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NEWSLETTER – APRIL,2003

The Chairman's Letter

With another Annual Meeting behind us we are now well into this year's programme of events. The meeting held on 21 March was an excellent meeting with Professor David of the University of Saskatchewan. The editor has his notes for an appraisal of his talk on "The Canadianized Monarchy". Our next meeting on 20 June also promises to be an interesting evening with the theme "God Save the Queen:The Spiritual Dimension of Monarchy". For members outside of Regina we meet at St.Mary's Anglican Church, Montague Street & 15th Avenue in Regina. The October 17 Supper Evening with Her Honour The Lt.Governor will now be held at the Royal United Services Institute, Regina.

This Newsletter will arrive in good time to remind all of us of the important Annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon. As we did last year, this year's Lunch is to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty's Coronation. I hope that we will have an excellent response this year as the tickets are limited in number. There is another advertisement of the Lunch elsewhere in this Newsletter. We are pleased to have Mayor Pat Fiacco to address us on the theme of "100 Years as The Queen City". Please see further details for tickets, etc. elsewhere in this Newsletter. I am still pursuing a similar event in Saskatoon for our members in that part of the province.

The upcoming visit of HRH The Earl & Countess of Wessex is now set for June 18-23. As indicated in our last Newsletter members will have opportunity to see our royal visitors in Regina, Moose Jaw, Lloydminster and Prince Albert. It will be especially of interest to meet Countess Sophie on her first visit to this part of Canada. Prince Edward's visit will follow within three week's of his mother's Coronation Jubilee. As the Interim Priest at St.John's Anglican Church, Moose Jaw, I am honoured to celebrate and preach at a 10:30am. Eucharist on Sunday, 22 June with the Earl & Countess in attendance.

There is a separate update on the Golden Jubilee Equestrian Statue Project. It is most heartening to see the level of donations from the Monarchist League both within and outside of the province. If you have not yet sent in a donation it is not too late to do so. Another article appears about a Golden Jubilee Rose Garden being created in Moose Jaw, under the guidance of John & Heather Morris, branch members from Moose Jaw.

The Monarchist League relies very much on its members introducing our organisation to others. Why not mention it to family, neighbours, fellow workers. You may be surprised at the interest that many people have in the monarchy and what it stands for. We have a special interrest in

enlisting young people as members when we realise that the age factor affects Monarchists as much as any other groups in society. May I reaffirm my willingness to visit communities where we have members, to share insights about constitutional monarchy and its place in Canada's life as a nation. My home address is 5336 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, S4T 1C3. Phone:306-949-8690 where I may be contacted whatever the need may be.

In this Coronation Jubilee Year let us uphold Her Majesty The Queen in our prayerful thoughts and continue to say from our hearts **"God Save the Queen".**

Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) Derek F.Nicholls
Chairman, Saskatchewan Branch

GOLDEN JUBILEE EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF THE QUEEN

This unique Saskatchewan project honours the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada. The larger than life bronze statue is being created by well known Saskatchewan sculptor, Susan Velder. Her Majesty is seated on her favourite RCMP horse, *Burmese*, born and raised at Fort Walsh, Saskatchewan. Burmese was Her Majesty's favourite horse ridden in the Annual Trooping of the Colour ceremonies in London, England, from 1967 until he was retired in 1987 The completed statue will now be located at the head of the floral gardens in front of the Legislature in Regina, set in a beautiful small garden area of its own, designed to complement the Prince of Wales Entrance to the Cumberland Gallery. HRH Prince Edward will turn the sod for the statue's location on Thursday, 19 June at 10:30am.in the Legislature grounds.

The total cost of the project will be about $300,000 and public subscriptions are being sought for a target of about $250,000. The community of Maple Creek is an excellent example of a response to the project. They are raising $10,000 which will enable them to own a miniature of the statue for their community. 15 miniatures are being produced and are being purchased by town and city councils and some companies and individuals. In May, 2004, a gala evening is planned in Regina on the general theme of "A Night At The Races". So far approximately $115,000 has been raised towards the project. The Monarchist League in Saskatchewan and elsewhere has contributed $5,300 of that amount at this time.

