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## OUR KING AFFIRMS CANADA'S SOVEREIGNTY

### *God Save the King!*

**Thank you, Sir. You have done a great service to our country!**

The timing could not have been better - what could be more appropriate - and more welcomed by his Canadian subjects - that His Majesty would use the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Canadian Flag to affirm his pride as our Sovereign, and make abundantly clear that the independence and existence of this Realm is not in question.

Some Canadians had been complaining to media and The League, suggesting that Charles should react the moment Trump began his farrago of nonsense about Canada's becoming the 51st State (not to mention calling our Prime Minister "the Governor" thereof).

Had HM done so, he would have run the risk that the President - who has both a considerable ego and a propensity to change his positions on a dime - would have been delighted to have been taken seriously, but then go on to say that "it was obvious" he wasn't actually being se-



rious, "merely" trying to make a point etc...

Had The King been counseled to say nothing, not only would the cries of "Why isn't our King standing up for us?" been taken seriously, but worse, there would have been some force in the argument "Why do we have a Monarch/Monarchy if not to stand up for our nationhood on occasions such as this when we our identity is being openly bullied?" *cont. on p. 2*

## LE ROI AFFIRME LA SOUVERAINETÉ DU CANADA

### *Dieu garde le roi!*

**Merci, Monsieur. Vous avez rendu un grand service à notre pays!**

Quoi de plus approprié - et de mieux accueilli par ses sujets canadiens - que Sa Majesté saisisse l'occasion du 60e anniversaire de la proclamation du drapeau canadien pour affirmer sa fierté d'être notre Souverain, et faire savoir très clairement que l'indépendance et l'existence de ce royaume ne sont pas remises en question.

Le moment ne pouvait être mieux choisi.

Certains Canadiens se sont plaints aux médias comme à La Ligue, suggérant que Charles aurait dû réagir au moment où Trump a commencé sa farandole d'absurdités sur le fait que le Canada deviendrait le 51e État (sans parler d'appeler notre Premier ministre « le *suite à la page 3*

## KING OR TRUMP? AN EASY CHOICE!

"Many people in Canada LOVE being the 51st State," Trump wrote on Truth Social, referencing once again his suggestion that Canada should merge with the USA. The President-Elect opined that as a result "there would be no Tariffs, taxes would go way down, and they would be TOTALLY SECURE from the threat of the Russian and Chinese Ships that are constantly surrounding them... Together, what a great Nation it would be!!!" *Newfoundland and BC monarchists, please alert us (and the authorities) of any sightings of this "constant surrounding" - perhaps also those in provinces touching Hudson Bay and the Great Lakes.*

Residents of our peaceable kingdom know that in Canada, "Freedom wears a Crown," our King ensuring the democratic freedoms guaranteed by a constitutional monarchy. We have no need of an autocrat to make us "secure."

## ROI OU TRUMP? UN CHOIX FACILE!

« Beaucoup de gens au Canada ADORENT être le 51e État », a écrit M. Trump sur Truth Social, faisant une nouvelle fois référence à sa suggestion de fusionner le Canada avec les États-Unis. Le président élu a estimé qu'en conséquence, « il n'y aurait pas de droits de douane, les impôts baisseraient considérablement et le Canada serait TOTALEMENT SÛR de la menace des navires russes et chinois qui l'entourent constamment... Ensemble, quelle grande nation ce serait! *Monarchistes de Terre-Neuve et de Colombie-Britannique, veuillez nous alerter (ainsi que les autorités) de toute observation de cet « encerclement constant » - peut-être aussi dans les provinces qui touchent à la baie d'Hudson et aux Grands Lacs.*

Les habitants de notre paisible royaume savent qu'au Canada, « la liberté porte une couronne », notre roi assurant les libertés démocratiques garanties par une monarchie constitutionnelle. Nous n'avons pas besoin d'un autocrate pour nous « sécuriser ».

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The wisdom of choosing this moment is that The King linked our polity to another identifier of our nationhood: the National Flag. What could be a better rallying point even for Canadians, be they enthusiastic monarchists or not? And the statement comes across as serene: the Monarch reaffirming the Anniversary of Canada's best-known symbol as the reason for his Message, rather than rushing to admonish a tin-pot expostulation by the President.

It will not pass those of a certain age to reflect that in 1964-65 there remained considerable division about the adoption of the National Flag – it was partisan and vehement, with “the Pearson Pennant” as the moniker of the opposition. Within a very few years, and reflecting on a debate which had been bitter rather than illuminating, that negative sentiment largely disappeared. And the “protection” for the Union Flag, legislatively enshrined, showed itself as unnecessary, as the world could but puzzle as to why an independent Canada would fly the colours of another country.

So it is all for the better that Charles, who has been coming home to Canada for more than four decades, now speaks out of long experience and deep recognition. He has spoken for all Canadians. He has chosen the timing to harken back to another once-divisive time, quickly mended.

As we will all hope the current imbroglio with our great friend and neighbour to the South will flee away.

And so on that Monday's national holiday celebrating Canadian families, and going forward, let us raise a glass to The King, Head of the Canadian Royal Family, our friend in all weathers.

### **Text of Message from His Majesty The King to the people of Canada, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the National Flag of Canada**

Today my wife and I join with Canadians across Canada and around the world to commemorate an important milestone – the 60th anniversary of the Canadian flag.

On this day in 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill.

Since that time, it has become internationally recognized as a symbol of a proud, resilient and compassionate country.

