial representatives, the Lieutenant Governors – in both cases with a view to elevating the status of the Governor General as “head of state”. This article gives a provincial perspective on the issue.

## Background

In our Canadian federal state there are eleven component Crowns: that for the country as a whole and those for each of the ten provinces. The Canadian Crown reflects this by operating as a “monarchical triumvirate”: the Queen is Canadian Head of State; the Governor General carries out most of her functions on her behalf for purposes of federal jurisdiction; and the Lieutenant Governors do the same for purposes of provincial jurisdiction. To quote a constitutional lawyer, in Canada “sovereignty is vested in one particular individual, the reigning monarch, acting in Parliament for some purposes and in the provincial Legislatures for others.”

As *The Canadian Monarchy in Saskatchewan* reminded us in 1990, “since the Queen transcends and encompasses both the central and provincial governments, the Canadian headship of state is not a creature of either jurisdiction. Through the offices of the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor, the Queen reigns impartially over Confederation as a whole.”

The same point is made by Frank MacKinnon in *The Crown in Canada* (1976) when he writes of the “team of governors” and notes that the sovereignty of provincial governments is not passed on to them by the Parliament of Canada or by the Governor General but through the Crown. Jacques Monet, in *The Canadian Crown* (1979), had put it this way: “The adaptation of the Crown to a federal system was a unique and daring experiment. But it works. The sovereignty of the same Crown is exercised by different representatives in different jurisdictions. Thus diversity has been reconciled to unity.” More recently, David Smith notes in *The Invisible Crown* (1995) that the original provinces inherited the prestigious institution of the Crown from pre-

Confederation days and followed its logic to define themselves in a “constitutional amalgam [...] called compound monarchy.”

Thus the provincial Crown and the status of the Lieutenant Governor are crucial to provincial co-sovereignty and the working of Canadian federalism.

## Questioning the Monarchy

The monarchy in Canada, given its subtlety, discreet profile and historical origins, has been questioned and challenged in Canada as in Australia and New Zealand. This debate is legitimate and welcome to the extent that citizens understand the nature of the institution and its pros and cons as a form of government, or, more specifically, of a headship of state. What is not welcome, however, is disinformation, whether deliberate or involuntary, by public authorities and by or through the media. Much of this disinformation consists of treating the Crown as a possession of the central government. It clearly is not.

For example, there are calls from some quarters to end the monarchy in Canada by the simple expedient of making the Governor General Head of State. On the surface, this would seem easy to do. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth. Under the *Constitution Act, 1982*, there must be unanimity between both Houses of Parliament and all ten provincial legislatures for any changes to the Offices of the Queen, the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor. Even if such a change were feasible, it would be highly divisive. The monarchy in Canada is diverse, deep-rooted and multifaceted. It is not the sole property of the central government and Parliament in Ottawa. It has a profound provincial dimension.

The proponents of making the Governor General the Canadian Head of State characteristically fail to appreciate this dimension. Provincial resistance (including, incidentally, that of Quebec) torpedoed the efforts of the Trudeau government in the 1970s to downgrade the role of the Queen. The federal government of the 1970s (and indeed its successors for the next twenty-five years), in David Smith's words, “misperceived the complexity of the Crown [and] failed [...] to recognize its federalist dimension. In this conceit they proved themselves true descendants of Sir John A. Macdonald” [who had a centralist vision of Canada and its Crown]. In Australia a similar lack of attention to the monarchy's federal nature contributed to the defeat of the republican option in the 1999 referendum in that country. It is no disrespect to the historic and distinguished Office of Governor General to assert that the provinces, in the interest of their own constitutional status, should strongly resist any move to replace the Queen as



Provincial Honours strengthen the Canadian Crown. Here, the Prince of Wales sits with his fellow recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, 2001

Head of State by the Governor General.

Those pushing for elimination of the monarchy also do not appear to consider the interests of the Aboriginal peoples, whose loyalty to the Queen is very well known. For the First Nations in western Canada the treaties are sacred agreements between themselves and the monarch (First Nations prominently fly the Union Jack). The Aboriginal peoples instinctively understand the powerful moral and social and political resonances of symbol; and while their treaties are with the federal Crown, their respect extends to its provincial counterpart.

## Current Situation

Those interested in the provincial Crown may deplore as much as anyone else the discourtesy shown to the Queen during 2002, Golden Jubilee Year, when Rideau Hall deliberately played down the Jubilee in favour of the coincidental 50th anniversary of the “Canadian Governors General”; or the awkward treatment of Her Majesty at Juno Beach on D-Day, 2004; or the recent removal of references to the Sovereign on the Letters Credence of Ambassadors. Similar attitudes are evident towards the provincial Crown, notably in connection with visits to the provinces by the Governor General, at the annual conferences of Lieutenant Governors, and with respect to provincial honours.

### Visits of the Governor General

In his chapter in the anthology *Saskatchewan Politics: Into the 21st Century*, Dr Michael Jackson notes the attitude of the Governor General's staff during the tenure of Jeanne Sauvé:

*The style of this governor general was not such as to endear her to an informal rural population. An austere classical concert sponsored by Sauvé in Regina was unenthusiastically received. Lieutenant Governor Fred Johnson was nearly apoplectic when he caught one of Sauvé's staff changing his seating plan at a dinner at Government House. Local municipalities were offended when Rideau Hall staffers attempted to ban the singing of “God Save The Queen” and replace the toast to the Queen by a “toast to the Governor General”. While this was in line with current thinking in Ottawa, it was a gross misreading of prairie sensitivities.*

(“Political Paradox: The Lieutenant Governor in Saskatchewan”, 2001)

The attempts to portray the Governor General as “Head of State” have unfortunately been revived and extended in recent years. Visits of the Governor General to the provinces unleash renewed assertions by Rideau Hall staff that the Governor General is “Number One” everywhere in Canada and has precedence over everyone, even on clearly provincial occasions. Provincial authorities who point out that the Lieutenant Governor, as direct representative of the Queen, takes precedence over everyone within the province except the Sovereign, encounter denial. It is not clear whether Rideau Hall staff act out of ignorance of the constitutional position of the Crown in the federal state, or on instructions, although one increasingly suspects the latter. “Protocol battles” have sometimes ensued. It is regrettable that in these disputes some jurisdictions have given into to pressure (even ultimata) from Rideau Hall, either because of failure to grasp the implications or in order to avoid potentially embarrassing situations.

### Conferences of Lieutenant Governors

Conferences of the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors (and now the Territorial Commissioners) have taken place since the 1970s. Originally convened by the Governor General in Ottawa, they now take place in different locations across Canada and are hosted by the local vice-regal representative, although they continue to be chaired by the Governor General. Staffing is provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Since the sessions take place *in camera* and the discussions and outcomes are not reported, any comment on the conferences is necessarily anecdotal. However, several sources confirm that the attitude of Rideau Hall towards the provincial vice-regal representatives on these occasions displays the same characteristics as during visits of the Governor General, and that the efforts to distance Canada from the Royal Family are as much in evidence here as in the public forum. Although there are indications of dissatisfaction in vice-regal offices across Canada, few lieutenant governors appear ready to actively counter the increasingly-assertive moves by Rideau Hall to portray the Governor General as “head of state.”

### Provincial Honours

Canadian honours of the Crown differ significantly from those of Australia. The Australian states have participated fully in the national honours system of that country since it was established in 1975: states receive an allocation of nominations for honours and the state governors present most national honours to recipients within their states. Proposed nominations are approved by the Governor General and then – unlike Canadian honours – submitted to The Queen.

The Canadian provinces, on the other hand, have been virtually excluded from Canada's national honours since their inception in 1967. Lieutenant governors may be asked to comment on nominations for the Order of Canada in their province and may present exemplary service or commemorative medals. Other than that, the provinces have no direct connection with national honours.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Canadian provinces (unlike the Australian states) decided to get into the “honours business” themselves. Ontario started with medals in 1973 and Québec instituted the first provincial order in 1984, closely followed by Saskatchewan in 1985. Now all ten provinces have orders and some (Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland & Labrador) have decorations or medals as well.

Rideau Hall's attitude towards provincial honours was *ab initio*, negative, denying their legitimacy, asserting that provinces could not use the Crown on their insignia, and withholding national recognition of provincial honours so that Canadians, theoretically, could not officially wear them. A compromise was brokered in 1991 when Ray Hnatyshyn was Governor General, granting status to provincial orders in the national sequence of orders, decorations and medals (this was extended later to certain other provincial honours).

Leaving aside Rideau Hall's stated concern about “proliferation” and “weakening” of Canadian honours due to these provincial initiatives – and arguments can be made exactly to the contrary –

what is of interest to supporters of the monarchy is that provincial honours have (with the single exception of Quebec) raised the profile of the lieutenant governors and increased the relevance of the Crown to the people. At a time when the role of the Queen and the Crown in national honours is being minimized, this is no small achievement.

### What Can Be Done to Strengthen the Crown?

The opportunities for the Canadian Crown now lie largely in provincial jurisdiction. Given both the long-standing negativity in many quarters of official Ottawa with respect to the institution, and recent developments, supporters of the monarchy should turn their attention to the provinces. At the same time, it is in the interest of the provinces, whether they realize it or not, to reinforce the status of the provincial Crown as a key to their co-sovereignty in Confederation and an antidote to recurrent efforts at centralization. Within provinces a great deal can be done to enhance the prestige of the Crown and its relevance to the citizenry if the will is there to do so.

### Education

Falling within provincial jurisdiction, education is of course the prime vehicle to reach Canadian youth. The failings in all provinces with respect to the teaching of civics and history have been well documented and it is not surprising that institutions like the monarchy are not well explained to students. Indeed, they sometimes contain egregious mis-statements. For example, the approved text *Canadian by Conviction*, published by the large educational firm of Gage, makes this assertion on page 36: "Many people find it irrational to have the Queen as Canada's head of state. They argue that the monarchy is a useless relic of our colonial past. They say it may have made some sense in Canada's early years when so many people in the country were of British descent, but it has no place in modern, multicultural Canada." On the next page, it states as a matter of fact: "Over the years, Canada has worked to make the royal connection less obvious." Incredibly, this textbook contains in its introduction a letter from the Governor General!

On the other hand, schools and teachers are constantly looking for enrichments to curricula. It behooves supporters of the Crown to offer them some. The Monarchist League has its "red box" program. The Dominion Institute promotes Canadian studies. The Department of Canadian Heritage has published Eugene Forsey's *How Canadians Govern Themselves* and the excellent *Symbols of Canada*, which gives substantial space to the Crown. Thanks to the personal initiative of Senator Serge Joyal, the Senate of Canada has published an attractive illustrated brochure on its collection of the portraits of all our French, British and Canadian monarchs, *Canada: A Constitutional Monarchy*.

At various times Ontario and British Columbia have produced booklets or videos on the Crown. Saskatchewan has also developed a number of educational initiatives, including placing in every school and public library a number of works such as Dr Jackson's *The Canadian Monarchy in Saskatchewan* (1990), an educational video, *From Palace to Prairie: The Crown and Responsible Government in Saskatchewan* (1997), and a pamphlet, *The Monarchy in Saskatchewan*, designed especially for schools for the 2005 visit of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh

for the provincial centennial.

### Royal Visits

The best way to promote the Canadian monarchy and link it to the people is through visits of members of the Royal Family. "Official visits" – those of the Queen and Prince of Wales and sometimes other members of the Royal Family, are capably handled by the Department of Canadian Heritage. "Private visits" – those arranged by regiments or organizations like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Monarchist League of Canada – are increasingly frequent for the Princess Royal, the Duke of York, the Earl of Wessex and Prince Michael of Kent. Saskatchewan has led the way in respect of "working visits," organized and paid for by the province in partnership with municipalities and organizations – such as those of Prince Edward in 1994 and 2003 and the Princess Royal in 2004. Members of the Royal Family are very warmly received everywhere in Canada; in fact, every royal visit is "over-subscribed" in terms of invitations. The Royals themselves evidently enjoy the visits, work extremely hard and make every effort to accommodate the sponsors' requests. It is striking how members of the Royal Family are popular with every ethnic, social and age group and, of course, especially with the First Nations.

One wonders why more such provincial invitations are not extended. Provinces can initiate royal visits to Canada and should be encouraged to do so – Canadian Heritage welcomes provincial invitations for official visits. Provincial governments can make common cause with regiments, municipalities and organizations interested in hosting members of the Royal Family, contributing to "private" visits or, like Saskatchewan, arranging "working" visits.

### Royal Connections

There are several additional ways to provide lasting connections between the Sovereign and her family and the Canadian people:

**Royal Designation** The Queen may grant the designation "royal" to worthy causes and deserving organizations who make their case through the Department of Canadian Heritage. Examples include Royal St George's College, in Toronto; the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada; the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon; the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology in Drumheller, Alberta. The bestowal of the designation generates publicity for the Crown and is a source of lasting pride for the organization so honoured.

**Royal Patronage** Another method of linking members of the Royal Family to the local community is inviting them to become colonels-in-chief of Canadian Forces units or branches or patrons of organizations – which also provides a rationale for more frequent visits. Prince Michael of Kent assumed a Jubilee Year Colonelcy-in-Chief of The Essex & Kent Scottish Regiment in Windsor. 2004 found The Countess of Wessex similarly appointed to the Lincoln & Welland Regiment in St Catharines. The Prince of Wales took over the late Queen Mother's Colonelcy of the Toronto Scottish, while The Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward) accepted patronage of the Globe Theatre in Regina in 1992 and became colonel-in-chief of the Saskatchewan Dragoons in Moose Jaw in 2003.

**Naming Opportunities** Naming facilities after members of the Royal Family



Private firms can also honour the Crown: Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel

increases their profile. Recent examples range from Prince Michael of Kent Drive in Oakville, Ontario, to Halifax's Queen Elizabeth II Health Centre and the Hotel Reine Elizabeth II in Montreal, and to Saskatchewan's naming "The Queen Elizabeth II Gardens" at the Legislative Building during 2005's Royal Homecoming. The Queen has also been pleased to unveil equestrian statues of herself on Parliament Hill, in 1992, and will do so once again at the Legislative Building, Regina, in 2005 to mark her Golden Jubilee.

**Legacy Projects** Awards and scholarships in their name are another way to link the Royal Family to the community, especially youth, and are personally welcomed by the members of the Royal Family. For instance, Saskatchewan offers *The Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships in Parliamentary Studies*, established for graduate work in political science to mark the Queen's visit in 1987, while Ontario makes available *The Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship*, established at the time of the Golden Jubilee – and British Columbia its *Queen Elizabeth II British Columbia Centennial Scholarship*.

**Honours** Saskatchewan conferred honorary membership in the Saskatchewan Order of Merit on the Prince of Wales during his 2001 visit – so far the only province to thus honour a member of the Royal Family. It was the first Canadian order or decoration the Prince had received, although he had been honoured by Australia and New Zealand. Other provinces might consider similar gestures, thus counter-balancing the evident lack of interest at Rideau Hall in involving the Royal Family in Canada's national honours.

### Federal-Provincial Relations

Not all branches of the federal government are negative on the Crown! The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Forces, for example, have a traditional respect for the Sovereign. The Department of Canadian Heritage is doing a sterling job of organizing royal visits and promoting Canadian symbols, including the Crown. Its coordination of the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 was a model of federal-provincial cooperation. Supporters of the Crown can encourage their local MPs, MLAs and provincial protocol offices to take full advantage of opportunities offered by those federal agencies which do favour the institution.

### The Office of Lieutenant Governor

The single most visible, most significant sign of the Canadian Crown in the provinces is, of course, the Lieutenant Governor. As the direct, personal representative of the Sovereign in the province; as the person holding royal constitutional powers; as the head of the provincial precedence list, the Lieutenant

Governor is emblematic of the entire institution and activist lieutenant governors can be highly influential in promoting it. It is noteworthy that, whereas the Governor General refers to the Sovereign as little as possible and never calls herself The Queen's representative, most Lieutenant Governors emphasize their role of representing Her Majesty.

Presentations of provincial honours by lieutenant governors, patronage of organizations, visits to municipalities, schools and First Nations, speaking engagements – all raise the profile of the Crown. Those who wish a vigorous, popular monarchy in Canada would be well advised to support the Office of Lieutenant Governor and its incumbent in every way they can and to help provincial governments see their importance. Some vice-regal offices would benefit from more resources in terms of staff, budget and facilities.

