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A Message from the Chairman

Can you believe the summer is over and we are now approaching the middle of October? I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the heat. If we are to believe Mr. Phillips of Environment Canada it is going to be a very rough winter.

I must advise our members that over the summer two of our executive members have moved to other provinces. As you know, Stephen Chledowski has moved to Kingston, Ontario, and, then, in July, Mat McInnis moved to Quebec City. Both are with the military. As a result I would like

to advise that Rebecca Jonah (Secretary) and Freda Veness (Treasurer) have joined the executive team. I would also like to advise that Bonnie Christian has also joined the executive in the new position of Member at Large.



Dan Taylor, Chairman

Over the next few months we will be embarking on a membership drive. It has been 6 months since we picked up any new members and if we are going to survive we need to attract some fresh new members. We will be targeting the Anniversary during this drive. I encourage all our members to contact friends and family to seek new members.

Our next event will be our Annual General Meeting on November 20th. Details are found in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there.

God Save the Queen of Canada!

Victoria Day Event Enjoyed by All

Members of Branch No. 81 of the Monarchist League of Canada gathered at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel on May 23rd to celebrate the Queen's Official Canadian Birthday, as well as the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Although originally planned as an evening affair, the event was rescheduled as a Birthday High

Tea. The guest speaker was Shawn J. McCarthy, MA, a Doctoral student at the University of Western Ontario. Mr. McCarthy spoke eloquently, and to the delight of his audience, on the life and political times of King Edward VII, Canada's first King following Confederation, one whose reign is rarely given the attention by academics which it deserves, and the Centennial of

whose death we marked earlier in May.

Those assembled also bid a fond farewell to Capt. Stephen Chledowski, our faithful Financial Officer, who has been transferred to the Canadian Forces Base at Kingston, Ontario, and whose aid and support during the formative years of this Branch will not soon be forgotten.

Suggestions for next year?



Firth and Bonham-Carter look the part in Tom Hooper's "The King's Speech"

Colin Firth takes on role of George VI for new film

The renowned actor Colin Firth is starring as George VI, perhaps Canada's most beloved King, in a new film about the monarch's struggle to overcome a once-crippling speech impediment.

Wikipedia provides the following brief synopsis: "The King's Speech tells the story of the man who became King George VI (Colin Firth), the father of Queen Elizabeth II. After his brother abdicates, George ("Bertie") reluctantly assumes the throne. Plagued by a dreaded stutter and considered unfit to be king, Bertie engages the help of an unorthodox speech therapist named Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). Through a set of unexpected techniques (including diaphragmatic breathing), and as a result of an unlikely friendship, Bertie is able to find his voice and boldly lead the

country into war."

The cast includes several other stars of the silver screen, including Helena Bonham-Carter (acclaimed actress, and wife of director Tim Burton), who portrays Queen Elizabeth (later the Queen mother), and Michael Gambon (famous for his portrayal of Albus Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films) as George V.

The final cut of the film was completed just weeks ago, on August 31, 2010, and the film will be released on a limited basis in North America in November.

It was just recently shown at the Toronto International Film Festival, where it received a standing ovation. The film received such rave reviews in Toronto that rumours have already begun to surface about its Oscar-worthiness.

Royal enthusiasts of will already know what a major

handicap the King's stutter was for him during the early days of his reign. Dr. Logue's invaluable help has already been recognized on screen in the 2002 made-for-TV miniseries, *Bertie and Elizabeth*, which includes a shot of Their Majesties lying prostrate on the floor practicing breathing exercises with Logue.

The film will no doubt make a more lasting mark in the history of royal cinema than Madonna's upcoming release, "W.E.", which juxtaposes the romance and scandal surrounding Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson with a modern day couple. To be released in 2011.

On a similar note, members should note that the League lending library now includes a DVD copy of the acclaimed new film *The Young Victoria*, which can be borrowed free-of-charge.



Chairman Taylor presents gift to Capt. Chledowski May 23rd

Branch Bids Farewell to Two Officers; Welcomes Others

The Fredericton Branch bid a fond farewell to one of its founding executive members during the Queen's Birthday High Tea on May 23rd. Capt. Stephen Chledowski was transferred to Canadian Forces Base Kingston (Ontario) in July, and thus was forced to resign his post as Financial Officer for the Branch. After some brief

words of thanks, Chairman Taylor presented Capt. Chledowski with a framed and engraved 1950s portrait of the Queen of Canada as a token of appreciation on behalf of Branch No. 81.

The Branch was also sorry to learn earlier this summer of the scheduled transfer of 2nd Lieutenant Mat McInnes, our Recording Secretary. 2Lt.