For my own part, it is a symbol that never fails to elicit a sense of pride and admiration, as I recall with the deepest affection my many Canadian visits and friendships.

CHARLES R.

# Quebec Lieutenant Governor Gives Significant Interview to Radio Canada

*English translation by the League:*

**M**anon Jeannotte, a Mi'kmaw from Gespeg, has been searching for her [precise] positioning for a long time. For almost a year now, she has taken her duties as Lieutenant-Governor very seriously, despite the dissonance between her identity and the symbolism of her position. She now wishes to demystify not only her role, but also aboriginal realities, two spheres poorly understood in the province of which she is, in theory, head of state.

“What's strange about this is that I came into office without really realizing that I was Quebec's Head of State. At some point, someone made me realize [that],” says Manon Jeannotte, pausing to take a breath. Then I said, “Oh yeah? Seen like that, it's true,” she laughs shyly. I never thought I'd be Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. It had never, ever crossed my mind.

She admits that she had not expectations, but fears at the outset: she was in discovery mode.

Manon Jeannotte describes herself as an entrepreneur, and people who know her very well have reminded her of this: “On a professional level, you might find it [boring], you'll lack challenges,” she reflects in an interview at her Quebec City offices. However, after a year or so, she finds that it's anything but boring.

Manon Jeannotte takes her role very seriously. She carefully reads all the bills she approves, while maintaining the utmost neutrality.

Despite her fears and the warnings of those closest to her, she allowed herself to discover her role as lieutenant-governor.

She's no stranger to discovering new roles. Before representing the Crown in Quebec, Manon Jeannotte undertook all kinds of occupations.

“I worked for the federal government. I was a civil servant. I've been a manager. I've been in politics. I've been in business. I've created a school, I've taught, I've co-taught, in addition to being chief of her community of Gespeg,” she laughs.

“The position of Lieutenant-Governor, like that of Leader, requires getting out and meeting people.” [That] takes up a good part of Ms. Jeannotte's time, as she follows the MNAs' schedule. “When

they're not sitting, I don't have to be in Quebec City.”

Inevitably, her work is accompanied by protocol tasks, which require the support of a small army of volunteers. Manon Jeannotte is surrounded by some 80 aides-de-camp [some of whom] assist her at public events. They are all volunteers, people who all have a job in life, mainly in the Armed Forces or in the emergency services.

They support the Lieutenant Governor's six full-time employees, “because it can't be those six people who help me tour Quebec and undertake the ceremonies, because [otherwise], I'd burn them out!”

Nevertheless, she finds ways to make these strictly decorum-filled activities a little more personal. “I can bring my mother, I can bring my daughter. I bring everyone,” she explains. “My mother has joined me at ceremonial events, as has my daughter, and my husband, too.”

In addition to her position and the people around her, she says she has also discovered all the medal programs she didn't know about. “When I present the medals, I say to myself: ‘I'm here to bring happiness to the people who receive them,’” [so] says the woman who represents the Crown in Quebec.

“There's no existing program [...] to thank people who volunteer,” she says. The Lieutenant Governor does that.

Such is the case with the First Peoples Medal, created by Michel Doyon, Ms. Jeannotte's predecessor, in 2019. “But when I took office, I stopped to rethink the model a little,” says the Lieutenant-Governor.

“The way Mr. Doyon had done it was to bring aboriginal peoples [to Quebec City], which was a great initiative. I said to myself, ‘I'm going to go further. When I go to the communities in Quebec, when I go to the regions, I want to bring the Aboriginal communities together with the non-Aboriginal communities in the same ceremony. And why not hold the ceremonies in an [aboriginal] community?’”

Just over a year ago, the day after Manon Jeannotte's appointment, Quebec's National Assembly unanimously adopted a motion to abolish the position of Lieutenant-Governor. “I could have taken that personally. But no, not at all. I've never taken it personally. It's the

position,” says Manon Jeannotte.

The appointment of a lieutenant-governor is a matter for the federal government and the Crown. This motion therefore has no concrete scope. Nonetheless, the MNAs’ message is strong, and Manon Jeannotte has set herself the goal of working on this reconciliation between Quebec and the Crown.

“I know that being a lieutenant-governor in Quebec is a touchy job. That’s why I’m not in the media too much: I’m careful, but I think it’s time to get started.”

In the meantime, Manon Jeannotte must continue to approve bills [passed by] the National Assembly. “When I receive them [the deputies] here during legislative sessions, it’s always very pleasant. Everyone is polite, regardless of party,” she notes. In the week leading up to the interview with Espaces autochtones, she had given Royal Assent to ten bills, all of which she had read very carefully.

Among these was Bill 32 on cultural securitization, tabled in the wake of Joyce Echaquan’s death in Joliette hospital as a result of racist insults by hospital staff. When the bill was passed on December 5, members of the First Nations were at her office for the occasion.

“I read the report. I made recommendations when I signed it,” explains Manon Jeannotte. “I talked to people about it. Some of them said, ‘It’s not perfect’ - but...

at least it’s something,” she adds.

Well aware of the controversy raised by this bill and the debate it has sparked on the issue of systemic racism, the lieutenant-governor points out that she is unfortunately unable to comment on the subject.

Ms. Jeannotte has never been outspoken, but her new duties require her to be irreproachably neutral. “I’m no longer allowed to give an opinion on anything, just as I’m no longer allowed to vote,” she says by way of example.

“I don’t take part in anything [partisan]. I read it with neutrality, even though I’m a native. I have to adopt a neutral position.”