In the longer term, a wish-list for enhancing the status of the Lieutenant Governors would include to:

- Replace the second-tier title of "His/Her Honour" by "His/Her Excellency" (as is the case for the Australian governors).
- Change the term "lieutenant governor" to "governor" (again as in Australia).
- Grant the Lieutenant Governors 21-gun salutes (yet again as in Australia) instead of 15.
- Involve the provinces in the selection of their lieutenant governor, instead of via the prime ministerial patronage now in effect (which, it must be admitted, has nonetheless resulted in many outstanding appointments over the last 15 years.)

### Conclusion

Those who are in favour of maintaining and enhancing the Canadian monarchy need not resign themselves to bemoaning the current situation in Ottawa. In a vast and complex country like Canada, the federal government does not have, and never has had, all the answers to issues of public policy. It certainly does not with respect to the Crown. Of course monarchical supporters should challenge moves in Ottawa to weaken that Crown. Yet they would now be well advised to pay much more attention to provincial jurisdiction, where there is real potential for strengthening this extraordinary Canadian institution.

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“...for the heir to the throne to engage so often in controversy works only in a culture in which the heir to the throne is indulged. We used to have conventions that protected members of the Royal Family from the public consequences of their human frailty... Now, we don't. In fact, rather the opposite: the Prince of Wales is *more* likely to be misrepresented and abused than almost anyone else in public life. *God Bless the Prince of Wales...*” by Charles Moore, writing in the *Daily Telegraph*, November 27, 2004

“Prince Harry is a 20-year-old private citizen. He is not a member of the British government nor of the diplomatic corps. He is not a head of state, nor even a head of state in waiting. He holds no public position or status, except as a very junior member of the Royal Family. The likelihood of his ever being king is, perhaps mercifully, slim. Nor did he don his costume on a public platform or at a public



Tabloid feast on Harry's foolishness

occasion. He was at a private party. That a member of the Royal Family should ever portray himself as a German soldier – even one assigned to a general who died opposing Hitler – may seem tasteless. But for goodness sake, so what? ... Prince Harry's action was tasteless and, once publicised, insensitive to those still living who suffered at the hands of the Nazis... No one supposes Prince Harry was “a Nazi”. He was making no political statement. He was not portraying himself as anti-British, anti-Semitic or an advocate of Auschwitz or the Holocaust. He made an error of judgment both in his choice of regalia – the swastika is illegal in Germany – and in believing that any party is ever going to be private with him around... Once shaken, this cocktail needs nor further stirring. By today we had comments from the German embassy, the Israeli government, the European Union, the Conservative Party, survivors of Auschwitz... The story was leading every news agency worldwide. In the face of such hysteria, the prince's apology was considered not big enough. It did not pack the requisite news punch. There were demands for him to appear in person, possibly to scourge himself in public, do penance, stand in the stocks...

“We have lost the ability to express proportion. There is no longer such a thing as an accident. There is only a catastrophe. Whatever happens is “big news”, unless something else turns up that is bigger. Someone somewhere, preferably a celebrity, must be involved, be blamed and, with luck, be sued or sacked. Public figures no longer make mistakes. They make “massive errors of judgment”

for which they must resign or be roasted alive. This is almost medieval. However minor, and however sincerely regretted, a mistake may be redeemed only with trial by ordeal.

“Sixty per cent of our young people have never heard of Auschwitz... This is wrong. But we do not help it by having hysterics when the “third in line to the throne” commits an error of judgment. Does this mean that, were he 30th in line, German battledress would be unexceptionable? We should all grow up. So in time will Prince Harry.” “*Harry – It's a mistake, not a catastrophe.*” by Simon Jenkins, *Times Online*, January 14, 2005

“...we are relentlessly egalitarian. We dislike anyone who gets too uppity, is too fashionable, puts on too many airs or doesn't fly commercial... we carry a set of ancient grievances that can be rekindled by the most minute slight. Ms. Clarkson's alleged insult [failing to attend the funeral of Alberta Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole] was just a handy way for gleeful politicians to remind Westerners for the umpteenth time how abused they are by those awful eastern elites. (Never mind that Ms. Clarkson is Chinese, an immigrant and a woman – in the West, she's just a former CBCer from Toronto with a pompous left-wing husband)... Poor Adrienne, vilified for the clumsy cover-up of an imaginary crime. No matter how hard she tries to look humble, we're always sticking it to her. On the other hand, this is Canada. And that's what we do.” “*It's not the crime, it's the cover-up.*” by Margaret Wentz, *The Globe and Mail*, January 22, 2005

“Ms Parker Bowles will be honoured with the style Her Royal Highness. This gesture, perhaps more than any other, illustrates the capacity of even the most ancient institutions to evolve to reflect contemporary attitudes. Canadians, then, should join The Queen...in sending their hearty congratulations, and in wishing the royal couple all future happiness.” “*Making it official.*” Editorial in *National Post*, February 11, 2005

“The events of the 1990's destroyed the ‘ideal family’ image of the monarchy that had been so assiduously promoted since the days of Queen Victoria. That Charles could marry Camilla without expressions of popular outrage is an acknowledgement of this... As a pre-emptive strike, Thursday's announcement [of their engagement] has another advantage in avoiding a possible threat to the succession had it been left until after the death of The Queen... in handling the matter as it has, the monarchy has shown a new sensitivity towards public opinion and a willingness to take action before it is overwhelmed by events. A line has been drawn under the traumatic recent past.” “*A Palace coup – but it had to be done.*” by Sarah Bradford, *The Sunday Telegraph*, February 13, 2005

“Peter Russell found that students in his constitutional politics classes dreaded his two days of lectures on the monarchy in Canada. So, for 38 years, the University of Toronto professor would liven things up with a simple question: “How many of you would like to get rid of it and adopt a republic?” A forest of hands would fly up. Russell, who retired in 1996, would then invite the handful of diehard monarchists to the front of the class to list 10 monarchies where they would most like to live. The blackboard filled with

Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Barbados, Britain, while the majority still in their seats struggled to match that list with republics. The United States, sure, and maybe France – but there things would stall. Russell had no problem keeping anyone's attention after that. “*Royal or Republican?*” by Patricia Treble, writing in *Macleans*, April 7, 2005

“...Indifference is, of course, monarchy's best ally in Canada. Those who want it dispensed with as an anachronism or insult to a self-respecting country do not feel sufficiently strongly to mobilize. Some day a politician of standing, or a political party, will tap into that sentiment and find a willing constituency... this foreign institution, made more even more foreign by the weekend's festivities, will likely endure in Canada, its irrelevance increasing daily even to the point of mockery, so that eventually nothing will remain but the wave.” *Charles and Camilla: reigning on our parade* by Jeffrey Simpson, *The Globe and Mail*, April 12, 2005

“...There is much to be said about the value of the Crown to Canada over the years, and it is unfortunate that Canadians are having an increasingly difficult time separating the current pop culture thinking on the British Royal family from the value of a non-political crowned head of state.

If Canada is ever to go republican, we would be better off with a defined system of checks and balances, similar to the American system, rather than trying to make the power that would accrue to an elected head of state mesh with the power of the Prime Minister's Office.

“Perhaps there is a better, more inclusive way of selecting a governor-general (such as being elected by a conclave of Order of Canada winners) rather than having the selection left entirely in the hands of the prime minister. But the office of the governor general would lose its historical meaning if it were to become merely an entity unto itself and have no relationship at all to something meaningful from the past...

“It's not difficult to understand why Canadians suffer from constitutional confusion about the role of the Crown and its suitability to a modern nation. Political scientists in Canada wildly disagree on how much or even whether Canadians should change our Constitution.

“It is easy to say there is something un-Canadian about having an unelected head of state that draws its power from an historical relationship to an overseas monarch. It is not so easy to argue there obviously is a better alternative. *Opinion in Saskatoon Star Phoenix* – “*Ridding Canada of British Crown Hard to Achieve.*” April 14, 2005

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# Royal Round-up

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM THE REALMS

**Queen fetes young Canadians living in London... VC Awarded in Iraq action...Queen Canada's most popular Royal...Queen Mother monument to be erected in London...Governor General to present women's hockey trophy...Rideau Hall budget adjustments...Knighthoods and OBE's to remain in British Honours system... Government House, Halifax facing major renovation...Barbados PM seeks republic...Princess Alice dead at 102...New Heraldic "Collars" for GG, Chief Herald...**



1945 Victory nickel re-issued by RCM

OTTAWA, May 8 – The Royal Canadian Mint issued a special nickel coin in sterling silver to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of VE Day. It is a Canadian “first,” legal tender the obverse of which bears not The Sovereign’s image but that of His Late Majesty King George VI, Canada’s beloved Monarch during the War years. The coin is double-dated 1945-2005 and carries the famous “V” design in celebration of the Allied victory.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, May 3 – In preparation for her visit to Canada later this month, The Queen held an evening reception for 350 young Canadians living in the UK. Canadian High Commissioner Mel Cappe stated that he assisted the Palace in coming up with a guest list representing the diverse expatriate community as opposed to “the usual suspects.” Among those present were rock star Bryan Adams, classical pianist Angela Hewitt and shoe designer Patrick Cox. Joining HM and Prince Philip in mingling with the Canadians were TRH The Earl & Countess of Wessex, themselves heading to Canada in June.

OTTAWA, April 15 – Continuing an assault on the what he termed a “free-loader” Governor General, Patrick Martin (NDP: Winnipeg Centre) called on The Queen’s representative in Canada to be taxed on her \$114,000 salary.



Queen Margrethe II, outspoken Danish Monarch

COPENHAGEN, April 14 – In a controversial official biography released today, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark called on her fellow countrymen “to show our opposition to Islam” which, she stated, “is challenging us globally as well as locally.” She encouraged Muslims living in Denmark to learn Danish and integrate better: “We should not be content to living next to each other. We should rather live together.”



Charles ambushed by Dictator Mugabe

VATICAN CITY, April 9 – Having used international privilege to overcome an international travel ban and transit through Rome to the Holy Father’s funeral, the dictator of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, manoeuvred himself towards The Prince of Wales during the passing of the peace at Mass, and was captured on camera shaking the hand of a clearly-surprised Charles. A Clarence House spokesman emphasized that the Prince finds the Zimbabwean regime “abhorrent.” Jack Straw, British

Foreign Secretary, had found himself in the same position when taken by surprise by Mugabe last year at a UN summit in New York.



Prince Rainier with son and heir Prince Albert in 2004

MONACO, April 6 – Prince Rainier III died, aged 81, and was succeeded by Crown Prince Albert. The business-minded Prince had transformed Monaco into a



Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly wed, 1956

prosperous tax haven during his 55-year reign.



Sir Edwin Leather, pulling a rickshaw through Hamilton streets for a charity fund-raiser

DEVONSHIRE, BERMUDA, April 5 – The extroverted former Governor of Bermuda, Sir Edwin Leather, died aged 85. A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Leather attended Trinity College School and Royal Military College, Kingston. He remained in Britain after the War, and was elected MP for North Somerset in 1950. Knighted in 1962, in 1975 he became the first Canadian in 68 years to be appointed KCVO. Having served as Governor of the island colony 1973-77, Sir Edwin remained “in Paradise,” occupying himself writing thrillers and doing charity work – he was a Governor of the Shaw Festival in Niagara as of 1990.

OTTAWA, April 2 – The Governor General and other vice-regals issued statements on the death of The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman recalled His Holiness’ 1984 visit to Nova Scotia, calling the Pontiff “a steady and guiding hand” who “helped to unite the world.”



Beatrice, wants to help children with dyslexia

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, March 23 – The 16-year old Princess Beatrice is dyslexic, and has been receiving specialist help in reading and writing. She asked that her condition be made public to draw attention to the handicaps endured by those with this literacy problem. Her Mother, Sarah, Duchess of York, made the announcement during a school visit for Springboard for Children, of which she is Patron.

TORONTO, March 22 – The Queen remains Canada’s most popular Royal, closely followed (28-26%) by Prince William. The figures were released by December Research Poll, whose CEO, Bruce Anderson, told AP “what’s interesting is that, at a relatively young age, we see Prince William having quite a positive feeling about him among Canadians.” William’s brother Prince Harry was given top rating by 9% of those interviewed, while father Charles gained 6% of respondents.



The Victoria Cross and its latest recipient: Private Beharry

LONDON, MARCH 17 – Private Johnson Gideon Beharry, 25, of 1st Battalion, The Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment, was awarded the Victoria Cross for saving the lives of 30 of his fellow soldiers while under fire in Al-Amarah, Iraq. Born in Grenada, Beharry becomes the 14th living VC holder, and the first to be so honoured since the posthumous awards to Colonel “H” Jones and Sgt Ian McKay of the Paras in the Falklands War.



Queen Mother statue to be erected in London, possibly next to George VI Memorial on Mall

WESTMINSTER, March 16 – Gordon Brown, Chancellor, told the British Commons in his Budget speech that a £2 million public monument to The Queen Mother is to be erected in London, to be financed by the proceeds of a commemorative coin to mark The Queen’s 80th birthday next year. One scheme being considered would transform the existing statue of King George VI on the Mall into a joint monument.

## Alberta Legislature to welcome Queen - “really special”

EDMONTON, April 6 – The Legislative Assembly of Alberta unanimously agreed to a Motion for a special sitting on May 24th “for the sole purpose of the attendance by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the Assembly.” The sentiments expressed in the brief speeches that followed including the following loyal remarks:



Hon Dave Hancock, Government House Leader: “It’s an opportunity that we will only see once in our lifetime, and it’s an honour and a privilege for members of this Assembly... to be members of

a Legislature, a parliament, where The Queen visits in person.”

Ms. Laurie Blakeman, Opposition House Leader: “It’s one of the great privileges and the great treats of being an elected member in this Assembly that every now and then you get to do something really special. This is something that I qualify as really special. I’m very much looking forward to it.”

Paul Hinman, MLA, Cardston-Taber-Warner: “My grandmother is 90 years old, and she’s very excited about coming and meeting The Queen... I’m grateful that The Queen would take the time to come and visit this Legislature.”

Harry B. Chase, MLA, Calgary-Varsity: “So this royal tradition that we follow within our system, within this Legislature, I am very glad we’re honouring... I’m also

very grateful to the Speaker who sent out notices... saying that we’re allowed to bring one outstanding young person and one senior citizen... We are so fortunate to have a monarch of the great stature of our Queen Elizabeth...”



Hon Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier: “...two things that struck me about The Queen were... her personal interest in each and every person that she met, and secondly, but dear to me, her... knowledge agriculture and rural affairs, particularly animals... I’ve attended a number of functions where the singing of *God Save The Queen* closed the function... There’s a lot to be said for holding those traditions, especially with our close ties to the Commonwealth.”



Prince Michael's country seat on market

KENSINGTON PALACE, March 11 – Prince & Princess Michael of Kent are placing on the market their 20-acre Gloucestershire estate, Lypiatt Manor.

RIDEAU HALL, March 10 – The Governor General stated that she would present a trophy to reward the top women's hockey team in Canada. Her Excellency will leave Hockey Canada to work out details as to how the annual championship is to be determined. "I'm really looking forward to honouring excellence in women's hockey," said Mme Clarkson. "People want to see women's hockey progress in Canada, and this is one way to honour it even more." Past Governors General, notably Lord Stanley and Earl Grey, lent their names to trophies symbolizing athletic achievement.

EDMONTON, March 8 – The Queen sent a Message to Her Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, in which HM expressed her and Prince Philip's condolences on the deaths of four RCMP officers in an ambush attack.



Charles at Geelong Grammar School Australia, 1966

MELBOURNE, March 3 – As a highlight of his somewhat-muted Pacific tour, The Prince of Wales made a return to Geelong Grammar School, at whose remote outpost Timbertop he spent two terms in 1966. Attending the School's 150th-Anniversary celebration, Charles recalled how he had been sent from England "to be sorted out," only to find himself being called "a Pommy bastard" and forced to endure 70-mile hikes in a bloodstained shirt. "But despite all this, I loved it all."



Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton: first Private Secretary to young Princes

CLARENCE HOUSE, March 3 – Princes William and Harry today appointed their first Private Secretary, marking the beginning of an era when they will lead more public and self-directed lives and eventually become working members of the Royal Family. Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, a Sandhurst graduate who served in the SAS and was for two years Equerry to The Queen Mother, takes up his new part-time responsibilities



The young Princes growing up with their father, baring if not grinning, on pre-Wedding ski trip photo-op

on May 2 as William prepares to graduate from St Andrew's University, while Harry will enter Sandhurst in September. Prince William was reported to be pondering whether to make a rare public appearance and travel to Singapore in July in support of the British Olympic bid to host the Games for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year, 2012.

