

Monarchy

Matters

October/November, 2019

News and Notes

South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

**Saturday, November 16, 2019
Guide Hall Regina
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Displays and sharing of the life of
Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to
honour their 200th birthday.**

**Share an item related to Queen
Victoria and Prince Albert for the
display table; share a short story or
some information about Victoria and
Albert if you have an item or story
you wish to share.**

**Bring a dessert. Bring your friends.
All interested people are welcome to
this event.**

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Other Dates to note:

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Annual General Meeting at the Guide Hall,
Regina, starting at 2:00 pm

South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Queen's Birthday Luncheon at the
Travelodge on South Albert Street in Regina.
All guests are asked to be seated by 11:45
am. Please watch for further details on the
program, obtaining tickets and the like which
will be available in the future.

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Fall program meeting at the Guide Hall,
starting at 2:00 pm. Ideas for the program
would be welcome.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for the South
Saskatchewan Branch held a meeting on
Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Common
Room of the Albony Place Condominium.
The board discussed future plans and
projects of the branch. They also approved
a new information brochure for the branch.

Joint Project with Government House Historical Society

The Monarchist League will be taking part
in putting on a display on the Monarchy at
Government House in 2020. Items for this
display are welcome. If you have anything
you wish to loan for the display, you can give
them to Scott Hazelwood. Be sure your
name is on the item. More detailed
information will come in the future.

Queen's Birthday Luncheon – 2019

The Queen's Birthday Luncheon for 2019 took place on Saturday, May 11 at the Travelodge Hotel on South Albert in Regina. The emphasis was on the 200th Birthday of Queen Victoria, with note being made that it also was the 200th Birthday of Prince Albert, both of whom were born in 1819.

After the singing of O Canada, Scott Hazelwood, Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League, welcomed those who had come to the luncheon. He noted that Victoria Day originally was observed on May 24, the birthday of Queen Victoria. This observance, which was started in Toronto, is a distinctly Canadian tradition. Queen Victoria had a great influence in the history of Canada, notably in the move to confederation and in the treaties with the First Nations. The fact that two cities in Saskatchewan are named for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, these being Regina, named for Queen Victoria, and Prince Albert, shows the respect Canadians had for the Queen. Victoria Day is now the official birthday of our Queen in Canada. It is a time to celebrate Constitutional Monarchy and the birthday of our Queen. Scott Hazelwood noted that this year we celebrate the 200th birthday of Queen Victoria. We also think of Prince Philip who will be 98 years of age, and the fact that he and our Queen have been married for 72 years.

The Rev. David Nevitt gave the blessing for the luncheon. Blake Rintoul proposed the Loyal Toast.

Scott Hazelwood introduced Ms. Ruth Summerside, who played the role of the "Shade of Queen Victoria." Queen Victoria reflected on a number of aspects of her life and reign. Several names were put forward

for her at the time of her baptism, but they were not accepted. In the end she was named, Alexandrina Victoria for her mother. Queen Victoria spoke of her unhappy childhood. Her mother never allowed her to be alone and was isolated in many ways. She became the Queen when she was eighteen years old. The first things she did was to ask for an hour alone, and then to get her own bedroom.

Queen Victoria was fourteen years old the first time she met Prince Albert and was very impressed by him. She proposed to him at their third visit. It was a very happy marriage. He was very kind and did much of the work of bringing up the children. Queen Victoria spoke of how some people disliked Prince Albert's German origins, and of his great contribution in organizing the World Fair at the Chrystal Palace.

Queen Victoria loved Balmoral Castle in Scotland and the Scottish highlands, and spent her holidays there. She was the first monarch to ride a train or ride a bicycle which she did at Balmoral. John Brown, who was her attendant for a number of years, was a Scotsman. He was a great help after she was widowed, and she came to rely on him. Later she became the Empress of India and had a Munshi from India, Abdul Karim who also was a great help.

During the Crimean War, Queen Victoria told of her visiting the troops. She warmly commended the work of Florence Nightingale for her nursing work with the wounded. Thus she provided things like socks and blankets for the troops and had a hospital built.

Queen Victoria concluded her remarks by saying that it was very nice being at the luncheon and expressing her appreciation for being able to share this event.

Scott Hazelwood thanked Ruth Summersides for her presentation in the role

of Queen Victoria, noting her life-long interest in the Queen. Valerie Cade gave Ms. Summersides a gift in appreciation for her presentation. Scott Hazelwood thanked the hotel staff for the luncheon, those who had taken part in the programme, Valerie Cade for her work in organizing the luncheon, and all who had come to the luncheon. The day's activities concluded with the singing of, God Save the Queen.

