

# News for Monarchists

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## Fredericton Branch Excited for Year

This is our first newsletter of 2011! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is enjoying the New Year. As many of you know, "The Kings Speech" has arrived in Fredericton and is playing at Empire Theatres in the Regent Mall. This past Saturday I had the chance to see the movie. I can't express in words how good this movie is and I recommend that everyone take the time to see it. Colin Firth does a great job portraying the King and how he suffered which his speech impediment. Your executive will be meeting on January 22nd to discuss plans for Accession Day and Victoria Day events. As you know, we have been working on the development of the Branch website and we are very close to launching. I am happy to report that HQ has made a generous contribution towards the cost of the

site, for which we are grateful to Robert Finch, our Dominion Chair. This raises another topic: revenue. As you know, it is very difficult to operate on limited funding. The executive has decided that we need an annual fundraising campaign to involve our members. We hope to generate much-needed funds to help

us carry out our work. We will be providing you with more details of this new fundraiser as time goes on. We will also be planning a general meeting in the very near future. At this meeting we will be showing part two of "Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work." I look forward to seeing as many of you there to support our cause and plan for the future. On that note, please complete and return the surveys which were mailed to you in December at your very earliest opportunity. We had hoped that by providing a stamped envelope that the responses would come much faster. We have received word that a group of UNB students in Saint John are looking at forming a branch on their campus. This is exciting news, and we wish that group all the best, and look forward to working together.



Dan Taylor, Chairman

## Branch Website To Officially Launch Feb. 6th

After several weeks of design and planning, the Branch will be officially launching its website on Accession Day.

The website, accessible at [www.monarchistnb.ca](http://www.monarchistnb.ca), will be at the forefront of a membership drive that the Branch Executive hopes will add an addi-

tional thirty membership to the Branch's Registry.

The site contains information on how to become a member, access to back issue of *News for Monarchists*, helpful and interesting links, and valuable information on the role and presence of the Crown in New Brunswick. Bookmark the site today! Be sure to share the link.

The screenshot shows the website for The Monarchist League of Canada - Branch 81. The header features the organization's name and logo. A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, The Crown in NB, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Store, Events, Links, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "General Information" and contains a paragraph about the league's mission: "The Monarchist League of Canada is a volunteer organisation committed to the promotion and protection of the Crown in Canada. Established in 1970 in response to perceived threats to the Crown by the government of the day, the League has evolved over the last four decades and has successfully been the advocate for the Crown in sensitive times. In the 21st century, the objective of the League is now primarily to promote Canada's constitutional monarchy." Below this text is a small photograph of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. The footer contains the same navigation menu and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

## The King's Speech: a touching tribute



An advertisement for  
*The King's Speech*

Your editor had the good fortune of attending a screening of the critically-acclaimed motion picture, *The King's Speech*, while on Christmas holidays in Ottawa.

The film, which has been receiving rave reviews since it was first screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, tells the touching tale of how a humble Australian speech therapist helped King George VI deal with a terrible stammer.

The film opens with the closing ceremony of the British Empire Exhibition, when the then Duke of York was asked by his father, George V, to address those assembled at Wembley Stadium. When confronted with the crowd of thousands and a microphone, the Duke's stammer made it nearly impossible for him to read the speech which had been prepared.

The Duke had been troubled by this disability since childhood—the film suggesting it may have been a result of the cruel treatment he endured at the hands of his childhood nanny—and he and his Duchess (later the Queen Mother) had sought the help of a large number of physicians.

It was only when the Duke began to—reluctantly—work with Lionel Logue, a recent immigrant from Australia, that improvement was made. The film follows their working relationship—which turned into a close friendship—until the outbreak of the Second World War, when the King spoke live through the wireless to the entire Commonwealth. It was only his training with Logue that made the many speeches that George VI was required to give throughout his reign possible, and the

King rewarded him with the Royal Victorian Order.