WHITEHALL, February 22 – The British government has decided not to replace the Order of the British Empire with a new Order of British Excellence, as a Commons Committee had recommended. OBE's were "regarded with affection," it said. Nor will knighthoods be scrapped, the statement continued, as the more senior honours played "a well respected, understood and valued part in our national life."

LONDON, February 20 – Stating it had no jurisdiction, a High Court Judge threw out a claim by lawyer David Fitzgibbon – a dual Australian-British citizen – that all appointments and much legislation made in Australia since 1984 were illegal because in appointing Governors General The Queen had used the Great Seal of Australia rather than that of the United Kingdom.

NOTTINGHAM, February 12 – It was announced that Raymond David Grant, 11th Baron de Longueuil and Cousin to The Queen, had died aged 83. An artist and war veteran who latterly had lived in France, Grant bore the title granted by Louis XIV to Charles Le Moyne for his services to Canada. The Montreal suburb of Longueuil was originally a feudal lordship until the Barony was created in 1700.



## Princess Alice: "A remarkable life of unselfish service."



LONDON, February 2 – A Memorial Service was held at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, for HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. She had died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her family, on October 29, aged 102, the oldest member of the Royal Family in history. Her Funeral had been held at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Dutiful, discreet and innately shy, she was the last surviving member of the generation of the children of King George V and Queen Mary, and also – other than The Queen herself – last surviving member of the Order of the Crown of India, to which she was appointed in 1937. On hearing of Alice's death, The Queen stated that "she remembers with gratitude Princess Alice's services to the monarchy and to the country."

Born the Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, the Princess was third daughter of the Earl of Dalkeith, who subsequently became 7th Duke of Buccleuch & Queensbury. An avid skier, as a young woman she traveled extensively around the globe, venturing to India, and even as far as Afghanistan – disguised as a boy – before returning home in 1935 due to her father's declining health. She and her childhood friend, Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, the King's third son, were married in the private Chapel at Buckingham Palace, with the two Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, as bridesmaids. She spent the early war years at Barnwell Manor, gave birth to Princes William and Richard, and undertook visits on behalf of the Red Cross, the Order of St John and other charities in addition to acting as Commandant of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. These activities were the more remarkable in that the young Gloucesters, as all the Royal Family, lived under the ever-present threat of kidnap by the enemy.

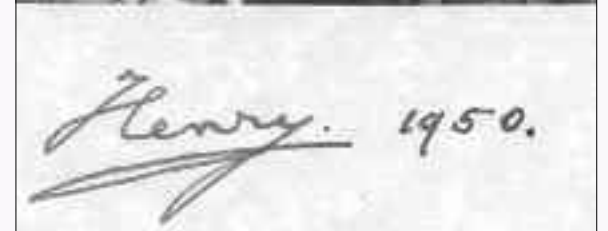
Life changed dramatically in 1944, when the Duke was appointed Governor-General of Australia, a position he held for three years. On returning to Britain, they resumed active Royal duties, which grew in scope particularly when The Queen came to the Throne in 1952. The mid-60s commenced a difficult period for the Gloucesters: Princess Alice was injured in a car crash en route home from Churchill's funeral; and in 1966 the Duke suffered a stroke which left him debilitated until he died in 1974. In 1972, Prince William was killed at Wolverhampton while piloting his plane. The Princess gradually reduced her Royal duties, although in her eighties she still undertook at least 50 engagements a year.

At 93, she left Barnwell Manor to live permanently with Prince Richard, the present Duke, at Kensington Palace. In July, 2000, the Duke announced that his Mother was "frail but in good spirits...increasingly forgetful, which greatly reduces her ability to communicate in the way she would wish." Nonetheless, she was able to receive members of Regiments and societies of which she was Patron, and to enjoy her 100th Birthday Parade in 2001, when she was flanked by The Queen and Princess Margaret. It was her last public appearance.

The Memorial Service was held at St Clement Danes as the Princess had attended its Rededication in 1958 after its restoration from war damage. Prince William's Memorial Service was also held at the church in 1972; and it is the RAF Church, so appropriate for Alice who has served as Commandant of the WRAF for more than 50 years. A large congregation included The King and Queen of the Hellenes and Princess Benedikte of Denmark. The Ethiopian Royal Family was represented by Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate, as a trib-



The Gloucester Family in 1945 and 1950. Past Monarchist League Hamilton Branch Chairman Pauline O'Connor kindly made these photographs available from Christmas cards her family received from Their Royal Highnesses.



ute to the support given by the Gloucesters to the Family during their exile.

In his eulogy, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, spoke of his Mother's sense of fun and dedication to family and friends. She had intended to lead a military life in support of her husband's career, but fate – in the form of both the 1936 Abdication and the War – had intervened. He commented on her love of Africa, particularly Kenya, and for her her passion for gardening at her former home at Barnwell, as well as her talent as a water colourist, usually of Scottish or African scenes. When asked why she did not paint at Barnwell, she famously replied "too busy, too busy."

The Duke went on to say that, almost deaf and



blind towards the closing of her life, Princess Alice's character remained staunch and resolute. His daughter Davina had called to see her Grandmother in the last week of her life. Unable to see, the Princess asked "Who's there?" On Davina's reply, she then asked "Why do I love you?" "Because I am your granddaughter," replied Davina. This love of grandchildren was central to Princess Alice's latter years; and the Duke lamented that she spoiled them like any grandmother. He concluded his affectionate filial tribute by stating that his Mother would look on the service as a means of saying thank you and farewell to all those who had supported and encouraged her down the years. *Last Post, Reveille* and the National Anthem concluded the service, so bringing to a close a remarkable life of unselfish service to Crown and Commonwealth.

WELLINGTON, January 28 – A petition drive to replace the current New Zealand flag was launched outside the Parliament Buildings. Local businessman Lloyd Morrison, joined by former Governor General Dame Catherine Tizard, presented six alternative designs to the current flag, which features the Southern Cross on a blue field, with the Royal Union Flag quartered. Organizers deny any connection to the Realm's emerging republican movement. The New Zealand Flag Institute's John Cox argued that "a country which abandons its old symbols for no better reason than to follow changing fashions has lost its heart and neglected its heritage."

CHRIST CHURCH, January 25 – Barbados Prime Minister Owen Arthur announced that he would move to make Barbados a republic by year end. He said that it was time for Barbados to "move on" politically, and that if other heirs were to die, he would find difficulty in swearing Allegiance to Prince Harry as King, "whose concept of his own persona is disgracefully at variance with what we stand for." A Barbadian republican, he continued, "could take its place amongst the nations of the world confident of its own identity." Opposition Leader Clyde Mascoll insisted that a referendum would have to be held on the matter, noting that some trade unions had already expressed opposition to any change in the Island Realm's form of government, and that in the 2003 general election the issue had not figured.



A birthday balloon for Sophie at Camberley

BAGSHOT PARK, January 20 – The Countess of Wessex celebrated her 40th birthday.

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE, January 19 – Their Excellencies The Governor General of Canada



The Queen and Prince Philip welcome Their Excellencies to Sandringham House.

and John Ralston Saul made an overnight visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at their family home in Norfolk, during which Mme Clarkson had an audience of the Sovereign.



Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte with Grand Duke Jean.

LUXEMBOURG, January 10 – The Grand Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte died aged 77. She was the much-loved wife of Grand Duke Jean, who reigned from 1964 until he abdicated in 2000. "Little Jo" was the only daughter of Leopold III of the Belgians; her brothers Beaudoin and Albert both became King. In 2002 she gave an interview to Danish film-makers document-

ing the descendants of Christian IX of Denmark, during which she told the story of meeting her uncle Prince George of Greece who had removed his false teeth and chased her around the room, attempting to drop them down the décolleté of her evening gown!



Lady Helen Taylor

LONDON, January 4 – Lady Helen Taylor, daughter of The Duke and Duchess of Kent, gave birth to her fourth child, a daughter, Estella.

TOKYO, January 2 – Crown Princess Masako of Japan joined the Imperial Family in making a Palace balcony appearance for the New Year's celebrations, marking the end of more than a year during which she had been away from royal duties due to a bout with depression.



Princess Masako – back to royal duties

LONDON, January 1 – State Papers released by the National Archives under the 30-year rule reveal that Princess Anne (now the Princess Royal) behaved with extraordinary aplomb when confronted on the Mall by a would-be kidnapper who ambushed her car and shot detectives, her driver and a journalist. Ian Ball told HRH that she should come with him "for a day or two" because he wanted £2 million. "Bloody likely," the Princess retorted, "and I haven't got £2 million." In a briefing note to Prime Minister Harold Wilson, Anne recalled "I nearly lost my temper with him, but I knew that if I did, I should hit him and he would shoot me." Mr Wilson wrote in green pen at the top of the file: "A very good story. Pity the Palace can't let it come out. Perhaps it will in court. HW" He praised the Princess' bravery, saying she had behaved with "quite extraordinary courage and presence of mind."



Sir Angus Ogilvy, with Princess Alexandra

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, December 26 – The Queen expressed "great sorrow" as news came on Boxing Day that Sir Angus Ogilvy had died, aged 76, after suffering from throat cancer and pneumonia. Husband of Princess Alexandra, Ogilvy had turned down a peerage after their 1963 marriage. Cleared of wrongdoing after a scandal in Lonhro, on whose Board he sat, Sir Angus returned to a business career, principally with Sotheby's. Though frail, he was able to accompany the Princess on an official visit to Thailand in 2003. He was buried at Frogmore Burial Ground after a service at St George's Chapel, Windsor, on January 5.

RIDEAU HALL, December 24 – The Governor General's Office announced that the following changes would be made as a result of Parliament's cutting Mme Clarkson's budget by \$400,000 by a December 9 vote in the Commons: **Cancellation** of an outreach program to encourage nominations for national honours, such as the Order of Canada; of preliminary work on a 2005r educational exhibition for 2005; of the annual Winter Celebration for diplomats, the media and Parliamentarians; of some professional training courses for staff. **Postponement** of some equipment and facilities' modernization and suspension of the purchase of office supplies. **Adjustments** to February and March 2005 Bravery Awards and the Order of Canada Investitures.



Princess Kikuko and Prince Takamatsu at their wedding

TOKYO, December 18 – Princess Kikuko died aged 92. She was the Aunt of Emperor Akihito and the granddaughter of Tokugawa Yoshinobu, the last of the shoguns. Progressive and outspoken, the Princess publicly advocated a change in the succession laws to allow a woman to occupy the Chrysanthemum Throne. On discovering her husband Prince Takamatsu's extensive diaries in 1991, she overruled palace officials' advice that they be suppressed. Thus they provided valuable insight into the Japanese war machine and internal controversies from 1922-1947, including the impression that Emperor Hirohito could not resist his military commanders.

ST JOHN'S, December 12 – Fabian O'Dea, fourth Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland, died aged 86. Nominated at the youngest viceroys in Canadian history in 1963 at age



Fabian O'Dea, at 1965 Investiture as Knight of Grace of the Order of Saint John, receiving the accolade from Gov. Gen. Georges Vanier

45, O'Dea was a Rhodes Scholar, veteran of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Service during the War, prominent lawyer and a noted cartographer and art collector. He served on many boards and commissions, had a life long interest in Memorial University and in 1994, was named Honorary Colonel of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.



Prince Bernhard shortly after his marriage

THE HAGUE, December 1 – Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, German-born Consort of the former Queen Juliana, died aged 93. Hitler tried to make much of the young member of the princely family of Lippe marrying into the House of Orange in 1937, but Queen Wilhelmina made clear "This is the marriage of my daughter to the man she loves. This is not the marriage of the Netherlands to Nazi Germany." In

fact, Bernhard slipped away from the Royal Family's English exile to join Dutch troops in their final battles against the German invaders, before escaping once again to England where he was liaison officer between the British and Dutch forces. A financial scandal involving bribes paid by Lockheed to promote the sale of its fighters to the Dutch Air Force brought disgrace to the Prince in 1976, when he resigned all public offices including his rank as Inspector General of the Dutch Forces. He was permitted to resume his General's insignia in 1991 at the anniversary of the Liberation of Holland. Princess Juliana predeceased him in March.

CLARENCE HOUSE, November 30 – Prince Harry announced that he would delay his entry to Sandhurst until May as a result of a knee injury that caused him to cut short his gap-year trip to an Argentinian ranch.



Richard Butler, controversial Tasmanian Governor

SYDNEY, October 8 – Former UN Weapons Inspector Richard Butler, recently appointed Governor of Tasmania, resigned his position as Queen's representative in the Australian State. Butler had been the object of controversy from the time of his taking office since he was an avowed republican.

OTTAWA, September 30 – The Prime Minister's Office announced that The Queen "had been pleased to approve the continuance in office" of the Governor General. Mme Clarkson agreed to Mr Martin's request that she remain at Rideau Hall for another year. Sworn to office October 7, 1999. It was apparently felt that continuity and Mme Clarkson's experience would be appropriate during the potential instability of a minority Parliament.



The Governor General and Chief Herald of Canada wear for the first time the newly created Collars of Office for the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

RIDEAU HALL, September 28 – Due to the generosity of private individuals, the Governor General and the Chief Herald of Canada now have ceremonial collars to mark their offices within the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The Governor General first wore the ceremonial collar of Her Excellency as Head of the Canadian Heraldic Authority when she presented new Armorial to the Lieutenant Governors of New Brunswick and of Newfoundland and Labrador. Her Excellency wore it again on October 7 during the first day of her visit to the Nisga'a Nation at New Aiyanih when the traditional emblem of the Nation was proclaimed. Chief Herald Robb Watt donned his collar for the first time during the proclamation and presentation of Arms to the City of Leduc, Alberta, on October 4.

OTTAWA, September 2 – Elizabeth Pitney, MVO, died peacefully after a career during which she was Secretary to five Canadian Governors General from Vincent Massey to Jeanne Sauvé. The Queen recognized her loyal service by appointing her to the Royal Victorian Order, which lies in Her Majesty's personal gift.

# WILLIAM REFLECTS ON HIS UNIVERSITY CAREER & FUTURE

## Excerpts from a BBC Interview in November, 2004

Have you had a good time at St Andrews?

I've had a really good time, it's been brilliant. I've really enjoyed it.

What's been so good about it?

Basically, apart from the fact all the locals are really warm, friendly and I get on really well with them, I've been left alone by the media, in a big way actually, and for that I am very grateful. It's been just three and a half years obviously so far where I've been very independent and been left alone to study and do my own thing.

Have you been able to lead as normal a life as someone like you can?

Definitely. There's lots of people saying it's impossible to lead a normal life really but actually up here, and with the media out of it, it's amazing how people just get on with their lives and will not bother you. Everyone up here, I have to say, has been as good as gold, I couldn't ask for anything better. I used to walk around with a baseball cap; I don't anymore because everyone doesn't really care anymore. It's just brilliant...

Are you able to do basic things, such as going to the shops?

I do all my own shopping. I go out, get takeaway, rent videos, go to the cinema, just basically anything I want to really. There are obviously certain things I can't go to if people come up here, [but] that's really the only restriction.

But initially presumably when you were in a shop, they must have done a double take when you were at the checkout?

Not really. Obviously if it's in London, or somewhere like that, then yes because people are like 'hang on a sec, isn't that someone or other?'. But up here it's so good because everyone sees me around the whole time and it's no big deal, which is what I really want it to be. The last thing I want to do is cause loads of hype or problems, I just want to go in there and get my asparagus or whatever. So, it's really worked well.

So you've got to the stage where you can go in, buy your asparagus, hand over a note with your grandmother on it and no-one reacts?

Usually I'm not organised enough to have cash, I pay with my credit card. But apart from that, yes.

That must be very precious to you.

Yes it is and you know I've been lucky enough to know this side of it and I always hope it's going to stay that way, because deep down I am pretty normal. I'm not really big into fanfare and excite-

ment and things like that but I can rise to the occasion when I need to.

Have you had odd approaches in the street?

I've had the odd one or two. If you're implying that I've been proposed to in the street, then yes I have. And people sort of come up to me, Jehovah's witnesses, I've had very devout Christians come up saying 'there's more to the word of God'.

I've had lots of kids come up and ask for my autograph, I've had a grandmother stop me and ask me if I know a good place to buy underwear.

Do you?

No, actually, I don't. I was a bit stuck by that one. I didn't mind being proposed to but that one really caught me out. I was a little bit stumped as to what to say on that one.