McInnes joined our executive just months ago, but his absence will nevertheless be acutely felt. We wish to convey our very best wishes for the future to both of these loyal soldiers of the Queen. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Freda Veness and Ms Rebecca Jonah have taken up the vacant positions of Financial Officer and Recording

Royal Couple Completes Successful Tour of Canada

Her Majesty the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh completed an immensely successful tour of Canada this past July, during which they visited three provinces and participated in three major events of national interest.

The first major event took place in Halifax, where the Royal couple took part in celebrations commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Royal Canadian Navy (now Maritime Command). This included an International Fleet Review by the Queen aboard HMCS *St. John's*. The second major event took place just three days later, when the Queen presided over the national birthday celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, where over 100,000 crammed into downtown Ottawa to greet the Queen and to celebrate Canada's 143rd birthday.

Another major event on the Royal itinerary took place in Winnipeg, when the queen dedicated the cornerstone of the Canadian

Museum for Human Rights. The cornerstone was taken from the meadows at Runnymede, the location of the signing of the original Magna Carta by King John in 1215.

The Queen also attended the Queen's Plate at Woodbine race track and toured the laboratories of Research In Motion, the Waterloo-based company that developed the now ubiquitous *Blackberry* mobile device. Her Majesty made four public speeches during her tour. Below are excerpts from her address on Parliament Hill on July 1st:

"During my lifetime, I have been a witness to this country for more than half its history since Confederation. I have watched with enormous admiration how Canada has grown and matured while remaining true to its history, its distinctive character and its values. This nation has dedicated itself to being a caring home for its own, a sanctuary for others and an example to the world."

"At home, Canadians have

many reasons for optimism, even in trying times. The recent success of the Vancouver Olympics was about more than just the thrill of a gold medal for Canada's hockey team. As well as renewing a sense of common purpose within this country, the Olympics showed to others something of the extraordinary warmth and enthusiasm of the people as Canada welcomed participants and audiences from around the globe...."

"I wish you all the very happiest Canada Day. God bless you all and God bless Canada."



The Queen reviews a ceremonial guard on the grounds of Parliament during Canada Day celebrations in the nation's capital on July 1st.



The Queen following the unveiling of the design for a Diamond Jubilee window. The design incorporates the coats of arms and effigies of both Elizabeth II and her predecessor, Queen Victoria, who celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

Centennial of Death of Edward VII

FREDERICTON, N.B. — MAY 6 (SPECIAL) — Across the Commonwealth today many are observing a very significant anniversary - the centennial of the death of King Edward VII, the first King of the Dominion of Canada and a monarch remembered by many for his love of the good life and pleasant company. His legacy, however, is a great one, for he was active as a diplomat and peacemaker during his short reign, and established the

foundations for Britain's pre-war alliances with Russia and France. Unfortunately, his efforts to keep Britain on good terms with Germany were foiled by his nephew, the Kaiser's, hot temper. Though his reign was short due to the longevity of his mother, Queen Victoria, Edward devoted a lifetime to his country. His first major undertaking was a tour of British North America in 1860, the sesqui-centennial of which is also being

marked in 2010. During this months-long tour, the young Prince spent time in Fredericton, where he met the leaders of New Brunswick and other dignitaries. As a matter of fact, it was Edward's 1860 tour which set the tone for Royal Tours in the future: He met dignitaries, laid cornerstones, etc - the sort of public activities we associate with members of the Royal Family today.

God Save the Queen!





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Monarchy: The Canadian Way!



Monarchist League Welcomes new GG

The Monarchist League of Canada joins Canadians everywhere in applauding the appointment of Dr. David Johnston as Governor General-designate in July.

Dr. Johnston is the former President of the University of Waterloo, and was sworn in as Canada's 28th Governor General on 1 October 2010.

The Governor General-designate was educated at Harvard, Cambridge, and Queen's Universities, and has a long and distinguished career as a university educator, administrator, and public servant. He is perhaps best known to those outside of the academic community as the chairman of the panel which investigated the infa-

mous Airbus scandal.

He has also served on the Board of Governors of Canada Trust, Seagram's, and the Stratford



**Dr. David Johnston, Governor
General-designate of Canada**

Shakespeare Festival. He is also the only non-American citizen to have chaired the Harvard University Board of Overseers.

Johnston was, on September 5, 2010, invited to an audience with the Queen at Balmoral Castle, where he was invested by the Sovereign as a Commander of both the Order of Military Merit and Order of Merit of the Police Forces. He was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1988, and was elevated to the rank of Companion in 1997.

Dr. Johnston brings to the office of the Governor Generalcy a down to earth personality and a life of public service. The Branch has sent its congratulations.