“Of course I’m not going to refuse [to give assent to] a bill unless it’s against [human] rights. I mean, we’re in a democratic system. I don’t see myself refusing it.”

However, short of expressing her innermost thoughts, she tries to be as reconciliatory as possible. “I know it’s difficult, but I’m doing what I can at my level.”

The reconciliation she wants to achieve is first and foremost embodied in the field, in her opinion. “What I like about my position is that I’m close to the people. It’s funny to say: ‘I represent the King’ but I’m there for the people. I may be the head of state, but I have no political involvement. My involvement is in the [broader field],” she says.

Manon Jeannotte wants to promote

reconciliation not only between Aboriginals and the general population, but also between the province and the Crown. However, this process of reconciliation has had to begin with herself, as she admits she wasn’t always proud of her Mi’kmaw identity early in life.

“I was frustrated for a long time. I woke up one morning when I was 18 and said to myself: ‘I’m not an Indian any more.’ ‘I was too frustrated with the Canadian government.’”

She admits that she made her decision known to everyone around her. “I’m going to school and I’m not going to take any money, because you get money to go to school. I didn’t [want] any. I’m content in my business.”

My father was angry, then he said, “Hey, we didn’t fight all our lives for you to say no to this.” Then I had friends around who were non-aboriginal, and they said, “Come on, what are you doing here? You’re lucky enough to have financial aid to go to school, but you’re not going to accept it?” she recalls.

In the old days, that’s how we used to say it. We didn’t say “Mi’kmaw”, “Innu”, and so on. We’d say, ‘We’re Indians.’ “I’m from the other generation,” she laughs.

Her reconciliation process took place partly during her studies at the Université de Sherbrooke, then gradually when she landed a posi- *continued on page 4*

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gouverneur » de cet État).

S’il l’avait fait, il aurait couru le risque que le Président - qui a à la fois un ego considérable et une propension à changer de position en un clin d’œil - se réjouisse d’avoir été pris au sérieux, mais dise ensuite qu’« il était évident » qu’il n’était pas sérieux, qu’il essayait « simplement » de marquer un point, etc...

Si l’on avait conseillé au roi de ne rien dire, non seulement les cris « Pourquoi notre roi ne nous défend-il pas ? » auraient été pris au sérieux, mais pire encore, l’argument « Pourquoi avons-nous un monarque/une monarchie si ce n’est pour défendre notre nation dans des occasions comme celle-ci, lorsque notre identité est ouvertement bafouée ? » aurait eu une certaine force.

La sagesse du choix de ce moment réside dans le fait que le Roi a lié notre politique à un autre identifiant de notre nation : le drapeau national. Quel meilleur point de ralliement pour les Canadiens, qu’ils soient ou non des monarchistes enthousiastes ? Et la déclaration paraît sereine : le monarque réaffirme que l’anniversaire du symbole le plus connu du Canada est la raison de son message, plu-

tôt que de s’empresser de réprimander un exposé de pacotille du président.

Les personnes d’un certain âge ne manqueront pas de se rappeler qu’en 1964-1965, l’adoption du drapeau national a suscité des divisions considérables - partisans et véhémentes, le « fanion Pearson » étant le surnom de l’opposition. En l’espace de quelques années, et à la lumière d’un débat qui a été plus amer qu’éclairant, ce sentiment négatif a largement disparu. Et la « protection » du drapeau de l’Union, inscrite dans la loi, s’est révélée inutile, car le monde ne pouvait que se demander pourquoi un Canada indépendant arborerait les couleurs d’un autre pays.

C’est donc pour le mieux que Charles, qui revient au Canada depuis plus de quarante ans, parle aujourd’hui au nom d’une longue expérience et d’une profonde reconnaissance. Il a parlé au nom de tous les Canadiens. Il a choisi le bon moment pour évoquer une autre époque de division, rapidement réparée. Nous espérons tous que l’imbroglio actuel avec notre grand ami et voisin du Sud disparaîtra.

En ce lundi de fête nationale célébrant les familles canadiennes, levons notre verre au Roi, chef de la famille royale ca-

nadienne, notre ami par tous les temps.

Merci, Monsieur. Vous avez rendu un grand service à notre pays en ce jour.

### Message de Sa Majesté le Roi aux Canadiens à l’occasion du 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du drapeau national du Canada

Aujourd’hui, mon épouse et moi nous joignons aux Canadiens et Canadiennes de tout le pays et du monde entier pour célébrer une occasion mémorable : le 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du drapeau national du Canada.

À pareille date en 1965, le drapeau unifolié rouge et blanc a été hissé pour la toute première fois sur la Colline du Parlement.

Depuis, il est devenu le symbole internationalement reconnu d’un pays fier, résilient et compatissant.

C’est un symbole qui ne manque jamais de susciter en moi un sentiment de fierté et d’admiration, alors que je me souviens avec une profonde affection de mes nombreuses visites et amitiés au Canada.

CHARLES R.

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tion at Statistics Canada as part of a program recommended by the report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

“You have to find peace before you can move forward, because as long as you’re not healed, you’re stuck there. And that’s not good for us,” she insists, pausing before repeating: “t’s really not good for us.”

“Today, I say, I was born an Indian and I’m going to die a Mi’kmaw.”

Some might see a cognitive dissonance between her Mi’kmaw identity and her role as a representative of the Crown. But

this is not the case for Ms. Jeannotte. “I know, the colonizer thing can be weird for some people,” she says, “but for me, you have to look at history.”