The proposal presumably was from a young kid.

Yes it was. I don't know old she was, 14, 15? It was very sweet of her to ask me but I had to decline, sadly...

Are you worried about the new pressures you'll face when you leave?



Official photo of the Wales' released on Harry's 20th birthday

I am worried about it obviously, but I don't really think about it too much. There's no point worrying about things which are not really present yet. I like to take every day as it comes, have a good time and get on with it.

There are obviously areas that I am being pushed into to do, but I can be quite stubborn when I want to. It's not that I never want to do it, it's just that I'm reluctant at such a young age, I think anyway, to throw myself in to the deep end.

In previous interviews you've talked about wanting to be in control of your own choices.

I really do want to be in control of my own life. If I don't agree with what someone's saying, or someone's pushing on me, then I won't do it. If I'm wrong and they're right and people tell me that, then obviously I'll change my mind. I'm always open for people saying I'm wrong because most of the time I am. I hate losing control. It's very important to see what you want to do and go for it.

You mentioned the "deal" agreed with the media to let you complete your degree in peace. Will that disappear when you leave St Andrews?

I hope the relationship will still stay, because it's been invaluable. Basically I would not have been able to have such a good time up here without all the help they've given. It's been a difficult time [and I've] tried to help out as much as I

can with media facilities. I'm more than happy to help when the agreement's been kept – and it has been. I hope it's been as good for the media as it has been for me and a healthy and positive relationship will keep going.

Have you grown used to being in the spotlight?

You never really grow used to it, because it's something that's very alien to most people. There are very few people you can talk to about it because no-one really knows what it's like apart from family, mostly. I wouldn't really say I've grown used to it because I'm not really the attention-seeking type. So being in the centre of the spotlight is kind of awkward but it's something I've got to do and something I can adapt to.

I've spent 22 years being in the spotlight, you don't really know much different. I value the normality I can get, doing simple things, doing normal things more than anything, rather than getting things done for me, which I'm not a big fan of.

There was a magazine with your picture on it in a shop window nearby – does that seem odd?

It's obviously odd. As long as I'm smiling in the photo I don't really mind.

Are you thinking about a future career?

Again, there's a slight lack of organisation on my part for that. I really don't know what I'm going to do. I've hinted already about the possibility of the Armed Forces. It's really getting through the next few months, with my exams and work and concentrating on that [that I'm focused on now]. Then I'll take a bit of time off, do a bit of travelling and get some work done and then see which course I take.

Sandhurst must be a very attractive option.

Without a doubt, Sandhurst would be attractive. That's why Harry is going as a guinea pig first, to see what happens. I can say this honestly: I haven't set my mind on anything yet. But there's plenty of possibilities open.

What appeals to you about Sandhurst?

If I was going to join the Army, which out of all the Armed Forces would probably be my favourite – also so I could do something different since a lot of the family joined the Navy – the Army is obviously a lot more in the spotlight at the moment [with] the things the guys are doing, how professional they're acting.

I was listening to someone the other day on radio saying how particularly the remembrance service, it really does bring it home when you're there and there's actually a war going on somewhere at the time and the guys are fighting their hearts out.

And Sandhurst itself would be a great place to learn how to lead and to earn respect and just treat other men and other guys who I'd be looking after with the ability which I hope I could do.

It would be a challenge for the people who deploy you on where to send you, the second in line to the throne.

That obviously is another problem. Talks would happen before I went anywhere. But the last thing I want to do is be mollycoddled or wrapped up in cot-



William attended Whitehall Remembrance Ceremony for first time

ton wool, because if I was to join the Army I'd want to go where my men went and I'd want to do what they did.

I would not want to be kept back for being precious, or whatever, that's the last thing I'd want. It's the most humiliating thing and it would be something I'd find very awkward to live with, being told I couldn't go out there when these guys have got to go out there and do a bad job.

Have you been impressed by the start Prince Harry has made with his charity work?

He's pinched all [the best ideas] of mine! In terms of Africa and aids and poverty, both of us have very strong ideas of how we want to help and of course in the future I would like to help. But in terms of anything else, there are areas I'd like to help in but it's more about discovering which areas my particular passions lie in, which I'm still doing.

Homelessness would be one area, wouldn't it?

Homeless people, obviously, I've done a bit for privately and publicly over the last few years and that's one particular area I'm passionate about. My mother introduced that sort of area to me a long time ago, which was a real eye-opener and I'm very glad she did and it's been something I've held close to me for a long time.

How is your wider relationship with Harry?

There's very little age gap between us so we're both pretty similar in that sense and we get along really well, Harry and I and my father, we're a very close family. There are disagreements, obviously as all families have and when they are, they are big disagreements.

But when they're happy times we have a really good time, it's just difficult getting all three of us in the same house at one point. Obviously father is very busy, Harry's travelling or whatever and I'm up here. It's just difficult. [But] it's all good.

You went to the Cenotaph for remembrance Sunday. What was that experience like?

That was amazing. It was an incredible service. It makes you very proud to be British and to see such an amazing ceremony and formalities, very dignified. It's obviously a very serious day to remember and it's done in such a way that you really do, it's very poignant. And obviously



# CROWNS & MACES

All CROWNS again? Are we becoming complacent or overly-generous in the League's 35th year? Not a bit. We think that there are maces a-plenty in this issue of CMN, so we thought that for contrast, this column should focus on the positive – this time! – Ed.

**CROWN** to Senator Serge Joyal, whose generosity and artistic expertise have resulted in portraits of Canada's French Kings hanging in the halls of Parliament, and in the production of an excellent Senate publication on Canada's Constitutional Monarchy. When the former MP joined the Senate in 1997, he realized that while some British Monarchs' portraits were displayed, the French ones were absent, they who had financed much of Canada's early exploration and populating, given it a Civil Code and its first organized government. "The principal of constitutional monarchy," said M. Joyal, "is that there is no interruption in the succession." After donating his own property, a portrait of George IV, the Senator tracked down pictures of the missing sovereigns in locations as diverse as Boston and Sweden. After years of effort and incalculable expense out of the Senator's own generosity, the collection is now complete. When visiting Parliament, Canadians can now see the evolution of constitutional monarchy from its earliest roots: "When they visit Parliament they will understand that for 230 years we were a French colony and that has given us a legacy and that legacy has been integrated into the country that we are today." What a splendid, munificent gesture from a loyal Senator! (We would add "How about Senator Joyal for Governor General, but we fear our endorsement might not be the most helpful.)

**CROWN** to the Government of Canada webmasters. Her Majesty The Queen and Canada's status as a constitutional monarchy now appears, in its proper place, at the beginning of the

"Structure of Government" section at [www.gc.ca/main\\_e.html](http://www.gc.ca/main_e.html)

**CROWN** to the good folks at the Department of Canadian Heritage. When it was drawn to their attention that the Culture Canada web site of the Government of Canada omitted The Queen's biography in the "political figures" section of its "People" category, but included one of The late Queen Mother – who was much loved but who occupied no constitutional position in Canada – the Department promptly replied with the assurance that the Sovereign's biography would be added forthwith. A Coronet to St Michael's University College Monarchist League member (and Saint John, NB native) Cian Horrobin for having communicated so effectively with Canadian Heritage.

**CROWN** to The Pollara Group, well-known Canadian pollsters, and its Chairman, Michael Marzolini. The Dominion Chairman wrote Pollara to object to the wording of a survey question, reported by several members, which asked respondents to state whether they supported or opposed replacing "the British Monarch as the Canadian head of state." Mr Aimers pointed out that the question was not neutral, but prejudicial, as it invited an affirmative response by setting up the suggestion that The Queen was somehow "foreign." Mr Marzolini promptly acknowledged that the League's objection was correct, the question "sloppy," and the results "tainted." He stated that the data was never intended for publication nor commissioned by a client, but part of a "commitment builder" on an internet panel survey.

**CROWN** to Robert Hardman, Writer of "The Queen's Castle," and the production team from RDF, for the outstanding television series outlining a year at Windsor, including many "behind the scenes" glimpses of HM's favorite official home and even a brief glimpse of Charles and Camilla's Wedding Reception! The Duke of Edinburgh is a principal narrator.



William with Harry – "We get along really well"

even more particularly now with the Iraq conflict. So as a first timer there it was very moving.

But I was very glad I was there to hopefully represent the young and make sure everyone else realises that the young have not forgotten, as many of my friends keep telling me. It's definitely the case.

**You were up on the balcony, a 22-year-old, with a view of a 108-year-old on the ground.**

Amazing, absolutely incredible. I was glad he was in a wheelchair for his own sake – it was a long old walk. But someone like that I have huge respect for, it was quite something to witness.

**Did you look down on the Queen during the ceremony and think 'one day that'll be me'?**

I didn't really look at it like that – it's not a day to look at it like that. I was thinking how proud and smart my grandmother looked – and my father, my grandfather and the rest of my family – and I just thought that's a really good way to start the ceremony. It makes you really proud seeing them there and also knowing how much they appreciate what has happened.

**Is it an odd thought that one day you will be king? Does it keep you awake?**

It's not like that. The thing is with me, I look on the brighter side of everything. There's no point being pessimistic or being worried about too many things because frankly life's too short. At the moment it's about having fun in the right places, enjoying myself as much as I can. I'm trying to do that. The serious side of that doesn't really need to worry me too much yet.

**You've made it clear in the past that you would not be a reluctant king.**

I don't think I am, [but] I have reservations about everything. The fortunate thing is I have had such a normal childhood in certain extents and it would very hard to see that slip away. But I always hope that no matter what, I'll keep that side going. Keeping your feet firmly on the ground is the most important thing. And I don't want to be whipped up into a frenzy.

**Has your grandmother been useful in talking about the future?**

She's been brilliant, she's a real role model. She's just very helpful on any sort of difficulties or problems I might be having. But I'm quite a private person as well so I don't really talk that much about what I sort of feel or think.

**What about your dad. You've seemed defensive of him in the past in terms of some criticism aimed at him.**

He's had a difficult time and you know it's just sad. I said this the last time – I'm sure I used the same words – but I just wish more of his charitable work was concentrated on because he does do a hell of a lot of work. The Prince's Trust is just an amazing organisation and I just really hold him in great admiration about the amount of time he gives up to do work here and there.

**You've talked about being close to your grandmother – are you close to your granddad?**

I'm very close to my grandfather. He makes me laugh, he's very funny. He's also someone who will tell me something that maybe I don't want to hear, but still tell me anyway and he won't care if I get upset about it. He knows it's the right thing to say and I'm glad he tells me because the last thing I want is lots of people telling me what I want to hear. I'd much rather hear what the reality of it is.

**You admire his bluntness, even if it might be painful?**

Exactly – the odd bluntness here and there.

**Did he play with you much as a kid, rolling around on the floor and that kind of thing?**

As a youngster I did not spend a lot of time with my grandparents – they were busy. But I've got to know him much better now in the last few years and have become very close to them and I just really look up to them.

**Are you excited about the future?**

I am, because as much as I've loved St Andrews and I've loved being here and being at university, I am ready now to get out and do different stuff. There's so much I want to do and it worries me occasionally I won't be able to do it all. But I'll make a good start of it anyway.

**So you're excited, but with a bit of trepidation.**

Definitely.

## CANADIAN COURT CIRCULAR

### Buckingham Palace, November 11

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President, this afternoon chaired the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League Council Meeting at Canada House.

### Buckingham Palace, December 8

The Earl of Wessex, Trustee, attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Friends' Association Reception at the Canadian High Commission, London.

### Buckingham Palace, November 25

The Earl of Wessex, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, accompanied by the Countess of Wessex, held a Canadian Young People's Challenge Award Charter Dinner.

### Buckingham Palace, November 24

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Young Canadians Challenge, received Mr John Sleeman (Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charter for Business) and Mr S. Mantle (Vice President TD Bank Financial Group).

# VICE-REGAL CHRONICLE

## THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

- held a Christmas Levee at Rideau Hall during which guests were invited to send messages of support to Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan and other overseas locations



March 10, 2005: Their Excellencies arrive at the Buttermere Stadium, Calgary, for the tribute to the four slain RCMP Officers

- announced that The Queen had approved the creation of the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal, to recognize individuals ranging from Park and Fisheries Officers to Customs and Immigration front-line officers. The December 12 media release noted "Only the Sovereign of Canada has the authority to create a new official honour, which she does on the advice of the Government of Canada."



The Governor General greets the Winterlude Ice Hogs at Rideau Hall's annual Winter Celebration

- presented the Pearson Police Medal to General Roméo Dallaire

- held Investitures to present the Insignia of the Order of Canada to such recipients as former Toronto Mayor Hon David Crombie; businessman Paul Desmarais, Jr; Saskatchewan constitutionalist Hon Roy Romanow – and announced fresh appointments to the Order including former Newfoundland Lieutenant Governor Dr Maxwell House; Architect Moshe Safdie;

- opened the new Canadian Embassy in Berlin, after which Her Excellency attended official ceremonies in Holland to mark the 60th Anniversary of Canada's liberation of the Netherlands from the Nazis; then proceeded on an official visit to Russia;

- welcomed to a Rideau Hall reception the finalists of the CanWest National Spelling Bee

## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS OF..

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

- opened the Disability Resource Network Conference, Vancouver; visited Sunshine Coast communities on Vancouver Island; held a Tea for the Cathedral Deans of North America Conference; welcomed the President of Ireland to a Government House Luncheon



BC Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo dedicates new Veterans' Memorial, Save On Foods Centre

### ALBERTA

- The Hon Norman L Kwong, CM, AOE, was sworn as Alberta's 16th Lieutenant Governor (and first of Chinese descent) on January 20th. A former CFL football great and Schenley Award winner, Mr Kwong subsequently enjoyed a notable career in real estate and sports administration before being called to serve as Queen's representative on the death of Hon Lois Hole. "A fit body not only improves the mind – it enriches the spirit," wrote His Honour, in reflecting on the emphases he will focus on during his time in office.



Hon Norman Kwong, installed as Alberta's new Lieutenant Governor

### SASKATCHEWAN

- Premier Lloyd Calvert announced on February 3 that the Prime Minister had approved his government's request for an extension of Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock's time in office as The Queen's representative so that Her Honour could play a "key role" in the Province's Centennial celebrations throughout the year. Dr Haverstock took up her role in February 2000. While the Constitution does not mandate a term for Lieutenant Governors, they customarily serve for a five-year period.



Her Honour Lynda Haverstock "pins" a student with the vice-regal insignia during a school visit to Weyburn

### MANITOBA

- The Hon John Harvard, PC, OM, was sworn as Manitoba's 23rd Lieutenant Governor on June 30, 2004. His Honour had previously served in Parliament for 16 years after a 30-year career as a broadcast journalist. As an MP, Mr Harvard had chaired the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association. At his Installation, His Honour said he would focus on issues relating to disorders in child development, and try "to encourage, in my own small way, a greater curiosity about our past, and in heightening awareness of it, contribute to an understanding of where we are and where we may be going as Manitobans."



A proud Cadet receives her Duke of Edinburgh's Award from Manitoba's Lieutenant Governor, John Harvard

### ONTARIO

- Following on the success of his 2004 campaign which found Ontarians donating over a million books to isolated First Nations' community libraries, His Hon-

our James Bartleman is now working with the Ontario Principals Council to twin 97 Native and non-Native schools, and to create summer camp literacy and learning opportunities on some Reserves for Aboriginal young people. His Honour launched his third book, *Roller Coaster*, at a Massey College reception during the winter: all royalties will support Mr Bartleman's literacy initiatives.

### QUEBEC



Traditionnelle réception carnavalesque offerte par Mme le Lieutenant gouverneur du Québec

- The greatly-loved Lise Thibault is making good progress in her recovery from a February 18 stroke. Her Honour received representatives of The Quebec Carnival Committee in her Québec Suite earlier that month.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

- The Lieutenant Governor, Herménégilde Chiasson, recently announced a new initiative, *The Lieutenant Governor's Reading Circle*, in order to promote reading and writing throughout the Province. At least once a week His Honour will visit a school, community centre, nursing home, library or similar venue to read aloud or be read to. "Nearly 50 per cent of our population cannot read at an adequate level," he observed. "Since I am an author, poet and playwright, it is only natural that literacy should represent a dimension of great interest to me... It is my wish that the Lieutenant Governor's Reading Circle can get people reading, talking about books, writing stories, and thinking about the importance of literacy in our lives."