Because the completion and unveiling of the Statue is delayed until the Spring of 2004 it is still possible to make a donation of $10 or more which will receive a tax receipt. Donations should be sent to The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, 2300 - 11th Avenue, Regina, Sk., S4P 0K1. Cheques should be marked "Queen's Statue Project" on the front. *Please remember to mention that you are a member of the Monarchist League.* Our donations are being monitored by the project's treasurer.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Queen's Birthday & Coronation Jubilee Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, 2003
12:00 Noon
Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina

Guest Speaker: Mayor Pat Fiacco

Tickets: $16.00 each
Please contact Isabel Bailey at 586-8975 in Regina by May 14 to buy tickets. Tickets are to be purchased in advance.

Plan to come and bring a friend

Friday, June 20, 2003

Branch Meeting and Program

Panel on
God Save the Queen
The Spiritual Dimension of Monarchy

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina
7:30 p.m.

Monarchist League Members in and around Saskatoon:
Watch for information for a gathering in Saskatoon. Please contact Derek Nicholls if you can help or have ideas.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Branch

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Branch took place at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina, on January 24, 2003. The Chairman, the Rev. Derek Nicholls, welcomed those who came, conveyed regrets from some who were unable to attend, and led in a remembrance for members who had died.

The annual meeting included the presentation and discussion of annual reports, election of the members of the Board, and announcements of coming events, including the programs of future meetings of the branch. The evening concluded with the showing of a video on visits of the Queen Mother to Canada after 1952. Also, there was a social time and refreshments.

Report of the Chairman of the Saskatchewan Branch.

The Rev. Derek Nicholls noted in his annual report the increase of new members and the successful Jubilee events. These included the special service and dinner in February, the luncheon in May and the city Jubilee event in June. He expressed the Branch's appreciation to the Lieutenant-Governor for her attendance at and support of special events.

The report noted members of the Monarchist League in Saskatchewan who had received the Golden Jubilee Medal. These included Derek Nicholls, Isabel Bailey, both of whom also received the Silver Service Badge, Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Mrs Jacqueline Schumiatcher, Dr. Michael Jackson, Mrs. Irene White, and Mr. Keith Inches.

The Saskatchewan Branch is in the process of developing its own website with the help of Will Chabun. The internet is important in attracting new members, and membership recruitment remains an important concern. The branch also is involved in preparing an entry for the new Saskatchewan Encyclopaedia.

Derek Nicholls thanked the members of the Board for their work and support, Isabel Bailey and Alison Fraser for their assistance with special social events, and Jessie Bailey and Lyle Harms for preparations at St. Mary's Church hall for the meetings.

The Financial Picture

The annual financial report that was presented at the annual meeting showed the following:

Total income for 2002 - $3,854.35

Sources of income included:*

- Donations $615.50
- Special events tickets $2920.00
- Sale of used stamps $55.25
- Sale of membership pins $21.00
- Last transfer from Mail Order Marketing $132.60

Total expenses for 2002 - $4,194.22

Expenses included:*

- Newsletter $426.84
- General Expenses $490.62
- Special Events $2,966.76
- Donation for Equestrian Statue Project $200.00

Balance for December 31, 2002 was $1,277.17, which was $339.87 less than it was on January 1, 2002.

We have few sources of funds. Do you have any ideas for raising money?

*does not include $110 in memberships that were passed through the books.

THE CANADIANIZED MONARCHY

Notes of the talk given by Prof. David Smith to the meeting on March 21, 2003

Professor David Smith noted that he wrote his book, The Invisible Crown: The first Principle of Canadian Government, to provide an analysis of the Crown as an institution. While Canada has various features that are like a republic, features of the Canadianized Crown make Canada distinct. The federal government is as it is because of the Monarchy.

The first thing to notice about Canada's monarchy is that unlike Britain's it is derivative. Like the monarchies of Australia and New Zealand, it exists in a vacuum absent an established church or aristocracy to provide social context.

Monarchy has been and remains important for Canadian politics. The rest of the talk will illustrate the influence monarchy has on the way we govern ourselves.