She recalls that in 1725, the Mi’kmaq signed a treaty of peace and friendship with the British Crown. “We’ve always considered that, at the Mi’kmaw level, we had a privileged relationship with the British Crown. So, for me, that relationship has always been there [...]. Beyond the colonial aspect, we were allies.”

She also remembers that when she sat at the chiefs’ table of the Assembly of

First Nations Quebec-Labrador, she would say to her colleagues: ‘If we have a problem with the government, well, we’ll go straight to the Queen.’ ‘Now today, we say, We’ll go see the King.’”

For her, today, in addition [...], we’re 400 years later,” she says, counting aloud and adding: “We’re going to be 500 years later, in reference to Jacques Cartier’s arrival on his nation’s territory at Gaspé in 1534. I think we need to look at life differently and be allies.”

“Today, we need to heal ourselves. We need to see how we can build together.”

## La lieutenante-gouverneure du québec : un entretien important diffusé par radio canada

*Manon Jeannotte, une Mi’kmaw de Gespeg, a longtemps cherché sa place. Depuis près d’un an, elle prend ses fonctions de lieutenante-gouverneure très au sérieux, malgré la dissonance qu’on pourrait voir entre son identité et la symbolique de sa position. Elle souhaite maintenant démystifier non seulement son rôle, mais aussi les réalités autochtones, deux sphères mal comprises dans la province dont elle est la cheffe d’État, en théorie.*

Ce qui est étrange dans ça, c’est que je suis rentrée en poste sans vraiment réaliser que j’étais la cheffe d’État du Québec. À un moment donné, il y a quelqu’un qui m’a fait réaliser, relate Manon Jeannotte en faisant une pause pour respirer. Puis j’ai fait: “Ah oui? Vu comme ça, c’est vrai,” lance-t-elle en riant timidement. Je n’avais jamais pensé un jour être lieutenante-gouverneure du Québec. Ça ne m’avait jamais, jamais traversé l’esprit.

Elle avoue qu’elle avait non pas des attentes, mais des craintes au départ: elle était en mode découverte.

Manon Jeannotte se décrit comme une entrepreneure et les gens qui la connaissent très bien lui ont rappelé ceci: “Au niveau professionnel, tu vas peut-être trouver ça [ennuyant], tu vas manquer de défis”, se remémore-t-elle en entrevue dans ses bureaux de Québec. Toutefois, après environ un an, elle constate que c’est tout sauf ennuyant.

Manon Jeannotte prend son rôle très au sérieux. Elle lit avec attention tous les projets de loi qu’elle sanctionne tout en maintenant la plus grande neutralité.

En dépit de ses craintes et des mises en garde de ses proches, elle s’est permis de découvrir sa fonction de lieutenante-gouverneure.

En effet, partir à la découverte de nouvelles fonctions, elle connaît ça. Avant de représenter la Couronne au Québec, Manon Jeannotte a fait toutes sortes d’affaires.

J’ai travaillé au gouvernement fédéral. J’ai été fonctionnaire. J’ai été gestionnaire. J’ai été en politique. J’ai été en affaires. J’ai créé une école, j’ai enseigné, j’ai co-enseigné, en plus d’être cheffe de sa communauté de Gespeg, énumère-t-elle en riant.

La fonction de lieutenante-gouverneure, tout comme celle de cheffe, requiert d’aller à la rencontre des gens. Le terrain occupe une bonne part du temps de Mme Jeannotte, qui suit l’horaire des députés. Quand ils ne siègent pas, je ne suis pas obligée d’être à Québec.

Son travail s’accompagne inévitablement de tâches protocolaires, ce qui nécessite le soutien d’une petite armée de bénévoles. Manon Jeannotte est donc entourée de quelque 80 aides de camp lors d’activités publiques. Ce sont tous des bénévoles, des gens qui ont tous un travail dans la vie, principalement dans les Forces armées ou dans les services d’urgence.

Ces derniers appuient les six employés à temps plein du cabinet, car ça ne peut pas être les six personnes qui m’aident à faire le tour du Québec et qui font les cérémonies, parce que [sinon], je vais les brûler!

Elle trouve néanmoins le moyen de rendre un peu plus personnelles ces activités au décorum strict. Je peux amener ma mère, je peux amener ma fille. J’amène tout le monde, explique-t-elle. Ma mère m’a suivie dans des cérémonies, ma fille m’a suivie dans des cérémonies, puis mon mari aussi.

Au-delà de la fonction et de l’entourage, elle raconte qu’elle a également découvert tous les programmes des médailles qu’elle

ne connaissait pas. Les médailles, quand je les remets, je me dis: “Je suis là pour donner du bonheur aux gens qui les reçoivent,” souligne cette femme qui représente la Couronne au Québec.

Il n’y a pas de programme qui existe [...] pour remercier les gens qui font du bénévolat, mentionne-t-elle. La lieutenante-gouverneure fait ça.

C’est le cas de la médaille des Premiers Peuples, créée par Michel Doyon, le prédécesseur de Mme Jeannotte, en 2019. Mais quand je suis rentrée en poste, j’ai mis un arrêt pour repenser un peu le modèle, relate la lieutenante-gouverneure.

La façon dont M. Doyon l’avait fait, c’est qu’il faisait venir les peuples autochtones [à Québec], ce qui était une très belle initiative. Je me suis dit: “Moi, je vais aller plus loin.” Quand je vais aller dans les communautés au Québec, quand je vais aller dans les régions, je veux mettre ensemble les communautés autochtones avec les communautés non autochtones dans une même cérémonie. Puis les cérémonies, pourquoi ne pas les faire dans une communauté [autochtone]?