The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick welcomes members of the Provincial Command, Royal Canadian Legion, who presented His Honour with the symbolic first poppy in anticipation of Remembrance Day

### NOVA SCOTIA

- The Nova Scotia government may have to move the next Lieutenant Governor into a downtown Halifax apartment if it proceeds with an extensive renovation of the 200-year old Government House. Dan Davis, of the Province's Cultural Affairs Department, stated that nearly every system in the historic structure is outdated and crumbling, although there is no danger of collapse. Provincial Assembly Speaker Murray Scott called on Cabinet to approve the repairs, which could cost several millions of dollars and take over a year to complete. On May 7, Her Honour Myra Freeman spoke at the Graduation Ceremonies at the University of Cape Breton, at which time she received the Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.



NS Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman wears her uniform as Honorary Captain, Maritime Forces

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

- Amongst His Honour Edward Roberts' recent engagements have been the presentation of certificates of appreciation to launch Volunteer Week 2005, presentation of Royal Life Saving Society Rescue Awards at Government House, and the Opening of the 2nd Session of the 45th General Assembly of the Province on March 15th.



Encouraging volunteerism: Newfoundland & Labrador Lieutenant Governor Edward Roberts presents certificate to journalist Shirley Newhook, one of 59 such appreciations during the 2005's Volunteer Week.

## Ontario LG Bartleman Speaks Frankly at Wapekeka's Suicide Conference

by Peter Moon

Between 1989 and 1998 there were 16 suicides in Wapekeka, an isolated first nation with a population of only 350 people, giving it the highest per capita suicide rate for anywhere in Canada. The shocked community came together to deal with the problem and, since May, 1999, it has not had a death by suicide. Community leaders say that one of the key contributors to the success of Wapekeka's efforts to prevent suicide, particularly among its youth, has been an annual conference on suicide prevention, together with a programme that provides



Ontario Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman poses with proud grandmother Mary Roundsky and her one-month-old grandson, Marek, who is in a traditional Oji-Cree cradleboard, at a conference on suicide at the Wapekeka First Nation in Ontario's Far North.

24-hour access to help and advice.

"It has helped us a lot," said Chief Charles Brown in an interview at the Wapekeka First Nation's 12th Survivors of Suicide Conference. "We're hoping it will catch on with other communities." The week-long annual conference attracted visitors from a dozen communities across Ontario's Far North who wanted to learn about Wapekeka's success.

James Bartleman, Ontario's first Aboriginal lieutenant-governor, told delegates that he suffers from depression. "Six years ago I wanted to kill myself," he said, "and I came very close to it. Here I was, the most successful Aboriginal in the Canadian Foreign Service (where he was a senior diplomat for many years), with a wonderful wife, three wonderful children, but still this black dog came upon me and I wanted to die."

## VICE-REGAL CHRONICLE

He said he sought assistance from a psychiatrist and with the help of medication, which he still takes, "I no longer want to kill myself. I hope people won't be afraid to seek help."

Delegates attended ceremonies, work shops and healing circles, where they heard from counsellors and survivors and talked about their own experiences.

"You see people's mannerisms change," said conference co-ordinator Stanley McKay. "It does something to them inside, in a positive way." Wapek-eka's suicide prevention programme is still developing and uses a holistic approach to prevention and rehabilitation. "Each community," McKay said, "has to develop its own programme. But the philosophy is the same: walk together, create community harmony. Our elders tell us if we can create community harmony we won't have these issues."

(Sergeant Peter Moon is the public affairs ranger for 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group at Canadian Forces Base Borden.)

### First Vice-Regal Levee in Thunder Bay

by Capt David Ratz

The year 2005 will mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment in Thunder Bay. The celebrations were initiated in Vice Regal splendor on January 1st, when in conjunction with the City of Thunder Bay and Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honorable James K. Bartleman, hosted his annual New Year's Levee at the Armoury in Thunder Bay.

The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment and Garrison Officer's Mess has been hosting a "New Year's Day Queen's Levee", as it is styled in Thunder Bay for decades. The day got off to a start with the traditional celebrations as usual at 10 am, with a toast to the health of Her Majesty and a toast to the units of the Garrison. This was followed by a breakfast and visitations from the Warrant Officer's and Sergeants Mess and the public.

With the arrival of the Vice Regal representative in the afternoon, the event got under way at 2pm with family entertainment and light refreshments. His Honour, along with Mayor Lynn Peterson, Justice and Honourary Colonel John de P. Wright and Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Brent Faulkner, CD were in the receiving line to greet the public.

Entertainment included a tattoo by the Macgillvray Pipe Band, the Thunder Bay Finnish Choir, members of the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra per-

forming, a display of aboriginal art by Moses (Amik) Beaver, drumming and songs by a local native women's group. Hot chocolate and "Persians", a local pastry, were provided to all guests and members of the public. Across the street from the Armoury, the city-hosted event at Waverley Park, featured skating, sliding down hills on plastic toboggans, taking horse drawn wagon hay rides and playing snow golfing with tennis balls.

Civic dignitaries in attendance included Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP Ken Boshcoff and Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Michael Gravelle. Gravelle was excited about the whole event, especially since his dad, Eddie Gravelle, was commander of the LSSR about 50 years ago.

The Levee concluded with presentations of civic awards, the presentation of long service medals to local firefighters and recognition of members of the Regiment who recently returned from Operation Athena in the Persian Gulf area. The event was well received, with over 700 people attending the event throughout the afternoon.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Cyril Bagin, Toronto

Writing as a young Slovak this time, it is with joy that I report the news that Pope John Paul II beatified "our" last reigning Habsburg Emperor, HM Karl I, on Sunday, October 3. May our congratulations and prayers go out to the Habsburgs and to the nations of central Europe. If only I had been able to go to Rome at this time, I would have wanted to be in St. Peter's Square for this event. Of course, this Emperor of Austria and King of Bohemia and Hungary now joins the ranks of royal saints/beatificates such as Nicholas II of Russia (canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church), Charles I of Great Britain (canonised by the Church of England and others).

From Trevor James Cox, Tokyo, Japan

I had the opportunity to visit the Canadian Embassy here in Tokyo the other day, and was surprised to see a portrait of our Governor General hanging in the reception area. Upon asking where the portrait of Her Majesty could be found, I was told that they did not have one – that this was the only portrait that they had been supplied with. I asked the woman who has been working in the passport office for the past seven years the same question, and she replied by saying that she had no idea that Canada even had a Queen. The fact that the portrait of our Governor General was chosen over that of Our Queen is something that I find very curious. That Embassy staff do not even know of Her Majesty's existence is something that I find quite disturbing.

My query today is simply this: Would there be any special reason why our Embassies are not supplied with such portraits when Canadian Heritage freely supplies entirely suitable-for-framing and stunning portraits of Our Queen to anyone who requests them? Is there a way to have one supplied to them? While I think it fine that a portrait of our Governor General graces their wall, she is far from being internationally recognizable and she is even further from being a substitute for the Queen herself.

## Prince Michael of Kent Opens Windsor Armoury during Fall Visit

by Christopher Lucki

It had been ages since I've seen such a miserable weekend in Windsor. The sky was constantly cloudy, the rain was treacherous and the chilly wind only added fuel to an already unpleasant mid-October. With this weather His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent arrived in Windsor Ontario to fulfill official duties dealing with his personal connection to the area.

On the morning of Thursday the 14th October, Prince Michael was cordially greeted by Mayor Eddie Francis at the Dieppe Memorial along the Detroit River. Providing more than simply a scenic background, the imposing structures of Detroit seemed much smaller with a member of our royal family standing before them. Almost symbolically, the presence of the Prince instantly made Windsor more Canadian than it had previously seemed. Friday afternoon saw His Royal Highness lunching at 'Chez Talbot' at the local St. Clair College where his meal was made and served by students of the culinary arts. Server Alan Smith, devoted monarchist and personal friend, was thrilled beyond words when he was chosen to serve Prince Michael the last course, an assortment of deserts. Ending a meal that had been complete with vegetables that were cut into the shape of maple leaves,



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From Francis Bleeker, Stittsville, Ontario:

In the course of my work I get to visit Canadian Embassies in Europe on a fairly regular basis. It strikes me that there is no central DFAIT policy prescribing the display of a photo of the Queen as our Head of State. In some cases photos of the GG, the PM and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and of International Trade are in full view, sometimes none. Out of the Embassies in Latvia, Poland, Norway,

Alan was later to have heard the Prince comment on enjoying the best duck he had ever eaten. On the cold, wet and gloomy morning of Saturday 16th October, Prince Michael took part in the official opening of the Major F.A. Tilson V.C. Armoury and Police Training Centre. Standing near the corner of Goyeau and University avenues, Prince Michael, along with the Mayor, reviewed the troops of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment of which His Royal Highness was made Colonel-in-Chief in March of 2002. With bagpipes piping, drums beating and flags waving, the Regiment marched down Riverside Drive towards their new home in the western part of the city.

Completing his visit on 18th October with an address to the Windsor Rotary Club, Prince Michael departed from the city and left behind a renewed sense of Canadian pride with monarchists and good Canadians alike within this most southern region of Ontario. After reflecting on the past five days, my mind drifted to our counterparts living in Great Britain. I thought of how truly lucky they were as they get the reliable services of our Royal Family nearly every day of the year. I dreamed and thought, thinking of how fantastic it would be if a member of the Royal Family lived here. If such was the case, I was convinced, that every weekend would be as sunny as the past one had been!

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His Honour at New Year's Levee in Thunder Bay, with Mayor Lynn Peterson

# REMARKABLE MEMOIRS BY ONTARIO'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

by P. Willox

James Bartleman, *On Six Continents: A Life in Canada's Foreign Service*, McClelland & Stewart / Douglas Stewart, Toronto, 2004, 253 pp.

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman's latest book is a superb follow-up to his award-winning memoir, *Out of Muskoka*. Avoiding the specialized focus of some diplomatic memoirs, Bartleman has produced a highly readable, action-packed volume which should appeal to a wide readership. Among its various virtues, *On Six Continents* gives an easily-digested overview of recent Canadian foreign policy developments. It also dramatically illustrates the sheer variety of settings and challenges confronting Foreign Service officers, and thereby provides a valuable corrective to the stereotypical image of diplomats living exclusively on the cocktail circuit. More profoundly, *On Six Continents* is not only the second installment of a remarkable human odyssey from poverty in the Muskoka to first-hand dealings with world leaders, but also — as a result of the author's admirable frankness — a touching testimony of personal triumph over depression.

Bartleman's fast-paced account begins with a graphic depiction of his sudden immersion into Third World poverty from the moment of his arrival at Dhaka airport to start a posting. As soon as his feet were on the tarmac, he was besieged by beggars: "Some with hands, but not feet, hobbled on their knees, grabbing at my clothes. Others, with feet but no hands, stuck damp stumps of their festering limbs in my face." Similar encounters followed before Bartleman made it to his hotel, where, as he notes, he was unable to sleep well for many nights to follow. Bartleman's underlying concern for the victims of poverty is evident throughout the book, and provides a thought-provoking counterpoint to his discussion of foreign policy issues.

The core of Bartleman's book naturally focuses on his diplomatic work, beginning with what he describes as his "apprenticeship" during the first fifteen years of his career (including postings to the United Nations, Colombia, Bangladesh, NATO, Nicaragua, and Peru), and then moving on to his assignments as Ambassador to Cuba, Israel, and NATO, then as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, and finally as High Commissioner to South Africa and Australia, and Ambassador to the European Union. Bartleman provides intriguing insights into the central themes of Canadian foreign policy during this period. Particularly noteworthy is the detailed account of his work at NATO, first as a junior officer during the height of the Cold War and then as Ambassador during the immediate post-Cold War period when the Alliance had to shift gears rapidly to respond to the erupting crisis in the Balkans. Bartleman refers to the damaging impact that past budget cutbacks have had on Canada's ability to influence international political and military affairs, but also makes the point that skillful diplomacy has often enabled Canada to punch above its weight in the global arena.

Bartleman's descriptions of international developments are accompanied by

intriguing portraits of various foreign leaders with whom he has dealt. Of special interest in this regard is Fidel Castro, whose longevity in power undoubtedly owes something to the caution that Bartleman observed him take even during after-hours relaxation. The Cuban leader never announced his acceptance of invitations to the Canadian Ambassador's official residence in advance of his arrival, but the Cuban security preparations made any announcement redundant: "...Troops would seal off the neighbourhood, guards would materialize in the garden, the president's personal food taster would take up his position beside the cook in our kitchen, and technicians would hurriedly install new telephone lines. The president would then roll up in his big, black Soviet Ziv limousine, leave his Uzi pistol machine gun on the back seat, and come in to spend the evening with the Bartlemans, wearing, as always, a bulletproof vest under his well-pressed military shirt."

Any civil servants reading Bartleman's book who have experienced the unique demands and frayed nerves that sometimes emerge during high-level visits will enjoy his exquisite account of the ministerial temper-tantrum unleashed in Havana by visiting Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan, who made clear to the Ambassador his displeasure with his accommodations in a Cuban protocol guest house used by previous Canadian ministers. Bartleman recalls that Whelan spent ten minutes screaming at him "with much unprintable language" about the alleged inadequacies of the guest house, with Whelan being particularly annoyed about a dead fly in the bathroom. While enduring the tirade, Bartleman tried to recall his earlier inspection of the house: "Either through gross incompetence I had missed the dead fly, or the fly had thoughtlessly died after I left. Either way, it was my fault." Fortunately for his (and future readers') sake, his career progress was not slowed by the subsequent letter of complaint that Whelan sent to Bartleman's minister.

For the benefit of those readers of *On Six Continents* who have not read the earlier *Out of Muskoka*, Bartleman briefly pays tribute to the efforts of his parents (neither of whom completed elementary school), his teachers, and an American benefactor to help him obtain a higher education. Above and beyond the specific insights that his Aboriginal ancestry provided during his postings in South Africa and Australia, one senses that Bartleman's overall effectiveness throughout his varied career was considerably enhanced by his ability to empathize with the most humble of workers, thereby keeping a healthy perspective on the sometimes pretentious airs of his political and, business, or diplomatic interlocutors. A remarkable example of Bartleman's determination never to lose sight of street-level realities was his decision one day during his posting to Bangladesh to arrange to trade places with a bicycle-rickshaw operator. Bartleman plunged into the traffic and pedaled for ten kilometres before his exhaustion overwhelmed him. He observes that this harsh experience made him realize that "the life of a Bangladeshi ... was as nasty, brutish, and short as the life of any medieval European serf, and probably worse." Bartleman's first-hand knowledge of living conditions in devel-

oping countries served him well throughout his career in helping ensure that discussions of foreign aid issues not be treated as intellectual abstractions.

Another engaging feature of *On Six Continents* is Bartleman's willingness to tell readers about his own mistakes, a refreshing contrast with the self-serving tone of some diplomatic memoirs. For example, during a his time as Ambassador to Israel, Bartleman recalls that he unthinkingly inserted himself into a dinner party conversation between then-Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and New York Times correspondent Thomas Friedman, and then compounded his error by not withdrawing quickly: "Instead, I stupidly dug myself in deeper. Smiling thinly, I searched desperately for something to say. I blurted out, 'Uh, how would you describe the state of Canadian-Israeli relations?'" The blunt-spoken Rabin reflected for a moment and then, in the presence of the distinguished American journalist, referred to Ottawa's recently-announced decision to curtail arms sales to Israel, and declared that relations between the two countries had hit an all-time low. "Rabin and Friedman sat quietly waiting for me to get up and leave.... I left the table in silence as Rabin looked on remorselessly and Friedman stared at me with cold pity." Bartleman ruefully recalls that the moment he had opened his mouth he had realized that his timing was all wrong: "Talk about shooting oneself in the foot!"

Bartleman also relays many lighter moments in his career, including one memorable episode during his posting as a junior officer at the Canadian Embassy in Colombia when, in organizing an itinerary for his Head of Mission's tour of outlying regions, he inadvertently booked his Ambassador into a bordello. Physical danger is another motif of the Bartleman memoirs, which recount harrowing experiences with Peruvian bandits and Palestinian riots, Colombian earthquakes, a catastrophic boating accident during a military visit in Labrador, close calls with military flights in Norway and Italy, and a horrific mugging in South Africa.

Last but definitely not least, Bartleman provides a remarkably frank account of his personal struggle with depression. He chronicles the ups and downs of this battle during the latter half of the 1990s — a battle he eventually won — in a matter-of-fact manner which in itself is a valuable contribution to facilitating public discussion and understanding of this illness. Bartleman's frankness is reminiscent of a similarly candid account given in the 1980s by the late Prince Claus of the Netherlands about his own problems with depression. In both cases, the net effect has been to help de-stigmatize depression and thereby encourage others who are similarly afflicted to seek help.