The film is filled with moments both touching and humorous. It is a tender treatment of a relationship between two men at opposite ends of the social spectrum, and is highly recommended! Five Stars!

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Your Editor also recommends the recently released book of the same name, penned by Logue's grandson Michael and Peter Conradi. The book chronicles Logue's life from his birth in South Australia in 1880 until the end of his life. It pays particular attention, of course, to the 2 1/2 decades during which he served the King. Logue's grandson consulted a treasure trove of family archival material, which included dozens of letters from the King and Logue's scrapbooks.



Proud new parents  
Peter and Autumn  
Phillips, at the time of  
their wedding in 2008

## Royal Family Welcomes Newest Member

Just before New Year's, Buckingham Palace announced that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are now great grandparents. The proud parents are Peter and Autumn Phillips—the Princess Royal's eldest son and his Canadian wife. The baby was born on 29

December 2010 at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. The weight of the baby was 8lbs 8oz. The Press Release from the Palace noted that the name for the Royal baby would be announced in due course, but the minister at the Parish church in Sandringham accidentally

spilled the beans at a service earlier this month when he prayed for the newest member of the royal family, Savannah Phillips. This newest member of the royal family will, like her father, carry no royal title, although she is 12th in line to the Canadian throne.

# Accession Day Brunch

Celebrating the 59th Anniversary of  
Her Majesty's Accession to the Canadian Throne

Saturday, 5th February 2010

10:30am

Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

*Special Guest:*

*Bill Hicks - Wellness, Culture and Sport Secretariat*

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP by Jan. 31st to 454-9589

## Act of Settlement Under Review in United Kingdom

Politicians in the House of Commons in London, UK, are currently considering the long-awaited review of the 1701 Act of Settlement. For many years, there has been a belief by many in the UK and throughout the Commonwealth that the Act is discriminatory against Catholics and women. There is no question that the Act, when drafted during the



King George I, the German-born prince who benefited from the 1701 Act of Settlement.

Hanoverian dynasty came to Britain, as more than 50 legitimate Catholic claimants to the throne were ignored in order to pave the way for George I. The Act also put into law the ancient royal practice of primogeniture, the system by which younger brothers take precedent in the Line of Succession over elder sisters—an effort to ensure male monarchs.



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**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SURVEYS!**  
A survey was issued with your December copy of *News for Monarchists*, asking various questions about your impression of, and thoughts on, the activities and mission of the Branch. To date, very few replies have been received. Please send these in as soon as possible!

## Write to Canada Post: Canada needs a Royal Wedding Stamp

Many monarchists and royal watchers alike undoubtedly expected that Canada Post would announce plans for a stamp to commemorate the royal wedding in the first issue of their quarterly stamp collector's magazine earlier this month. But so far, Canada Post officials have said that no such plan is in the works.

Jim Phillips, Director of Stamp Service, said on 4 January that Canada Post would instead be willing to sell to customers the commemorative stamp and cover being issue by the Royal Mail, and claimed that stamps take two years to come to fruition.

As for his first point—we are no longer a colony. We have our own postal service, and, as such, Canada Post should commemorate appropriate events like this one inde-

pendently. After all, they produced stamps for the Queen Silver and Golden Jubilees, despite the fact that the Royal Mail produced them also!

There is some precedent which suggests that the two-year equation is not always the case. In 2000, Canada Post had no plans to issue a commemorative for the Queen

Mother's 100th birthday until successful lobbying by monarchists made the stamp (pictured left) a reality! And that in only a couple of months. There is certainly lots of time left until the wedding.

To help push for this important commemorative, write without delay to the following:

**Prime Minister's Office**  
80 Wellington St, Ottawa K1A 0A2  
pm@pm.gc.ca

**Chuck Strahl**  
Minister Responsible for Canada Post  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
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**Jim Phillips**, Canada Post Corp.  
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**Stamp commemorating the  
Queen Mother's 100th birthday**