

# News for Monarchists

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## A Message from the Chairman

Well, spring has arrived and much earlier than we anticipated. It is great to see the snow melting so quickly. As you all know, this is our second newsletter for 2010 and I would like to thank Barry for all the hard work he is doing to get this information pulled together. Our plan is to publish this newsletter four times a year.

Again this year the Branch will be holding what is turning out to be our annual fundraising event and Victoria Day celebration. On May 23rd we will host a Queen's Birthday Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Hope to see many of you there. You will see more information over the coming weeks.

In late February, we extended to League members around the province who are not attached to a chapter, an invitation to join Branch 81. I

am happy to note that 8 people from the province have joined Branch 81 as a result of that invitation. This newsletter will be the first that our new members will receive. With that said, I would like to welcome all 8 new members on board and I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months.

I am happy also to report that



Dan Taylor, Chairman

Branch 81 will have a website designed and up and running by the end of the summer. On the site, members and the general public will be able to check the calendar of events and learn about the monarchy in New Brunswick. Stay tuned for more information.

I thought that since all our members receive this newsletter, it would be a good time to remind those members who have not renewed their membership to date to do so. Much of the work the League does, including our Branch work, depends on that revenue. When dues do not arrive as scheduled it makes it very difficult to budget or plan. So I reach out to all our members who have not updated their membership to please do so over the next few weeks.

Thanks and God Save the Queen!

## May 23rd Event Celebrates Queen and League

Members and friends of the Monarchist League of Canada will gather at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton on May 23rd for a dual celebration.

Since the nineteenth century, Victoria Day has been observed as the Official Canadian Birthday of the Sovereign. Though the name of the holiday has not changed despite the successive

reigns of five monarchs since Victoria's death, this day continues to celebrate the birthday of the reigning Sovereign.

This Victoria Day, however, the Fredericton Branch will also be celebrating the Ruby Jubilee of the Monarchist League of Canada, which was founded in February 1970 to respond to perceived anti-monarchist actions by the Federal Government.

The Queen's Birthday Gala will commemorate both the Queen's 84th birthday and the League's 40th anniversary, and will include cocktails, a silent auction with some not-to-be-missed items, a three course dinner, and a keynote address by Governor General's Award winning author David Adams Richards. Members are encouraged to promote this event to family & friends.



The Prince of Wales at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, March 2010

## Bits and Pieces of Royal History

- The only Canadian monarch to relinquish his throne was Edward VIII, uncle to Elizabeth II, who abdicated in 1936.
- The first visit to Canada by a reigning monarch took place in 1939, when Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth spent several weeks crossing the country.
- The first visit to British North America (as Canada was known from the eighteenth century until Confederation) by a member of the royal family took place in 1786, when Prince William (later William IV) was stationed on the East Coast with the Royal Navy.
- The format of the modern royal tour was established during the months-long tour of B.N.A. by Prince Albert Edward, later King Edward VII, in 1860: this included partaking in official engagements, meeting politicians, reviewing troops, etc.
- The royal walkabout was popularized by Queen Elizabeth during the 1939 Royal Visit.
- The Queen, by long-established custom, is not permitted to enter the House of Commons. That is why the Opening of Parliament always takes place in the Upper House.
- The dynastic name of the current Canadian royal family is Windsor, named so for the ancient castle outside London. However, the name was changed during the First World War, having previously been Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
- The Queen is directly descended from William the Conqueror, as are King Juan Carlos of Spain, Queen Margrethe of Denmark, Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, and King Harald of Norway, among thousands of others across the Globe.
- Queen Victoria had nine children, forty-two grandchildren, and forty-nine great-grandchildren. She lived to be 81.



The Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) in Fredericton in 1951.

## Fredericton Branch thanks Donors

The Executive of the Monarchist League of Canada—Fredericton Branch, wish to extend their sincerest wishes of thanks to Marian Hoyt (Branch member) and Frank Downie for their recent donations to the lending library of the Fredericton Branch. Mrs. Hoyt permanently donated two books from her collection, a biography of The

Queen by Ann Morrow, and a pictorial history of the first royal visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales following their marriage. Mr. Downie made a permanent donation in loving memory of his late mother of a priceless collection of newspapers and scrapbooks relating to our Royal family dating back to the 1930s.

These artefacts will be preserved by the Branch, and displayed on appropriate occasions. In particular, they will be used in public displays in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Anyone wishing to make a similar donation, or to have books or items registered in the lending catalogue, can contact the Branch.

# Queen's Birthday Gala

Celebrating the Sovereign's Birthday  
& the League's Ruby Anniversary

Sunday, 23 May 2010

Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

5:30 Cocktails and Silent Auction

6:30 Dinner and Keynote Speech

*Keynote Speaker: David Adams Richards, CM*

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP by May 15th to 506-457-0310

## Earl and Countess of Wessex take in Paralympic Games

By the time you receive your newsletter, this will be old news, but it is worthy of note: *The Paralympics will get a royal touch this week when Prince Edward of Wessex visits Whistler and Vancouver this week. The fourth child of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Edward will participate in 25 events over five days, including visits to all the Paralympic sporting venues and both Athletes Villages.*

*Edward will also attend the closing ceremonies of the 2010 Paralympics this Sunday in Whistler. He is travelling with his wife, Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones, and their two children.*

*While in the resort, he will visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre and meet with Chief Gibby Jacob of the Squamish First Nations and Chief Leonard Andrew of the Lil'wat First Nation. Prince Edward will also present*

*100 young Canadians with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at a ceremony at Point Grey High school in Vancouver.*

*He achieved his own gold award in 1986.*

*His Royal Highness has many links to Canada, including serving as Honourable Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP and colonel-in-chief of three Canadian Armed Forces regiments, as well as being patron of many charitable and community*

*organizations. This is his 28th visit to Canada. He has long been associated with arts and culture, starting his own production company, Ardent Television Production Company in 1993. But in 2002, he stepped away from it to spend more time completing his royal duties.*

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## Objectives of Branch No. 81:

- To inform the Fredericton community about the important role the Crown plays in our Province.
- To host events and activities for our membership and the public that promote the Crown in N.B.
- To work with primary and secondary schools in the Fredericton area to ensure that students are learning about our system of government and to provide resources for teachers to do so.

# Who will be the next Governor General of Canada?

The Monarchist League of Canada has launched a Facebook (a social networking program available online) page which allows participants to suggest suitable candidates for the post of Governor General of Canada.

The most recent reports have suggested that Her Excellency Mme Jean will complete her term in the summer of 2010, whereupon her replacement will be sworn-in. Some have suggested that Her Majesty the Queen will name her new Vice-Regal representative during her Royal Homecoming in June-July 2010.

Members of this Facebook group are free to add any name they wish to the list, and can then vote

for who they believe would be the obvious choice.

Obviously, this group has been created for the sake of fun and debate. The results of the associated poll do not represent either the opinions of the Monarchist League of Canada or any of its associated Branches or organiza-



**Her Excellency the Governor  
General of Canada**

tions.

It's all in good fun! Here are the leaders as of March 19th:

<b>Duke of York</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Romeo Dallaire</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Rick Hillier</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Rick Hansen</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Rex Murphy</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Peter Lougheed</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>John de Chastelain</b>	<b>4%</b>

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Who do you think should be the next Governor General of Canada? Why not send your recommendations to the PMO? GSTQ!