Except for the fact that the book's publisher has inexplicably deprived the volume of an index, this reviewer's only complaint about *On Six Continents* is that it ends too quickly. Bartleman's quick march through 253 highly-readable pages leaves one wishing that he and his publisher had opted for a lengthier book which would provide fuller coverage of the latter part of his career. One can only hope that after he eventually concludes his distinguished career of public service, he will produce a more

detailed account of his work as foreign policy advisor to Jean Chrétien and his postings in South Africa, Australia, and Brussels/EU, along with recollections of his vice-regal role in Ontario. In the meantime, *On Six Continents* can be highly recommended to all readers interested in a front-lines perspective on Canadian foreign policy, and to any younger readers potentially interested in pursuing careers in diplomacy.

Paul Willox is a long-standing member of the Monarchist League of Canada who has resided in Ottawa and Victoria.

## NEWS FROM THE ANTIPODES

Information from David Flint, Convener, Australians for Constitutional Monarchy

An April 29, 2004, poll in the Sydney Morning Herald, reports that enthusiasm for a republic has cooled significantly since the Referendum, with 52% now supporting, as opposed to 57% at the height of the Referendum debate. (The 1999 Referendum failed 54-46%, also being defeated in every State). Voters aged 18-24 and those over 55 were the least likely to favour change. A further Newpoll printed in The Australian on Australian Day, January 26, 2005, also revealed republican sentiment at a 12-year low, at 46%. Princess Mary of Denmark's visit to Australia — HRH is Australian born — revealed the innate appeal of Monarchy to citizens of the Commonwealth. This according to leading republican Dr Mark McKenna writ-



Top, New Zealand's current flag —  
New silver fern flag?

ing in The Australian on March 13th. McKenna drew two conclusions from her tour: the infinite capacity of monarchy for reinventing itself, and that Aussies are not anti-monarchical. Indeed, he went on to opine that for 150 years "Monarchy served as the embodiment of our most cherished civic values," and that republicans have not found an argument for change of similar depth and purpose."

Meanwhile Dr Noel Cox of the New Zealand Monarchist League criticized what he termed "the atmosphere of secrecy" surrounding The Prince of Wales's recent tour of the Island Realm. Many of the functions were private, by-invitation-only events; the National Police Commander called it "a relatively low-key visit"; and the Prime Minister — a republican — was quoted as saying that "the handful of people who have waited to get a glimpse" of the Prince was "appropriate for the times."

# TWO MAJOR NEW BOOKS DEAL WITH THE CANADIAN CROWN

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Author Christopher McCreery (rt) with Monarchist League Dominion Vice-Chairman Paul Benoit (left) and Saskatchewan Head of Protocol Michael Jackson.

**THE MAPLE CROWN IN  
ALBERTA: The Office of  
Lieutenant-Governor**

by Kenneth Munro

**The Provincial aspect of  
the Canadian Crown**

Kenneth Munro is Professor of History, and Acting Department Chairman of the History & Classics Department at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. A loyal Monarchist, as his "personal centennial project" and gift to the people of Alberta, Ken has written a most fascinating book on the day-to-day functioning



of the Canadian Monarchy at the provincial level via the history of Alberta's Lieutenant Governors. No dry text, the pages of this clearly-printed, large-format book combine

explanations of how the Constitution operates with a plethora of little-known history and engaging anecdotes. Here are the various incarnations of Alberta's Government Houses; Premier Walsh's refusal to provide a fireplace for the LG; Premier Aberhart's row with another vice-regal, which made His Honour Mr Bowen flee to a hotel refuge, and led the King, with fine irony, to ask in 1939 if the entourage would be 'passing by' Government House! Here too also are other rich characters straight out of the Canadian West: the much-loved Grant MacEwan's rejected portrait; Gordon Towers, "who never pulled his punches;" and the unedifying row between Mr Towers and his successor H.A. "Bud" Olson centering on the location of the vice-regal New Year's Levee. The book is up to date, with a gracious tribute to the deeply-mourned Lois Hole, and information about His Honour Norman Kwong, who promises a bright future for the Alberta Crown. Many photographs, most not otherwise easily accessible, complement the text. As well, Munro provides solid information about the minutiae of uniforms and Aides-de-Camp, ceremonial events and routine approval of Orders-in-Council. This is a work which every Canadian Monarchist should "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest." It provides an important perspective on how the role of the Lieutenant Governor - and thus the functioning of the Canadian Crown - has continually adapted itself throughout our history. Thus it is a gift of substance and style to Queen, Province and all Canada.

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## All the King's Women: Love, Sex and Politics in the Life of Charles II

by Derek Wilson  
Pimlico, £8.99

In a pre-feminist age, the public was affronted not by the King's having mistresses, but by his relying on their political opinions. The popular historian Derek Wilson agrees with the perception that this unofficial rule was bad for the Realm.

## The Architect King: George III and the Culture of Enlightenment

by David Watkin  
Royal Collection Publications, £30.00



George III: commissioned Gold State Coach

The fabrication of the Golden State Coach, the engagement of the top architects of the day – Adams, Chambers, Wyatt – the modernization of Buckingham House and building of Somerset House: these all reflected very much the King's own involvement and taste. Watkin paints a vivid picture of George, too often remembered for his latter madness rather than for his aesthetic sensibilities and inquiring mind. Indeed, having spent the prodigious sum of £40,000 for the construction of a 40-foot telescope, the King wanted to show it off to his apprehensive visitor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and is said to have quipped: "Come, my Lord Bishop, I will show you the way to Heaven!"

## Birth of the Chess Queen: a History

by Marilyn Yalom  
Pandora Press, £19.99



12th Century Chess Queen: not so powerful as today

Something different: a feminist historian, Yalom traces the evolution of the queen's role in the game of chess as reflective of the progress of women, especially royal women, in medieval Europe. Apparently the queen as a chess piece didn't originally exist. It was called vizier – the king's advisor – and was able to move only one step at a time, diagonally. Reviewers felt Yalom goes to rather unconvincing extremes to prove her thesis; but she gives the reader a lively look at the game's evolution and the parallel – if not determinative – trends in history.

## Canada's House: Rideau Hall and the Invention of a Canadian Home

by Margaret MacMillan, Marjorie Harris and Anne L. Desjardins  
Knopf Canada, \$55.00



Lady Monck and children in Garden of Rideau Hall, 1868

This is a work quite unlike other histories or appraisals of Rideau Hall. Its thesis is that Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul have brought the most sparkling intellect and purposeful sense of Canadian identity both to the office of Governor General and, particularly, to The Queen's Canadian Home. The book focuses on the deeply-considered "Canadianizing" of both the famed gardens and the food (and wine) served at Rideau Hall – the latter even includes some recipes adapted for home use! While sketching something of the previous occupants and the ramshackle development of the house, one senses that authors understand that the whole edifice incarnates the monarchical spirit of Canada, one distinct from that great republic to the south and its White House.

## Diana: In Pursuit of Love

by Andrew Morton  
Michael O'Mara, £18.00



Diana in USA, 1996

Morton's third Diana book covers the last seven years of the tragic Princess' life, providing both memorable vignettes and an account of various ill-advised relationships as she sought consolation and understanding. Familiar territory, Morton brings the story together in comprehensive fashion. However what is new is his account of how he carried off the greatest Royal "scoop," in history, the intimate recordings of Diana's inmost feelings during her marriage which led to *Diana: Her True Story* and explosion that followed. This all forms part of the history of our Monarchy today: not edifying or happy but, sadly, true.

## The Firm: The Troubled Life of the House of Windsor

by Penny Junor  
HarperCollins, £18.99

Penny Junor is no sycophant, but a sympathetic raconteur of the Royal Family's present travails, and blessed with excellent Palace sources. Whether in an informal interview with Prince William, a discussion of the complexities of Royal Finances or her incisive sketches of personalities ranging from Philip and Anne to Royal courtiers, Junor provides reportage framed by her conclusion (and guiding principle, one suspects): "Britain would be a poorer place without a monarch at the helm."

## The Hanoverians: The History of a Dynasty

by Jeremy Black  
Hambledon & London, £19.95



George II: monarch still central in government

Stable and capable, if not particularly popular, the Hanoverian monarchs intertwined Britain's fortunes with those of Europe. Strong kings, the early Georges had a keen sense of the Royal Prerogative, but were realistic in knowing the limits to their powers – and the last two of their dynasty, George IV and William IV, acquiesced to the great changes of their age: Catholic Emancipation and the Electoral Reform Bill of 1832, respectively. Black also intrigues the reader with a lot of hypothetical "what ifs" – as in suppose the Bonnie Prince had not been chased back to France at Derby? Suppose Queen Victoria had been a man? Good history, relevant to Britain's enduring and complicated relationship with the Continent.

## King in Exile: James II – Warrior, King, and Saint

by John Callow  
Sutton, £25.00



James II: "exemplary piety"

James II, ousted for his "popery" during the Glorious Revolution of 1688, might have recovered the Throne with the aid of the Emperor of Morocco. This is but one curiosity explored in this second volume of Callow's thorough biography of the Stuart monarch who was also genuinely devout – and was considered by many a Saint at the time of his death in 1701.

## The People's King: The True Story of the Abdication

by Susan Williams  
Penguin, £8.99

Susan Williams' has burrowed in masses of official papers released 70 years on, including letters from the public to Edward VIII as well his own private correspondence. She concludes that the Establishment greatly underestimated Edward; equally, that for all his faults, he never was a traitor.

## Philip and Elizabeth: Portrait of a Marriage

by Gyles Brandreth  
Century, £20.00



Elizabeth and Philip: true partnership

The Duke of Edinburgh cooperated with Brandreth in this book, which reveals its subject in all his gnashing yet sympathetic complexity. A modernizing, expansive influence on The Queen throughout her Reign, Philip nonetheless seems to enjoy but a difficult relationship with their eldest son. "Shot through with penetrating insights" was the verdict of one British reviewer.

## Princesses: The Daughters of George III

by Flora Fraser  
John Murray, £25.00



Princess Mary, daughter of George III

Devoted father to his six daughters, they had to bear the deterioration of George III into dementia. Their only escape from the cloistered life of course was marriage. This skillfully-written history thus traces the mores of the late-Georgian to mid-Victorian period. It relies on primary sources rather than gossip and old tales. Not all was happy: Amelia, horrified to be stricken by venereal disease at 15, then denying of consumption; Sophia, who bore an illegitimate son by one of the King's equerries. Illuminating is the picture of their brother the Prince of Wales. When he became Regent, he saw to the well-being of his sisters and assured their independence, rather than "putting us in a sack and drowning us in the Thames" as the grateful Sophia wrote him.



# League Notes...

## Queen's University Monarchist Represents League at National Ceremony for 40th Anniversary of National Flag

by Chris Green

On February 15, 2005, I had the pleasure of representing Dominion Chairman Aimers at the national ceremony in Kingston, Ontario, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Canadian flag. The event was very well attended by the over two hundred guests that filled Memorial Hall at City Hall, and included many local dignitaries as well as distinguished national guests such as Prime Minister Paul Martin and the guest of honour Col. John Matheson, the Father of our Canadian flag. Despite this distinction, however, Col. Matheson accepted the accolades with great humility, and went to great lengths to ensure that the many contributions made by others involved in the design and selection of



Chris Green (right) with friend poses with the Prime Minister at National Flag Ceremony, Kingston

the flag were recognized and applauded. "I would like to make it eminently clear that I did not produce the flag... this was the work of many loving hands," he emphasized.

Col. Matheson was also recognized for his distinguished career as a decorated soldier from the Second World War and as the Member of Parliament for Leeds, Ontario between 1961 and 1968. Prime Minister Martin described Col. Matheson as a "veteran, parliamentarian, and patriot" and honoured him as the man who "more than anyone else, fought relentlessly ... to give Canada a flag of dignity and grace." Clearly touched by the ceremony, the Colonel enjoyed a well-deserved recognition of his courageous and tireless efforts to mould a flag that would represent a distinct Canadian identity. It was a tribute that I was honoured to attend.

## Teen Status Indian: Why I Support the Crown

by Jed B.W. Johns

I am a Monarchist, a very Loyal monarchist who lives in an isolated hamlet in northern Alberta called Fort Vermillion. I am also an aboriginal, a status Indian who is 16 years old and loves the Canadian Monarchy. I have always shown an interest in the monarchy, even before joining the Monarchist League of Canada. Its hard though to express myself here in this small hamlet, where 80% of the population is native.

I am First Nations and I read that a small majority of First Nations does not wish to be Canadian and not to have to do with the Canadian Monarchy; some don't mind that we have the monarchy, they don't care if it stays or leaves, that's the surrounding I live in, no one cares. Then I see other First Nations people who are loving and loyal towards the Crown. I follow these natives: that's how I view the crown.

I came across the League when I was surfing the information highway (the internet) and clicked on the League's website, I e-mailed the Dominion Chairman and we got to talking and now I am part of this great organization.

Well, life in an isolated place and with isolated loyalty is no easy situation, I had to work hard to get the information out about the Canadian Monarchy and this organization. Virtually no one knew that the "Queen of England" was actually the Queen of Canada too. It was surprising that so few knew what was fact. People gave me a hard time when I said I was a monarchist and even laughed in my face. Some still do laugh and tease but I have learned to live through it: I know what I believe in and I believe the Monarchy is one of the best things that Canada as a country has, that without the monarchy we lose our Canadian way, we lose our heiritage, we lose our beloved country. I might only be a bratty isolated teenager, but I know the monarchy is Canada.

I have good news! Recently I got my school to play the Royal Anthem. Once very week, it will be played and if people ask why it was played then I can inform them on our monarchist heritage.

I will continue my loyal ways toward the monarchy and Canada, nothing will sway my heart from this, for the very first time I heard of the Canadian Monarchy, I became a Monarchist. Thank you for letting me express myself. God Save the Queen!

(Jed recently was elected to the Board of the Fort Vermillion Community Library Society, and attended the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa.)

## PAUL BARRE, 1906-2005



Major Paul Barre

A devoted Monarchist and generous supporter of the League's work, Paul Barre died in Montreal on February 2, aged 95. The highlight of his distinguished military career with the Royal Montreal Regiment occurred in 1945, when the young Major was ordered to return 6,000 disarmed Slovenian refugees to Tito. Convinced – as happened to so many others shamefully transported against their wishes by the Allies to Communist forces – that this would be their death warrant, Barre stood up to a British staff officer, and carried the day. That incident marked the end of any chance for promotion, but it was honoured by the Regiment, and by his 1988 investiture with the Order of Saint Sava by Alexander II of Yugoslavia. Barre resumed his business career on his return to Montreal, remaining active and driving a car into his 90s. A peppery soldier to the end, he last communicated with me a few years before his death to say that my handwriting was indecipherable, and wasn't the purpose of writing a letter to have it understood by the recipient! RIP. JLA

## ARTHUR RALPH CHETWYND, BT, 1913-2004



Arthur Chetwynd

Sir Arthur Chetwynd founded Chetwynd Films in 1950, and won renown for bringing to movie and television screen documentaries and educational films of substance and quality. A gregarious man, and a pillar of many charitable and loyal societies of which his chairing the late-1970's Canterbury Cathedral Appeal in Canada was but one of myriad similar activities, Sir Arthur was a keen monarchist whose wise counsel and generous assistance was much appreciated during the years of a vigorous retirement spent in Cobourg, Ontario. RIP.