Il y a un peu plus d’un an, au lendemain de la nomination de Manon Jeannotte, l’Assemblée nationale du Québec a adopté à l’unanimité une motion pour abolir la fonction de lieutenante-gouverneure. J’aurais pu prendre ça personnel. Mais non, pas du tout. Je n’ai jamais pris ça personnel. C’est la fonction, relativise Manon Jeannotte.

La nomination d’une lieutenante-gouverneure relève du gouvernement fédéral et de la Couronne. Cette motion n’a donc aucune portée concrète. Il n’empêche que le message des députés est fort, et Manon Jeannotte s’est donné comme objectif de travailler sur cette réconciliation entre Québec et la Couronne.

Je sais que c’est touchy, la fonction de

lieutenant-gouverneure, au Québec. C'est pour ça que je ne suis pas trop dans les médias: je fais attention, mais je pense que, tranquillement, il faut commencer.

Entre-temps, Manon Jeannotte doit continuer à sanctionner les projets de loi de l'Assemblée nationale. Quand je les reçois [les députés] ici durant les sanctions de lois, c'est toujours très agréable. Tout le monde est poli, peu importe le parti, note-t-elle. Au cours de la semaine qui a précédé l'entrevue avec Espaces autochtones, elle a apposé la sanction royale à dix projets de loi qu'elle a tous lus avec grande attention.

Parmi ces textes législatifs, il y avait le projet de loi 32 sur la sécurisation culturelle, déposé à la suite de la mort de Joyce Echaquan à l'hôpital de Joliette sous les insultes racistes du personnel hospitalier. Au moment de le sanctionner, le 5 décembre, des membres des Premières Nations s'étaient rendus à ses bureaux pour l'occasion.

Je l'ai lu. J'ai fait des recommandations quand je l'ai signé, explique Manon Jeannotte. J'en ai parlé à des gens. Il y en a qui m'ont dit: "Ce n'est pas parfait, mais... au moins, c'est quelque chose", ajoute-t-elle.

Bien au fait de la controverse soulevée par ce projet de loi et du débat que celui-ci a suscité sur la question du racisme systémique, la lieutenant-gouverneure rappelle qu'elle ne peut malheureusement pas se prononcer à ce sujet.

Mme Jeannotte n'a jamais eu la langue dans sa poche, mais ses nouvelles fonctions lui imposent d'être d'une neutralité irréprochable. Je n'ai plus le droit de donner une opinion sur rien, comme je n'ai plus le droit de voter non plus, donne-t-elle en guise d'exemple.

Je ne prends part à rien. Je le lis avec neutralité, malgré que je suis autochtone. Il faut que j'adopte une position neutre.

C'est sûr que je ne vais pas refuser un projet de loi à moins qu'il ne soit contre les droits [de la personne]. Je veux dire qu'on est dans un système démocratique. Je ne me vois pas refuser ça.

Cependant, à défaut d'exprimer le fond de sa pensée, elle essaie d'aller le plus possible dans la réconciliation. Je sais que c'est difficile, mais je fais ce que je peux faire à mon niveau.

La réconciliation qu'elle veut réaliser s'incarne avant tout sur le terrain, d'après elle. Ce que j'aime dans ma position, c'est que je suis proche de la population. C'est drôle à dire: je représente le roi, mais je suis là pour la population. J'ai beau être la cheffe d'État, je n'ai aucune implication politique. Mon implication est sur le terrain, indique-t-elle.

Manon Jeannotte veut promouvoir la réconciliation non seulement entre les



*La Lieutenant-gouverneure avec le Premier du Québec*

Autochtones et la population en général mais aussi entre la province et la Couronne. Cependant, ce processus de réconciliation, elle a dû le faire d'abord avec elle-même puisque, très tôt dans sa vie, elle avoue n'avoir pas toujours été fière de son identité mi'kmaw.

Moi, j'ai été frustrée longtemps. Je me suis levée un moment donné, un matin, à 18 ans, et je me suis dit: "Moi, je ne suis plus une Indienne", carrément. J'étais trop frustrée après le gouvernement du Canada.

Elle avoue qu'elle a fait connaître sa décision à tout son entourage. Moi, je m'en vais à l'école pis je ne prendrai pas d'argent, parce qu'on reçoit de l'argent pour aller à l'école. Je n'en [voulais] pas. Moi, je suis cohérente dans mon affaire.

Mon père était fâché, puis il a dit: "Heille, on ne s'est pas battus toute notre vie pour que tu refuses ça." Puis, j'ai des amis autour qui étaient non autochtones puis qui me disaient: "Voyons, qu'est-ce que tu fais là? Tu as la chance d'avoir une aide financière pour aller aux études puis tu ne vas pas l'accepter?" se souvient-elle.

Dans le temps, c'était comme ça qu'on disait. On ne disait pas "Mi'kmaw", "Innu", etc. On disait: "On est des Indiens." Je suis de l'autre génération, précise-t-elle en riant.

Son processus de réconciliation s'est fait en partie durant ses études à l'Université de Sherbrooke puis graduellement lorsqu'elle a décroché un poste à Statistique Canada dans le cadre d'un programme recommandé par le rapport de la Commission royale sur les peuples autochtones.

