

News for Monarchists

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What a busy year we have ahead of us!

Welcome to 2012! 2011 was a great year—with many highlights for our Branch and for the Canadian Crown as a whole.

The only way to top such a year is with a celebration of international significance: the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen. As part of these commemorations, we will also have the opportunity to welcome TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to New Brunswick! We can feel the excitement building already. No matter where the couple stops, rest assured that your executive will be busy planning a trip to that location. So stay tuned for more information as it become available.

As a branch we are also preparing to celebrate the Jubilee in other ways. We have applied for a grant to sponsor a provincial heritage fair award and to expand the educational portion of our website. The weekend of February 4th -6th is going to be a busy one, with a Brunch on Saturday at the Crowne Plaza, a Choral

Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday (with his Honour, The Lieutenant Governor, in attendance), and a flag raising outside Fredericton City Hall on Monday at 10:30 AM.

Encourage your community or service club to order promotional items from Canadian Heritage and to fly the Jubilee flag in honour of this important milestone.

Stay tuned for more information on our plans to celebrate our Queen's Jubilee. Please support your Branch by attending our various events throughout the year.



Your Co-Chairmen

God Save the Queen!
Dan Taylor and Barry
MacKenzie, Co-Chairmen

Charles and Camilla coming to NB in May!

It was announced before Christmas that The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall will undertake a tour of Canada as part of the celebrations surrounding HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The tour will include stops in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick.

Many had hoped that the Queen herself would make the trip, but reports suggest

that Her Majesty was reticent to visit only some of her overseas realms and not others during her Jubilee Year (and at 86 one can't expect her to do all of them in 12 months!), and thus has decided to concentrate her travels in the United Kingdom.

As a result, senior members of the Royal Family have been deputized to tour the Commonwealth realms in the Queen's place. The Prince of Wales and

the Duchess of Cornwall, aside from Canada, will also tour Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will undertake tours of Malaysia, Singapore, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. For a full list of destinations, visit www.royal.gov.uk.

A detailed itinerary will be released later in the winter.



Canada's Official
Diamond Jubilee
Emblem

2012 Calendar full of commemorations

As HM The Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, it will be a busy year for the NB Branch, with three events already scheduled and more in the works. The excitement will begin on February 4th, when members are invited to gather at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel at 11 am for our annual Accession Day Brunch.

The next day we will join other loyal New Brunswickers for a Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton at 4:30 pm. The theme of the service will be the Queen's Jubilee and the lifetime of service which she has given to the Commonwealth. His Honour The Lieutenant Governor will be the

special guest speaker. A reception will follow at Government House on Woodstock Road.

The third in the series of Accession Day events will have two parts, one of which is being organized by our Branch. At 10:30 am, please join us in front of City Hall in Fredericton for a flag-raising of the Diamond Jubilee banner, which will fly for the duration of Jubilee Week (February 6th-12th). There are also unconfirmed plans for a flag-raising in front of the Legislative Assembly—watch the media and your emails for details.

We are also working on plans for several other Diamond Jubilee projects, most of which will be open to the public but some may be for

members only. These tentative plans—each of which is in a different stage of planning—include a public picnic, a formal dinner, a travelling historical exhibit and an educational initiative. Events like this will be happening across the nation and the Commonwealth throughout 2012.

While we cannot ourselves host events in all parts of New Brunswick, we invite you to make plans of your own. Let us know what you or your community/organization have in mind and we'll do our best to support your initiatives.

A Diamond Jubilee comes around but once in a few lifetimes—let's do our best to make it a milestone to remember for all Canadians!



NB Branch Executive
Committee
January 2012

Meet Your Expanding Executive Committee

Your NB Branch Executive has expanded in recent months to include two new Members-at-Large and a new 1st Vice-Chair/Education Officer. Some of these new appointments were announced in a previous issue of *News for Monarchists*, but they bear repeating.

Alexander Carleton has joined the team as 1st-VC/Education Officer and will be working with the Department of Education on an educational initiative in the coming months. Alex is a student at St. Thomas University.

Bliss White (another STU student) and James Tibbets

(a student at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus) have taken up their posts as new Members-at-Large. The remainder includes: Dan Taylor and Barry MacKenzie (Co-Chairmen), Freda Veness (Financial Officer) and Bonnie Christian (Member-at-Large).

CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE!

Three special events to kick off Jubilee Year

- February 4th: Accession Day Brunch, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fredericton, 11:00am. RSVP by February 1st. Special Guest Speaker TBA.
- February 5th: Jubilee Evensong Service, Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, 4:30pm. Guest Speaker: Hon Graydon Nicholas. Reception to follow at Government House. Open to Public.
- February 6th: Diamond Jubilee Flag-Raising, City Hall, Fredericton, 10:30am. Open to Public.

There's more to come—listen and watch for details!

Canada Post Unveils Superb Diamond Jubilee Stamp Series

On 16 January, HE The Governor General of Canada unveiled at Ottawa Canada Post's Diamond Jubilee Stamp Series. At the same time, members of your Executive committee gathered at the Queen Street outlet of Canada Post to be the first to purchase these stamps for use on our correspondence. A reporter and photographer from the *Daily Gleaner* were

also in attendance, and the newspaper subsequently published a story about the launch. The stamp series will feature, in total, seven commemorative stamps, the first two of which were launched on the 16th. The most widely used will be the Diamond Jubilee Permanent Stamp (pictured right), featuring a beautiful image of our Sovereign. Five of the other stamps,



commemorate the first five decades of the Queen's reign, the sixth being represented by the Permanent stamp pictured left. The last in the series will feature two engravings of the Queen—a throwback to the infamous stamp issued to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Get your stamps today; show Canada Post your approval!



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Monarchy: The Canadian Way!

SPECIAL 2012 NEW MEMBER RATES

As a special incentive to encourage new members to join the Branch, the executive has approved a plan to lower the costs for **NEW** individual and family memberships. The special rates are \$25 and \$45, respectively (vs. \$35 and \$65) - but these **NEW** members must sign up through this Branch—via our website or the regular post—rather than through HQ.

Tell your friends about this great opportunity!



More Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums

- On November 7th, your Co-Chairman and Communications Officer attended a monthly meeting of the Lower St. Mary's Women's Institute in Fredericton. The ladies of this W.I. are a very loyal bunch; before each meeting they sing both the national and royal anthems of Canada.

- In tribute to the Queen's upcoming Diamond Jubilee, a series of articles has been appearing in the NB Scottish Journal. Each piece focuses on a different aspect of the Queen's Scottish roots. This month's article looked at the relationship between the Sov-

ereign and the Royal Family which was fostered by HM Queen Victoria.

- Our "Royal Tea & Talk" at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery on November 27th was a resounding success. The food was elegant and delicious and the surroundings were regal.



**Queen Victoria with her
Highland manservant, John Brown**

Our guest speaker, Mr. Don Roberts, gave an interesting address on the story of his extensive collection of royal commemoratives, some of best examples of which he brought along to display.

- Don't forget that the League has a variety of promotional items for sale, including recently commissioned lapel pins, available for purchase for just \$6. Also available are specially designed Diamond Jubilee postcards and magnets.

- Make sure to make plans to attend some of the exciting Diamond Jubilee events we are planning.