## BRIAN SCOTT 1934-2005

Comox-Courtenay Branch Chairman



Brian Scott (right) with Barbara Clement and John Aimers at Comox-Courtenay Branch Banquet, c. 2001

Founder (1998) and Chairman of the League's Comox-Courtenay (BC) Branch, Brian Scott was a quietly efficient leader whose life of service was exemplified by his devotion to family, his military and police career and his involvement with the Anglican Church. Brian died March 16, after a long illness. After four years in the British Army, Brian tossed a coin in 1956 – the choice lay between immigrating to Canada or Kenya: the Dom-

inion won! On arrival, he served 12 years in the Provost Corps, and then in the Ontario Provincial Police 1970-79. For 21 years he assisted with the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, retiring in 1999 with the rank of Major. Our thoughts and concern go to Jessie and all Brian's family members. They may be proud of their husband and father, who, in Browning's words, was "one who never turned his back but marched breast-forward." RIP. JLA

## MORRIS CYRIL SHUMIATCHER, OC, SOM, OC, 1917-2004



Morris Shumiatcher receives his Honorary Life Membership from King Michael at the League's Ruby Jubilee Banquet, 1992

Shumy died peacefully in Regina on September 23, 2004, full of years and honours. A loyal monarchist, he once delivered the Porteous Lecture to the Regina Branch, was a generous supporter and good friend to Dominion and Branch Chairmen and a most eminent Honorary Chairman of the Regina Branch. In 1992, he journeyed to the League's Ruby Jubilee Banquet in Toronto, where he received an Honorary Life Membership at the hands of King Michael of Romania. Deeply enmeshed in the political, legal and social life of his beloved Saskatchewan, when a personal assistant to the Premier he was appointed the youngest King's Counsel in the Commonwealth, at 31, so that he could argue a case before the Privy Council on behalf of the Province. A dedicated civil libertarian, Shumy authored The Saskatchewan Bill of Rights and guided its passage through the legislature. It was the first Bill of Rights in Canada and preceded the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights by one year. While in government, Shumy started his life long association with the aboriginal community, when he convened the first meeting of Treaty Indians and published a text of their treaties in 1946. He entered private practice in 1949 and was an exceptional advocate and lawyer. He had a national practice, being called upon to defend cases across Western Canada, and appearing numerous times before the Supreme Court of Canada. Honorary Consul General for Japan at Regina, a discerning collector and generous donor of fine art and a major supporter of arts institutions in Saskatchewan, his interests were eclectic, his high spirits infectious, his welcome genuine and warm, his loyalty ardent. These qualities never changed, even as honours came to him: Shumy was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada in 1981, and to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 1997. He loved to tell the story of how, having lent his home to TRH The Duke and Duchess of York for a rest day during an arduous tour, his veterinarian telephoned with a fairly abrupt message unaware of to whom he was speaking – which communication Prince Andrew dutifully wrote down for the Shumiatchers' return! Our

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## ROYAL VISIT WEB SITE

The Department of Canadian Heritage has mounted a special web site for the May Homecoming of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, which contains a host of educational material and historical resources which may be accessed at

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/royalvisit2005/>



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love and sympathy go to his wife Jacqui, also a League member, who was a full partner in their 49-year marriage, and who supported Shumy most devotedly during the long, sad decline of his twilight years. "He who makes peace in our heights, may He make peace, upon us and upon all Israel. Amen" JLA

#### CLAUDIA WILLETTS: 1947-2005



Claudia Willetts receives the League's Gold Badge of Service, 1991, at informal dinner party hosted by John Aimers.

Claudia Willetts, who died on May 8, held a Gold Badge of Service, originally presented to her by the Dominion Chairman at a private dinner party, then given publicly by King Michael II of Romania at the League's Ruby Jubilee Banquet in 1992. The honour was in recognition that for many years, Claudia had nearly single-handedly managed the Library at the League's former premises in North Toronto. When the Library was handed over to the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust about a decade ago, she continued to preside over its voluminous collection with professionalism and efficiency despite the narrow confines of its physical space. Claudia had a sharp mind and keen wit which could seem masked by a somewhat serious mien. She was, however, an excellent and appreciative guest, with a quick eye to observe all that was going on around her. I remember very well attending with Claudia a federal government Dinner for Princess Anne in the mid-1980's, and how much she enjoyed the evening out in somewhat eclectic and not altogether "monarchist" company. In latter years never enjoying the most robust health, Claudia had for some time battled a debilitating cancer. During this bravely borne illness she was unflinchingly and extraordinarily supported by her friend and colleague, Garry Toffoli, to whom go our sympathies together with Claudia's surviving family members. RIP. JLA

#### OUR APOLOGIES

The names of Lynda Hickey, Kent Jackson and Ernest W. Lamb were inadvertently omitted from the list of Patrons of the Luncheon given by the League in honour of HRH The Princess Royal last June in Toronto. Our apologies and thanks to these generous supporters of the Crown.

#### LOYAL SOLDIER APOLOGIZES FOR LATE MEMBERSHIP DUES ... FROM THE AFGHAN FRONT LINES! MEMBER IN IRAQ THANKS LEAGUE

"Trial member Jay Anderson here. Sorry for my late remittance of dues. I had your trial membership and now feel I want to be a regular member. Things are a little hectic right now as I am in Kabul Afghanistan on the Canadian EOD/IEDD team and we just finished a bomb call. I brought my membership

package I received in the mail with me. I got it just before I deployed and its my bookmark. Sorry about the delay and you should have it in a couple of weeks...." This sort of devotion puts us all in mind of the true meaning of loyalty - Ed.

Recently the League also received a thank you note from Victoria, BC member Ted French, who is now working in Iraq. Ted said our regular group emails "reminded me of home."

#### WEB SITE REVISED BY VOLUNTEER STUDENT MONARCHISTS

The League's website has been totally revised. The work began with substantial re-writing and updating of most of the site's contents, of which the highlights include: • A new Arguments for the Crown section • a new section How the Canadian Monarchy Works - the Legal Nuts and Bolts • the provision of brief descriptions of most CMN articles archived on the site • an overhauled, verified and much more extensive Links section • a re-written What is the League section • updated materials throughout the site as well as a paid membership application to complement the popular free trial membership offer.

The results are an all-volunteer effort, reflecting many hours of work on the part of Webmaster Jay Payette, Student President of the MBA Programme at Carleton University's Eric Sprott School of Business, and other student members. Jay created the overall re-design, assisted by Andrew Ellsworth (Mount Allison University), Chris Green (Queen's University), Neal Moogk-Soulis (University of Waterloo) and Noel Semple (University of Toronto Law School). Brock Weir (Carleton University) designs special pages including the front page which greeted the many visitors to the site during Charles and Camilla's Wedding; and Travis Ritch (Upper Canada College) was instrumental in making the myriad corrections and changes typically needed in any remounted site; he now undertakes timely and accurate posting of routine new announcements and amendments.

The League is fortunate to command the loyalty of Jay and his colleagues. They undertook the work amidst their busy university schedules, executed it with few delays and brought about a result of which not only can Monarchists be proud, but which, if undertaken by professional designers, would have cost well over \$10,000!

#### ROYAL WEDDING MEDIA COVERAGE

All Canadian television networks covered live the festivities of April 9, with the Dominion Chairman joining CTV's coverage as commentator, while Victoria Branch Past Chairman Bruce Hallsor provided the same for Global. Extensive reporting leading up to the marriage and on the day itself brought to the airwaves League officers and members including Paul Benoit (Ottawa); Eugene Berezovsky (Toronto); Dr Douglass Dalton (Montreal); Rowan D'Eath (Toronto); The Hon Bev Harrison and Marje Harrison (Saint John); Karen Hill, Mississauga; Rajesh Joshi (Oxford, UK); Kenneth Lane (Victoria); René Le Clère (Montréal); Colleen Mills (Victoria); Robert Oldham (Hamilton); Colin Rowley (London); Keith Roy (Vancouver); Capt Troy Steele (Edmonton); Peter & Lucy Traves (Falmouth, NS). Apologies to those we may have inadvertently

missed: League members always represent its views with great skill and loyalty!

#### THE LEAGUE BULLETIN BOARD

Members are always welcome to join this on-line meeting place for Canadian Monarchists. It features often-informative, always-lively news, discussion and questions about topics great and small related to the Canadian Crown. Yes, now and then a few cranks and republicans make their way onto our pages, but their messages are quickly deleted and "community" feeling restored. Check out and share your ideas on the Board, found at <http://members.boardhost.com/monarchist/>

Interesting threads in the last while have included: Crowns on CF uniform rank badges; A Ukrainian Dance Festival on the Prairie attended by two loyal Lieutenant Governors; The significance of La Citadelle to the WWII Quebec Conference; The League on Hong Kong radio!; The RCM's new George VI commemorative nickle; The Queen's "true" birthday. We promise you that you won't be bored!

#### MEDIA RESOURCES - INTERESTING WEB SITES

Joseph Planta's commentary.ca blog interviewed the Dominion Chairman during March about the nuptials of the Prince of Wales. You can hear this extended discussion at <http://www.thecommentary.ca/ontheline/20050315a.html>

The Senate website contains an excellent page on Canada's Constitutional Monarchy [http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/people/senate/Monarchy/SenMonarchy\\_00-e.htm](http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/people/senate/Monarchy/SenMonarchy_00-e.htm)

#### YOUNG ADULT MONARCHIST E-GROUP NOW ON LINE!

Young Adult Monarchist Coordinator Bob Finch recently wrote as follows:

We have launched a new e-group for the Young Adult Monarchists. To join, simply send an Email to the following address: [young-adult-monarchists-subscribe@smartgroups.com](mailto:young-adult-monarchists-subscribe@smartgroups.com)

The Young Adult Monarchist group is open to young adult members (i.e., uni/college students, post-graduate students, 20-somethings) of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Our new e-group will allow us to communicate freely, share information, foster lasting friendships, and build a far-reaching network of individuals right across Canada to counter republicanism.

This new e-group is unique in that you do not need to "sign-up" or create a membership (your existing Email account is all you need) like Yahoo or MSN groups. Also, YOU can choose when/if you receive messages from the group: immediately, daily, or only when you access the group's Website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [bobbythefinch@speedpost.net](mailto:bobbythefinch@speedpost.net)

#### RIDEAU HALL CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ROYAL LITHOS

The following message was received in April from Rideau Hall for transmission to League members:

"The Office of the Secretary to

the Governor General is pleased to continue providing members of the Monarchist League, and all Canadians, with lithograph portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

"Portraits of the Royal Couple, posed individually or together, are available, in 14"x17" formats or of Her Majesty alone in a 6.5"x 8.5" format.

"These portraits can be conveniently ordered by calling 1 800 O-Canada and speaking with an attendant any time between 8:00 a.m and 8:00 p.m (EST/EDT) Monday to Friday.

"You may also place a request electronically via the Governor General's website at [info@gg.ca](mailto:info@gg.ca).

"You should normally expect to receive your portraits from Rideau Hall within two to three weeks of placing your request."

Jeffrey Chapman, Director, Communications and Visitor Services Office of the Secretary to the Governor General.

#### NOVA SCOTIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES LEAGUE

A very kind letter was received by the Dominion Chairman in which Her Honour Mrs Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, conveys her good wishes on the League's 35th Anniversary, and writes of the role the League has played in her Province "to celebrate the Crown and remember what it means to each of us."

#### CANADIAN HERITAGE GARDEN FOUNDATION WRAPS UP WORK

Mrs Gerda Hnatyshyn, CC, recently announced that Fall, 2004, had seen the completion of the work of the Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation, the main purpose of which had been to honour Canada's 125th Birthday by providing a large garden reflecting roses from across Canada on the grounds of Rideau Hall. Many League members made gifts to this project, spearheaded by the former Chate-laine. Remaining funds have been used for two purposes: first, to create a video of the Garden, produced in Ottawa by TV Factory. Second, an annual \$1000 Scholarship has been created at the University of Guelph. It will be awarded by the Faculty of Landscape Architecture to a student demonstrating excellence and creativity in planting designs, with preference to those students with an interest in roses.



#### Website Revised



# BRANCH NEWS...

Colleen Mills took over as Chairman, with Bill Blore as Vice Chairman, at Victoria Branch's Annual Meeting on January 14... Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor addressed the Branch's Fall Luncheon, half of the proceeds devoted to The Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee



Keith Roy, appointed Vancouver Chairman

Youth Arts Fund... Across the water in Vancouver, Keith Roy takes over the recently-inactive Branch. A food services professional, Keith is a former League Intern to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and has completed degrees at the University of Guelph and Acadia University... Edmonton Branch held an afternoon strategy session in April at the Jefferson Armoury Officers' Mess. Chairman Capt. Troy Steele revealed plans for The Queen's visit, including the privileged position members would enjoy to greet HM at the foot of the Legislature steps... Calgary members rejoice at the rebounding to good health of their indefatigable Chairman Fr Robert Greene after he suffered a stroke during the winter...



S.Sask Branch Teen Monarchists enjoy the Waseca stop on their summer tour, where they meet Helena and Christine Pike on their family farm



S. Sask Branch's recruiting poster



The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan addresses the South Saskatchewan Branch Christmas event

Regina/S. Saskatchewan members feel excited by their Branch web site, constructed by enthusiastic volunteer Scott Hazelwood. Individual members contributed well over \$15,000 towards the equestrian statue of The Queen to be unveiled by HM on the Legislature grounds. They also feted loyal member Anne Bancroft on her 100th

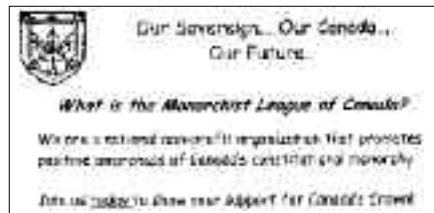


Scott Hazelwood... designed S. Saskatchewan Branch Web Site

birthday... Saskatchewan Branch held a late summer Reception with an educational component. Mr Speaker Myron Kowalsky and George Lafond (Special Advisor on Aboriginal Initiatives, Univ of Saskatchewan) addressed the meeting at which a number of teachers and professors were present. In a unique initiative, youth members of the Branch Nigel Molaro (Chairman), Chad Dennie and Derek Tennant went on a mid-summer tour of rural communities to visit isolated members and spread the message of loyalty through the northern part of Saskatchewan by affixing posters at local libraries, post offices and community bulletin boards. Undaunted by gravel roads and looming storms, the trio received a warm welcome from Edward Conacher in Mervin and Christina and Helena Pike at Waseca., en route to other stops at North Battleford, Meota, Edam, and Radisson. A further tour of communities around Prince Albert is planned for this summer. The Branch has also developed a very attractive poster for announcements and publicity... 70 guests at a Christmas Luncheon heard an inspired address by Her Honour, The Lieutenant Governor... Dominion Chairman John Aimers addressed an enthusiastic meeting of Winnipeg members in late January. A number of new volunteers stepped forward to support Margaret Morlock in her work... Waterloo members are following up on their Royal Portraits project. Last year they placed many framed pictures of The Queen in public places around the Kitchener-Waterloo area. This year, Chairman Martin Vierula reports, they are focusing on MP and MPPs' constituency offices. Research so far has found that only four of the area's 11 elected parliamentarians display a picture of the Sovereign. The Branch will now give the other seven an opportunity to do so... Niagara Branch met with the Dominion Chairman in March... each member decided to adopt a personal challenge of mounting Queen's portraits in at least two public places by fall... Hamilton Branch volunteers manned a sales and information table this Fall at the United Way Garage Sale, Mohawk College. Executive member Bob Finch is revising the Branch's web site... Toronto Branch members sent their sympathy to John Wilkes, League member and Hon Secretary of the Royal Canadian Heraldry Society, on the death on September 20th of his wife, Eleanor. Eleanor was John's loving and supportive companion, and a most welcoming hostess at the Wilkes' North York home. November 12 found Branch members observing Remembrance Day with an address by University of Toronto student monarchist member Eugene Berezovsky. In a thoughtful reflection, Eugene observed: "It took me a long time in staring at the picture to realize that these men weren't really professional soldiers. In actually they were as far removed from soldiering as they possibly could be. They were young men, U of T students, not to long out of high school. These were men from middle class families or gentle breeding



Halifax Branch initiative: cards for easy distribution



and good education. Men well read in the classics, and schooled in the ways and traditions of the empire. These were men like me"... Halifax Branch members remembered long-serving volunteer Lillian Jeffries, who died February 16, aged 83. They gathered the day of the Royal Wedding to hear Chairman Scott Burke give an informative address about HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. A particularly useful Branch initiative came in the form of easily-distributed "business cards" promoting the League and its website... The Dominion Chairman met with Newfoundland and Labrador members in St John's over the winter to share League news and see what prospects exist for reviving the moribund Branch. Chairman Carla Conway submitted her resignation after many years loyal service.

## Branch Springs to Life on University of Waterloo Campus Succeeds in donating, placing Queen's Portrait

by Neal Moogk-Soulis

The University of Waterloo is now home to the UW (Student) Branch of the Monarchist League of Canada, after a recent name change from a much more convoluted name that no one could remember. The branch is set up to work in parallel with the Guelph-Grand River Branch, but for reasons of university policy the UW Branch needed to be incorporated as an on-campus club run by students. Our first order of business has been get a portrait of HM the Queen posted in the Student Life Centre. As well, the group has been busy writing letters with respect to the ambassadorial Letters Patent issue. Finally, perhaps our most visible action so far was when Branch Co-Chairman Matt Bondy gave the loyal toast at February's Accession Luncheon in Toronto.