Il faut trouver la paix pour qu'on puisse avancer, parce que tant et aussi longtemps qu'on n'est pas guéri, on reste pris là-dedans. Puis ce n'est pas bon pour

nous autres, insiste-t-elle en marquant une pause avant de répéter: Ce n'est vraiment pas bon pour nous autres.

Aujourd'hui, je dis: "Je suis née indienne et je vais mourir mi'kmaw."

Une citation de Manon Jeannotte, lieutenant-gouverneure du Québec

Certains pourraient voir une dissonance cognitive entre son identité mi'kmaw et sa fonction de représentation de la Couronne. Mais il n'en est rien pour Mme Jeannotte. Je sais, le côté colonisateur, ça peut être bizarre pour certaines personnes, souligne-t-elle, Pour moi, il faut aller au niveau historique.

Elle rappelle qu'en 1725, les Mi'kmaq ont signé un traité de paix et d'amitié avec la Couronne britannique. On a toujours considéré qu'on avait, au niveau mi'kmaw, une relation privilégiée avec la Couronne britannique. Donc, cette relation-là, pour moi, a toujours été présente [...]. Au-delà du côté colonisateur, on était des alliés.

Elle se souvient aussi que lorsqu'elle était assise à la table des chefs de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations Québec-Labrador, elle disait à ses collègues: Si on a un problème avec le gouvernement, eh bien, on va se rendre directement voir la reine. Puis aujourd'hui, on dit: "On va aller voir le roi."

Pour elle, aujourd'hui, en plus [...], on est rendus 400 ans plus tard, dit-elle tout en comptant à haute voix et en ajoutant: On va être à 500 ans plus tard, en référence à l'arrivée de Jacques Cartier sur le territoire de sa nation, à Gaspé, en 1534. Je pense qu'il faut voir la vie différemment et être alliés.

Aujourd'hui, il faut se guérir. Il faut voir comment on peut construire ensemble.

# NEW POSITIONING FOR LEAGUE “BRANCHES”

*Dominion Chairman Robert Finch chose on February 6th, the 55th anniversary of the League's Founding, to announce an important initiative to re-brand and bring new life to the largely-morbid local entities across Canada, under the title:*

## **The Monarchist League of Canada A modern way for members to take Action!**

In 1975, five years after the League's founding, Branches had been formed across the country. Then, and in the years that followed, these Branches played a critical role in helping the League fulfill its mission at the local and regional level. In addition to performing the League's work they also became a logical focal point to bring together members for various social events.

The League of those days was largely composed of folk at or near retirement age, and also by no small percentage, of women who were not working - they devoted a great deal of time and effort to their local branches, and helped the League grow.

Fast forward to 2025. The League - and the world - has vastly changed. No longer do most members express the desire to be a part of a local “club.” People seem to have less time and less commitment to attend regular meetings or events. Technology has changed the way we connect, network, and socialize.

As we emerged from the Pandemic, the thought was that the League's Branches would slowly re-calibrate, regroup, and re-launch. The stark reality is that, with the exception of a few, our Branches are largely dormant or barely trudging along. For all intents and purposes the League does not have a functioning branch network across Canada. So, what can we do?

Adapting to this new reality, we have an opportunity to change the way we do things. There is a new way for the League's membership to get involved and

## **La Ligue monarchiste du Canada Un moyen moderne pour les membres d'agir !**

En 1975, cinq ans après la fondation de la Ligue, des sections ont été créées dans tout le pays. À l'époque et dans les années qui ont suivi, ces sections ont joué un rôle essentiel en aidant la Ligue à remplir sa mission aux niveaux local et régional. En plus d'accomplir le travail de la Ligue, elles sont devenues un point de convergence logique pour rassembler les mem-

become engaged... LOCAL ACTION NETWORKS and SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.

LOCAL ACTION NETWORKS (LANs) will become the League's new means of connecting local members with one another to fulfill the League's mission at the grassroots level. The structure of a Local Action Network will be less formal than the traditional Branch of the past. They may comprise anyway from three to three hundred or more members. Many will exist mostly in virtual form although others will meet in-person from time to time.

Recently, a member bluntly stated the following opinion: *monarchism in Canada is sinking into a quicksand of ignorance, indifference and apathy. And holding hands as we sink together is not a good remedy. We need to build rafts and pull in the same direction to get out.* Hence, the LAN's primary focus will be on “action.” That's why we've deliberately adopted this new nomenclature. The LAN will take action on local outreach and education. It will take action to promote and defend the monarchy within the local area it represents. And, it will allow individual members the opportunity to take action together.

While existing functioning Branches will more or less continue operating as they are; they will have the option choose to remain “branches “ or to adopt the Local Action Network nomenclature to maintain consistency. There will be considerable flexibility as to the size, organization, and activities of the LAN.

Each LAN will have a Coordinator appointed by the Dominion Chairman. The Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the LAN's activities, liaising with the League office, and communicating with fellow members of the LAN. The LAN Coordinator may or may not be the League's principle media spokesperson in a given area.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs) will provide other opportunities for indi-

vidual members to get involved and become engaged. Instead of focusing on a geographic area, SIGs will be formed to create groups based on common interests and for specific projects. They will tend to be national in scope so will likely exist primarily in virtual form.

Examples of such SIGs could include the following: Young Monarchists ~ Social Media Team ~ Historic Royal Monuments ~ Royal & Vice Regal Milestones & Important Dates ~ Cost of the Crown Survey Team - and more...