First, there is the reserve power. Under our monarchical form of government, the Crown is much more than an executive. It has been useful in Canada for governments to emphasize the ceremonial function of the Governor-general and to diminish everything else. But everything else is important! The governor-general may only rarely use prerogative powers the Crown possesses. But those prerogative powers are extensive..

Second, Canada is a federation. There are at least eleven Crowns in Canada; I have argued in The Invisible Crown that it was the development of monarchy in the Canadian provinces after 1867 that expanded and, in turn, legitimated and enhanced provincial power. In the process, the powers of the provincial lieutenant governors came to match the breadth of provincial jurisdiction and, as a result, Canadian federalism as a system of compound monarchies was born.

Third, monarchy strengthens the political executive vis a vis the legislature and the people. Part of the explanation for the concentration of power that lies in the prime minister's hands can be found in the executive's exercise of the Crown prerogative. But it is also true that neither the prime minister, nor in the provinces the premiers, have any institutionalized responsibility for their dealings with the Crown. That relationship is based on convention. On this point about the Crown strengthening the political executive, it is useful to remember that American instruments of direct democracy failed to take root because their use in any obligatory or binding manner would compromise the integrity of the Crown.

The fourth influence of the Crown on how Canadians govern themselves is the one writers traditionally cite-its contribution to strengthening national unity. The Crown interprets the nation to itself. For much of Canadian history, governors general sought to reconcile English and French Canada. Today, they do this and much more.

Canada is a country defined by strong regionalism, linguistic duality and cultural pluralism. Its monarchy contributes to expressing these essential features. It fits Canada and the Canadian experience.

GOLDEN JUBILEE ROSE GARDEN

Two years ago two of our members of the Saskatchewan Branch began a process to create a rose garden at Crescent Park, Moose Jaw. They wanted to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. They have been successful in gaining the support of the City of Moose Jaw in their project and, as a result, on 24 May John & Heather Morris look forward to planting 600 roses with the assistance of other Branch members and friends. The roses will be Canadian grown, nurtured by John Morris who is an enthusiastic gardener. Their goal is to complete their project in time for the visit of Prince Edward and his wife to Moose Jaw on Sunday, 22 June, as part of the city's Centennial celebrations. The rose bed will have a special plaque to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and the project is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League of Canada. The Branch is donating $50.00 towards the cost of the plaque estimated at $600.00 and inviting members to make a donation to this initiative by two of our members. Donations may be sent to Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada, c/o Miss Alison Fraser, #410 – 2243 Hamilton Street, Regina, Sk., S4P 4B6. Regretably the Branch is not able to issue tax receipts for your donation but it will be passed along to John and Heather Morris.

Did You Know..
SOME FACTS ABOUT THE JUBILEE

Queen Elizabeth II, at the age of 76, is the oldest monarch to celebrate a Golden Jubilee. The youngest was the 51-year old James I.

The Queen has traveled more than 40,000 miles by air around the United Kingdom and the world during the jubilee.

During the jubilee the Queen has traveled on or been aboard: various kinds of airplanes, Sikorsky helicopter, Skyrail, golden bus, metro, Royal Train, steam train, aircraft carrier, minesweeper, royal barge, lifeboat, Gold State Coach, horse-drawn carriage, and various kinds of automobiles.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for voluntary service groups was launched during 2002 to honour 'unsung heroes'. It will become an annual award.

The Queen made visits to all four main faith non-Christian faith communities in Britain (Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu) during the Jubilee. A multi-faith reception at Buckingham Palace was attended by more than 700 guests.

The Queen has delivered more than 20 speeches through the main jubilee period. She also received and replied to almost 17,500 congratulatory letters.

(These and other Jubilee facts are on pp.8-17 of Majesty, Vol 23, No 12)

A PERSONAL NOTE

Alison Watson was honoured on her 75th birthday with a social on April 19 in Regina. Friends from various organizations shared in the celebration.

Please send items for the next newsletter to Box 1981, Assiniboia, Sask., S0H 0B0, or fax them to 642-3835 by August 31.