After the luncheon the South Saskatchewan Branch sent a message to Queen Elizabeth along with a copy of the program and some pictures. The branch received the following letter from Buckingham Palace:

"I have been asked to thank you and all those associated with the South Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League of Canada for your thoughtful message sent on the occasion of your Annual Luncheon to celebrate Her Majesty's ninety-third birthday which was held on 11th May.

The Queen was grateful to receive a copy of the programme and photographs taken on the day. In return, Her Majesty has asked me to send her best wishes to you all."

Andres Paterson
Head of Operations,
Private Secretary's Office

Remembering a Lieutenant Governor

Scott Hazelwood

A soft Saskatchewan green glow illuminated the arena of the Merlis Belsher Place at the University of Saskatchewan as family, friends, dignitaries and members of the public gathered to remember Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable W. Thomas Molloy.

The musical quartet of Dean McNeill played the prelude at the entrance of dignitaries and the family. Along with Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, were the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Judy May Foote, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

The three remaining former Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governors, the Honourable Dr. Lynda Haverstock, the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart and the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield were present as were Premier Scott Moe, and three of the last premiers, Grant Devine, Roy Romanow and Lorne Calvert.

Eight RCMP pallbearers in red serge carried the Saskatchewan flag draped coffin of Her Majesty's representative in Saskatchewan, and two other RCMP members carried medals and a buffalo blanket. They were followed by five members of the Canadian Army, the 38 Canadian Brigade Group who would keep vigil, guarding the casket during the lying in state.

After standing to sing Canada's National Anthem, blessings in the Nisga'a language were offered by Dr. Joseph Gosnell, Ambassador of the Nisga'a Nation, one of many First Nations of whom he had concluded historic settlement and claim negotiations.

The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan, remembered him as someone who was dedicated to his province and who built bridges across the country.

After the Dean McNeill quartet played "It's a Wonderful World", National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Chief Perry Bellegarde spoke of the work His Honour had

done with Canada's Indigenous people, earning him the name Wambli Kinhyan, meaning Flying Eagle Man.

Former Saskatchewan Premier, The Honourable Roy Romanow, and the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament, remembered their friend and fellow University of Saskatchewan student in their younger days, as did Greg Poelzer of the University of Saskatchewan.

Prayers were then offered by the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert, His Excellency Bishop Albert Thevenot. Cori Molly gave the eulogy on behalf of the family, remembering her dad as the kind and caring man Saskatchewan had come to know.

Images of His Honour with his family and others of him fulfilling his Vice-Regal role were portrayed across a large screen. This was followed by a musical selection, Con te partiro (Time to Say Goodbye) sung by Erin Grzybowski.

The presentation of the flag and honours to the family as the service neared closing, saw Her Excellency present the medals, including the Order of Canada and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Premier of Saskatchewan presenting the flag from the coffin and the Chief of the AFN presenting the buffalo blanket.

Following the singing of Canada's Royal Anthem, the RCMP pallbearers retreated with the coffin of Saskatchewan's Vice Regal representative, followed by those who kept vigil, dignitaries, family and all of those who came to honour a statesman, a negotiator, and true Canadian who served his Queen and Her People.

After the service, the Royal Canadian Air Force from 15 Wing Moose Jaw performed two flyovers, the second one where one of four jets broke formation and climbed

straight up, symbolizing departure from the province and his family.

Rest in Peace, Your Honour.

A Day in the Life of the Queen

Even at 93 years of age, Queen Elizabeth carries out more public engagements than many of the other royals combined. But what goes on behind the scenes in the Queen's Life? Here is a typical day in the life of the Queen.

7:30 am. The Queen's maid knocks on her bedroom door and pours her a cup of tea. The maid then runs her bath and helps her dress. The Queen and Prince Philip have breakfast together.

9:00 am After hearing a playing of bagpipes, the Queen goes to her desk in her sitting room. There she deals with some 300 letters from the public (most of them answered by a lady-in-waiting) and the "Red Boxes" which she receives daily. These contain important documents of state which must be read and signed. After dealing with letters and documents, the Queen will have private meetings with dignitaries, ambassadors, and others. At 12:30 she walks her dogs around the palace grounds.

1:00 pm. the Queen has lunch. Once a month she and Prince Philip host a private lunch for a dozen guests.

2:00 p.m. The Queen carries out royal engagements.

5:00 p.m. the Queen has high tea in her palace suite. On Wednesdays she meets with the Prime Minister at 6:30 pm.

In the evening the Queen studies a report of the day's parliamentary proceedings and checks the red boxes. If there are no engagements, she will relax, have supper with Prince Philip, and may watch some TV.

Lieutenant Governors of Saskatchewan

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