Like LANs, a SIG will have a Coordinator appointed by the Dominion Chairman. The SIG Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the SIG's activities, liaising with the League office, and communicating with fellow members of the SIG's. Some of these groups will be given specific tasks by the DC/League office. SIGs are meant to be an informal group of League members drawn together by interests, demographics, projects, etc. They may be able to offer advise and generate ideas and other times they may simply exist for “fun.”

I believe the above plan is the most viable path forward for the League when it comes to fulfilling the League's mission locally and to connecting local members. The old Branch model served us well in the past. But, the new LAN/SIG approach will enable us to thrive well into the future.

Like all change, this new way, intended to better fulfill our mission, will undergo a period of testing. The flexibility of LAN/SIG approach should make it able to thrive in a variety of differing leadership and circumstances. We will all learn from each others' successes, as well as less-successful ventures. But I feel certain it is worth a try, and can only improve the League's outreach. As always, I look forward to your thoughts.

ment plus le désir de faire partie d'un « club » local. Les gens semblent avoir moins de temps et moins d'engagement pour assister à des réunions ou à des événements réguliers. La technologie a modifié notre façon de nous connecter, de travailler en réseau et de nous socialiser.

Au sortir de la pandémie, on pensait que les sections de la Ligue allaient lentement se recalibrer, se regrouper et se relancer. La dure réalité est que, à l'exception de quelques-unes, nos Branches sont

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## The Governor General: Prorogation Rightly Accorded

In the end, Mr. Trudeau's resignation as party leader made the Governor General's decision to grant Prorogation of Parliament as uncontroversial.

The alternative would have been illogical: a caretaker "lame duck" PM appointed on the understanding not to contest the Liberal leadership.

That would result in an election whereby the identity of the leadership one of the two political parties most likely to be able to form a government would be unknown. And Canada would potentially have three PM's in four months.



Mme. Simon acted in a thoroughly constitutional way. Three major party leaders will be in place, followed fairly quickly by a dissolution of Parliament and an election.

All three have an advantage: the Tories and NDP may continue to hammer the Trudeau record, and those of the candidates vying to succeed him as Grit leader. The Liberals will benefit from the publicity of a leadership contest.

Thus Canadians will vote, whether on the basis of the Trudeau record, or a given set of policies and personalities of a new era - or both.

largement en sommeil ou se débattent à peine. À toutes fins utiles, la Ligue ne dispose pas d'un réseau de succursales fonctionnel à travers le Canada. Alors, que pouvons-nous faire ?

Alors que la Ligue s'adapte à cette nouvelle réalité, nous avons l'occasion de changer notre façon de faire. Il existe une nouvelle façon pour les membres de la Ligue de participer et de s'engager... les RÉSEAUX D'ACTION LOCALE et les GROUPES D'INTÉRÊTS SPÉCIAUX.

Les RÉSEAUX D'ACTION LOCALE (RAL) deviendront le nouveau moyen pour la Ligue de relier les membres locaux entre eux afin de remplir la mission de la Ligue au niveau local. La structure d'un réseau d'action locale sera moins formelle que la branche traditionnelle du passé. Ils peuvent compter de trois à trois cents membres ou plus. Nombre d'entre eux existeront principalement sous forme virtuelle, mais d'autres se réuniront en personne de temps à autre.

Un membre a exprimé sans détour l'opinion suivante : le monarchisme au Canada s'enfonce dans les sables mouvants de l'ignorance, de l'indifférence et de l'apathie. Et se tenir la main pendant que nous coulons ensemble n'est pas un bon remède. Nous devons construire des radeaux et tirer dans la même direction pour nous en sortir. C'est pourquoi le RAL sera principalement axé sur « l'action ». C'est pourquoi nous avons délibérément adopté cette nouvelle nomenclature. Le RAL agira en matière de sensibilisation et d'éducation au niveau local. Il agira pour promouvoir et défendre la monarchie dans la zone locale qu'il

représente. Et il permettra aux membres individuels d'agir ensemble.

Les antennes existantes continueront plus ou moins à fonctionner comme elles le font ; elles pourront choisir de rester des « antennes » ou d'adopter la nomenclature du réseau d'action locale pour maintenir la cohérence. La taille, l'organisation et les activités du réseau local d'action bénéficieront d'une grande souplesse.

Chaque RAL aura un coordinateur nommé par le président national. Le coordonnateur du RAL sera chargé de coordonner les activités du RAL, d'assurer la liaison avec le bureau de la Ligue et de communiquer avec les autres membres du RAL. Le coordonnateur du RAL peut ou non être le principal porte-parole de la Ligue auprès des médias dans une région donnée.

Les GROUPES D'INTÉRÊT SPÉCIAUX (GIS) offrent aux membres individuels d'autres occasions de s'impliquer et de s'engager. Au lieu de se concentrer sur une zone géographique, les groupes d'intérêt spéciaux seront formés pour créer des groupes basés sur des intérêts communs et pour des projets spécifiques. Ils auront tendance à avoir une portée nationale et existeront donc probablement principalement sous forme virtuelle.

Voici quelques exemples de GIS :

Jeunes monarchistes

Équipe des médias sociaux

Monuments historiques royaux

Jalons royaux et vice-royaux et dates importantes

Équipe d'enquête sur le coût de la Couronne

et plus !

Comme pour les RAL, un GIS aura un coordinateur nommé par le président national. Le coordinateur GIS sera chargé de coordonner les activités du GIS, d'assurer la liaison avec le bureau de la Ligue et de communiquer avec les autres membres du GIS. Certains de ces groupes se verront confier des tâches spécifiques par le bureau de la DC/Ligue. Les GIS sont censés constituer un groupe informel de membres de la Ligue rassemblés en fonction de leurs intérêts, de leurs caractéristiques démographiques, de leurs projets, etc. Ils peuvent être en mesure d'offrir des conseils et de générer des idées et, dans d'autres cas, ils existent simplement pour « s'amuser ».