At press time Branch Co-Chairman Christopher Tuckwood reported that, after much lobbying, the University administration had agreed to place a framed and engraved picture of The Queen, donated by Branch funds, in the Physical Activities



Jake Lindsay, Canadian law student monarchist appeared live from London on CTV

Complex - thought suitable so it will be visible during the singing of the National Anthem at the Graduation Ceremonies and sports fixtures held at this site. Well done! - Ed.

## Réception à Montréal par René le Clère, chroniqueur

Le mercredi 10 novembre 2004, dans une suite de l'hôtel Ritz-Carlton, « la Grande Dame » de la rue Sherbrooke, générosité d'un membre qui tient à garder l'anonymat, le président national-fondateur de la Ligue monarchique du Canada, M. John Aimers, a reçu les membres montréalais de la Ligue monarchique, à un 5 à 7.

Nombreux furent ceux qui répondirent à cette invitation, parmi lesquels, le Dr Dalton Douglass, responsable de la section de Montréal, le chevalier René le Clère, le colonel Okill Stewart, Monsieur Jean-Philippe Grig, M. Georges Kinloch, le professeur Peter F. McNally, de l'université McGill, et de nombreux jeunes invités rencontrés pour la première fois.

L'absence de M. Gerald Iles se fit remarquer. Monsieur Gerald Iles est décédé le 19 juillet 2004, et une célébration de la vie a été célébrée le samedi 23 octobre, à Montréal.

Lors de cette sympathique rencontre, le président a remis au professeur-docteur Hereward Senior, professeur au Département d'histoire de l'université McGill, la médaille du Jubilé de Sa Majesté Elizabeth II, reine du Canada. Le professeur Senior a été pendant fort longtemps l'animateur infatigable de la section montréalaise de la Ligue monarchique du Canada, aussi chroniqueur durant de longues années de « Viewpoint from Québec » du périodique « Les Nouvelles monarchiques du Canada ». Le professeur était jadis efficacement aidé par feu son épouse la Dre Elinor Kyte Senior, elle aussi historienne, professeure et auteure. Récipiendaire de grande mérite pour ses activités durant des décennies, le professeur a été vivement félicité par chacune des personnes présentes.

Vin et amuse-bouches servirent de prétextes à des conversations animées.

Members of the Monarchist League of Canada are encouraged to express their views in these columns on items of monarchical interest. Please send submissions to the Dominion Chairman: john.aimers@sympatico.ca

# The Dominion Chairman's



The Dominion Chairman announces a new Royal Visit to the League



Matt Bondy proposes The Loyal Toast



Cynthia Hill tells of her summer as Vice-Regal Intern



Monarchist Teen Coordinator Eugene Berezovsky thanks Paul Benoit



John Aimers reads the Second Lesson

A record attendance – and a sense of urgency in the wake of the Martin government's removal of The Sovereign from Canadian diplomatic documents – brought members from four Provinces together on Sunday, February 6th, to celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of The Queen's Reign. The gathering having outgrown the Albany Club, it moved next door to the appropriately-named Windsor Ballroom of the Royal Meridien King Edward Hotel, where the Dominion Chairman welcomed guests. Keynote speakers included Dominion Vice-Chairman Paul Benoit and Saskatchewan Head of Protocol Michael Jackson. Vice-Regal Intern Cynthia Hill recounted her experiences as the League's

summer student in His Honour James Bartleman's Suite at Queen's Park. Matt Bondy, co-Chairman of the League's new Branch at the University of Waterloo, gave the Loyal Toast, while University of Toronto student Eugene Berezovsky thanked Paul Benoit. Many members then walked across the street to Saint James Cathedral for a Choral Evensong of Thanksgiving for the Accession, at which Michael Jackson – in private life a permanent Deacon and Honorary Assistant at the Cathedral in Regina – gave the address, with the Lieutenant Governor and Dominion Chairman reading the Lessons. His Honour received all the congregation after the service in the Narthex of the Cathedral.



Double duty: The Revd Dr Michael Jackson preaches at Accession Evensong, then greets His Honour with the Dean in the Cathedral narthex



A table of generous Patrons (l-r): John Wilkes, Dr Roy Eappen, benefactor Dan McCuan, Christopher Field and guest, Lena & Felicity Pickup and Richard Hildreth



Another table of generous Patrons (l-r): Joseph Haggart, Mrs Robert Barrett, Kent Jackson, Norman McMullen, Kevin Dark, Fr & Mrs Keith Byer and Robert Barrett



Michael Jackson (left) and Paul Benoit confer



Guests at Luncheon included (l-r) the David Jacksons, the Douglas Grants, Christopher McCreery, Doreen Vanini and the Stephen Smiths



Hamilton members enjoyed the afternoon with their Chairman, Sylvia Cook (left centre)



Some of the Monarchist Teens getting their greens!



Loyal IODE members Frieda Orleans (left) and her colleagues have not given up their Allegiance despite the unfortunate changes to the national organization's Constitution



University of Waterloo Branch co-Chairman Matt Bondy (left) with Guelph-Grand Valley Branch Chairman Martin Vierula



John and Patricia Raymer with John Aimers before Lunch

# Annual Accession Sunday Luncheon



His Honour, The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, enters the Cathedral for Accession Thanksgiving Service, escorted by the Dean, the Very Revd Douglas Stoute



Paul Benoit gives keynote address to sold-out Luncheon



John Aimers shares conversation with The Lieutenant Governor...and then is joined by his guest Myrna Fox, Past National President of the United Empire Loyalist Association



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# BY THEIR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

*The Monarchist League of Canada gratefully remembers those departed members whose bequests over the last decade have assisted to provide for the maintenance of the League's work across the Dominion of Canada whose Sovereign they faithfully served in life and whose welfare they forgot not in death. R.I.P.*



*Ronald Roy Anger, Toronto, Ontario*

*William Atkinson, Ajax, Ontario*

*Walter Heslop Bilbrough, Toronto, Ontario*

*Kenneth Connolly, Stoney Creek, Ontario*

*Francis William Dollman, Victoria, British Columbia*

*William Vernon Goodfellow, Hamilton, Ontario*

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*Daniel Edward Sage, Corbeil, Ontario*

*Grace Smith, Toronto, Ontario*

*Murray W. Waterman, Calgary, Alberta*

*Elsie Wight, Ottawa & Toronto, Ontario*



A prominent League member and benefactor, Mr. Alex Paton of Victoria, BC, has written a letter on the subject of wills, which he kindly gave permission for the League to circulate in any way that might be helpful. The Dominion Chairman sent it, along with a covering letter from the League, to all Life Members and to major contributors. If you would like to receive copies of this material, Mr. Aimers would cheerfully send them to you on request. In his final paragraph, the Chairman stated, "As I reflect on what, together, we have accomplished over this last quarter-century and more, nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to know that some of our most dedicated members will wish to help continue the work which we have endeavoured to do in life."

## Make Sure The Work Goes On!

Members who would like to ensure the continuation of the work of the Monarchist League of Canada in the years ahead, so that generations of the future may know the benefits of the Monarchy, are urged to consider the League's needs in making their wills. A suggested form of bequest, devised by the League's Honorary Solicitor, is provided below.

*I give and bequeath (or, in the case of real property: I give, devise and bequeath) to the Monarchist League of Canada Incorporated, P.O. Box 1057, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E9, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ .*

## Montréal : cérémonie religieuse en l'honneur du mariage de SAR le prince de Galles

par René le Clère, chroniqueur

Le vendredi 8 avril 2005, à dix-huit heures, en l'église anglicane Saint John the Evangelist, dans le centre-ville de Montréal, une messe a été célébrée afin de participer au mariage de S.A.R. le prince Charles de Grande-Bretagne et de Madame Camilla Parker-Bowles, mariage qui se célébrait le lendemain en Angleterre. Dans cette jolie petite église, aussi connue sous l'appellation « l'Église au toit rouge », les grandes orgues – aux timbres si magnifiques – ont résonné sous les doigts experts de son titulaire M. Garth MacPhee.

À l'arrivée à l'église, un programme-souvenir a été distribué, avec en première page, les grandes armoiries écarlates du prince Charles, prince de Galles et duc de Cornouailles.

La messe basse a été célébrée par le recteur de l'église, le Révérend Keith A. Smidt, assisté du Révérend David Jons, au grand autel du chœur qui brillait sous les éclats de vingt-huit bougeoirs immenses qui s'y trouvaient, et des huit lampes de sanctuaire suspendues à la poutre de gloire.

Quelques dizaines de personnes s'étaient déplacées pour participer à cette cérémonie très sobre, parmi lesquelles: Levi Oakey, membre d'Ontario qui poursuit ses études à l'université Concordia; M. Andrew Cook-Jolicœur; M. René le Clère, représentant le prince-régent Buu Chanh Nguyễn du Viêt-Nam; le docteur Douglas Dalton, responsable de la section montréalaise de La Ligue monarchique du Canada; M. Georges Kinloch; M. Downes Ryan, donat de l'ordre souverain de Malte; M. Peter McNally, professeur à l'université McGill, à Montréal.

À la fin de la cérémonie religieuse, les fidèles, les monarchistes chantèrent à pleins poumons, l'hymne royal « God Save the Queen », avec l'accompagnement vrombissant de l'orgue.

Le tout s'acheva par une dégustation



(left) Rene LeClere, Downes Ryan, Fr Keith Schmidt and Peter McNally at Montreal celebration of Royal Wedding; (below) McGill University member Levi Oakey and friends joined in the festivities; (bottom) Branch Chairman Dr Douglass Dalton welcomes guests to the Wedding gathering.



de vins et fromages, dans le salon paroissial où le professeur Peter McNally présenta sur une longue table de nombreux livres-souvenirs rattachés à l'histoire de la famille royale, cela sous l'œil attentif du nouveau portrait de Sa Majesté Élisabeth II, reine du Canada.

Thé, café, gâteaux de circonstance ont été servis dans de la porcelaine fine et dans de l'argenterie étincelante. Des membres de la Ligue monarchique du Canada ont été interviewés par une télévision montréalaise.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Lester Bartson, Digby-SW Nova (NS) Chairman, who wrote a moving letter to the local media on the meaning of Allegiance to the Sovereign as expressed in the Citizenship Oath... Halifax (NS) Chairman **Scott Burke** frequently sets the media right on matters monarchical: recently his Letter to the Editor of the *Chronicle-Herald* pointed out the newspaper's incorrect use of the term "Coronation" in respect of American politics... W/O **William C. Ford**, member from Portugal Cove, (NL) who was awarded the Air Marshal Roy C. Slemmon Award by the Air Force Association of Canada as the #1 Airperson of the Year. Bill has served The Queen throughout the world and across Canada. He is now posted as Area Cadet Assistance for the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador, where he does indefatigable work reminding young Cadets of their duty of



Queen Victoria for charity, aka Dorothy Gummersall



David Hornsby, Guelph University prizewinner

loyalty to their Sovereign... **Dorothy Gummersall**, member in Aurora (ON), who in her role as *Queen Victoria* makes appearances to assist charities such as the Historical Society... Past Victoria Branch Chairman **Bruce Hallsor**, who was recently elected President of the Victoria Bar Association... Summer Convocation at The University of Guelph (ON) saw former vice-regal

of whom are from foreign backgrounds, to hot chocolate and doughnuts on Accession Day... **Jake Lindsay**, a Brockville (ON) member studying law at University of Leicester, who appeared live on CTV's *Canada AM* May 5th to discuss how he and other Canadians could vote in the British elections... **Dawn Nevills**, a member from Inwood, (ON), who generously provided five framed pictures of The Queen to schools in and around Petrolia and Corunna... Our South Saskatchewan Branch Chairman, **Fr Derek Nicholls**, on his being awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal... Victoria member **Fr Stan Sinclair** for his letter to the *Times-Colonist* reminding readers of the good works of HRH The Prince of Wales via the Prince's Trust... **Colin Slingsby**, of Guelph, who upon graduating from high school this June takes up his two-year Mission for the LDS Church (the Mormons) in Sacramento, California...

### FÉLICITATIONS A...

membre de Montréal, et notre correspondant fidèle francophone le chevalier **René le Clère** qui a reçu le 19 août 2004 la Médaille canadienne du maintien de la paix (MCMP) pour sa participation à la Mission civile internationale en Haïti



René le Clère avec la O.E.A.-O.N.U., Médaille Canadienne du maintien de la paix citation suit: « Cette médaille vous est remise avec nos sincères félicitations et notre reconnaissance pour les services que vous avez rendus à votre pays ».

### 2004 ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations and many thanks for their service and dedication to following members and former members who were nominated by the League and subsequently presented with the Ontario Government's Volunteer Service Award for their loyal and effective assistance: **Graham Andrews**, Toronto; **Sandra Barker**, London; **Robert Finch**, Hamilton; **Winnifred Gunsolus**, Belleville; **Ann Wingfield**, Toronto; **Ted Williams**, Toronto.

### SPECIAL APPRECIATION...

to all League members who wrote the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and their MP's over the Letters of Credence issue. Amongst those thousands of excellent submissions, some of those of which we are aware included representations by **A. Bedbrook**, Winnipeg, MB; **Dean Birch**, Toronto, ON; **Gregory G. Blue**, Vancouver, BC; **Alan & Sharon Danford**, Marmora, ON; **Gwen Day**, Ladysmith, BC; **Paul Dunseath**, Ottawa, ON; **Marya Hardman**, Gibsons, BC; **Berverly Inglis**, St Laurent, QC; **Valerie M. Kench Gananoque**, ON; **Arthur MacRae**, Toronto, ON; **Robert Marsters**, Hantsport, NS; **Brad McClellan**, Mississauga, ON; **John W. McMicking**, Dundas, Nick Mirabile, Malagash, NS; ON; **Robert Oldham**, Hamilton, ON; **Robinson James Orr**, Toronto, ON; **Fay Reed**, Burlington, ON; **Grace Scotchmer**, Ottawa, ON; **Marjorie Stephenson**, Toronto, ON; **Christopher Tuckwood**, Kitchener, ON;



Barry MacKenzie, student presents Royal Portrait to Manager of Antigonish PO



Gerald Iles receiving the League's Silver Badge of Service from Ontario Lieutenant Governor Paul McGibbon at 10th Anniversary National Banquet, 1980

## Gerald Turner Iles (1911-2004 nous quitte

Par René le Clère, chroniqueur

C'est avec grande tristesse que nous appris le décès de M. Gerald Turner Iles, l'un des piliers de la section de Montréal de la Ligue monarchique du Canada, survenue le 19 juillet 2004.

Originaire d'Angleterre, né le 21 août 1911, M. Gerald T. Iles, figure bien connue des Westmountais, eut une carrière distinguée et bien remplie dans l'administration des zoos, dans l'organisation de safaris en Afrique, en Amérique du Sud et des tout premiers voyages d'observation des baleines dans le Saint-Laurent. Il fut omniprésent et actif dans bien des domaines culturels, d'ici et d'ailleurs.

Après des études en zoologie et en biologie à l'université de Manchester, Gerald T. Iles devint directeur des Jardins zoologiques de Manchester où il travailla durant vingt-cinq ans. Durant une vingtaine d'années, il eut une émission hebdomadaire à la radio de la BBC. Il décrocha d'ailleurs, à deux reprises, le titre de la « Personnalité la plus populaire de la radio »! puis, pendant cinq années, à la télévision. Son sujet de prédilection était les animaux qu'il adorait.

Arrivé au Québec dans les années cinquante, il fonda la Société zoologique de Montréal, ainsi que la section canadienne du Fonds mondial pour la nature, WWF-Canada.

Sa carrière fut plutôt fascinante. Il joua aussi dans trente-deux films!

À la section montréalaise de la Ligue monarchique du Canada, M. Gerald T. Iles anima avec enthousiasme d'innombrables soirées, présentant de nombreux films sur les monarchies canadienne et britannique, livrant ses commentaires sur les événements royaux, se faisant pédagogue, organisant des jeux, participant à toutes les soirées sociales. Il avait reçu le badge d'argent de service, en 1980.

Le rappel à Dieu de M. Gerald T. Iles, dans sa quatre-vingt-treizième année, se fera sentir fort longtemps. Ses cendres reposent déjà en Angleterre, parmi les siens. Gerald T. Iles était en train de rédiger ses mémoires. Souhaitons qu'ils soient prochainement publiés.