Je crois que le plan ci-dessus est la voie la plus viable pour la Ligue lorsqu'il s'agit de remplir sa mission à l'échelle locale et d'établir des liens entre les membres locaux. L'ancien modèle des branches nous a bien servi dans le passé. Mais la nouvelle approche RAL/GIS nous permettra de prospérer à l'avenir.

Comme tout changement, cette nouvelle façon de mieux remplir notre mission sera soumise à une période de test. La flexibilité de l'approche RAL/GIS devrait lui permettre de prospérer dans une variété de directions et de circonstances différentes. Nous apprendrons tous des succès des uns et des autres, ainsi que des entreprises moins fructueuses. Mais je suis convaincu que cela vaut la peine d'essayer et que cela ne peut qu'améliorer le rayonnement de la Ligue. Comme toujours, j'attends avec impatience vos réflexions.

# Additional Monarchist League Members to Receive the Coronation Medal

## *Nouveaux membres de la ligue monarchiste pour recevoir la médaille du couronnement*

**T**he League's having received a further allocation of nominations, Chairman Finch selected the following members to receive this Honour:

● *La Ligue ayant reçu un nombre supplémentaire de nominations, le président Finch a choisi les membres suivants pour recevoir cet honneur.*

### **SCOTT BURKE, of Upper Tantalon, NS**

Active in Nova Scotia on behalf of the League over many years in different capacities. Now serves as Manager of House of Assembly Operations at the NS Legislature.

### **LADY CHATFIELD, of Victoria, BC**

A League member for 47 years, who opens her famed Oak Bay gardens for use of the League and other good causes. Generous in spirit as in kindness and "the joy of giving," she represents the Victoria of old with a vibrant understanding of the realities of today's times.

### **MITCHELL CHENG-MADER**

This Canadian citizen, recently working in Australia, is no passive member, Mitch has assisted the League in myriad special ways down the years, most recently and visibly in his very fine designs of varied iterations of the League seals of both our late Queen and now The King, which adorn many envelopes and packages, and have been sold by the League in the tens of thousands across Canada.

### **LT CMDR (retd) GENE FEDDERLY CD, of Victoria, BC**

A member of the League for three decades, Gene now chairs its Victoria/Vancouver Island Branch, keeping a calm hand on a variegated membership. Serving the Royal Canadian Navy for 37 years, five as a cadet and 32 rising through the ranks until retiring as a Lt-Commander. His last act was completing a Manual of Ceremonial for use of HM's Canadian Ships.

### **JUSTICE ALLAN FRADSHAM, of Aldersyde, AB**

A Justice of the Alberta Court of Justice since 1990, he sits in the Criminal Division, Calgary. A Life Member of the League, ever-generous in his support, his interest in the Law stems from Grade 5 - and continues today, as "being able to

serve the public through the Rule of Law has been a gift beyond measure."

### **DANIEL GUENTHER, of Winnipeg, MB**

As a young student, this keen monarchist was sponsored by several firms so that he could help in assisting a large party of League members attending the Queen's Jubilee. Nothing daunted, his role re-emerged in co-leading another gaggle of monarchists for The King's Coronation. Later he was awarded by the Prince's Foundation a spot in historical architecture programme at Dumfries. Now a co-Chairman of the Manitoba Branch, he has accomplished so much at a young age that we don't doubt we will be writing for many years about his future endeavours!

### **J GUY HEROUX, de Sainte-Genevieve-de-Batiscan, QC**

Membre actif de la Ligue depuis quarante ans, sa loyauté dans sa neuvième décennie n'est pas ébranlée par les exigences particulières d'un monarchiste franc dans le Québec rural. Fidèle et sincère, il a fait remarquer, lorsqu'on lui a annoncé sa médaille: « Eh bien, quand j'aurai 100 ans, nous fêterons cela! ».

### **PROFESSOR IAN HOLLOWAY, PC, KC. PhD, LLD, of Calgary, AB**

Ian's life reflects a keen Allegiance to the Australian and now Canadian Crowns. A Privy Councillor as a member of the National Security and Intelligence Review Agency, he recently completed a second tour of duty as Dean of Law at the University of Calgary. In his 17-years as a member of the League he has used his intellect and insights to its benefit - as a writer and providing an insightful view of realpolitik in Ottawa.

### **DANIELLE LEMIRE-DESCARY, de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Québec)**

Bibliothécaire d'une grande perspicacité et d'une nature modeste, sa loyauté envers la Couronne l'a amenée à jouer un rôle dans les films de présentation de la Ligue au début de ses nombreuses années d'adhésion. Pratique et généreuse de son temps, Danielle représente la loyauté que la Belle Province manifestait autrefois - et qu'elle manifestera à nouveau avec le temps.

### **LOGAN LIUT, of Toronto, ON**

A student now completing his studies at University of Toronto, Logan came to the League in a crucial time, and engaged himself in making our first organized attempts at using to good advantage the social media. Unmasked, he translated the entire Coronation Ritual into French, so that for the first time it could be read in both Official Languages. Now looking to grad school, he continues to undertake special projects with insight and good humour.

### **ANNA ORBAN-IMREH, of Mountain View, AB**

Generosity of ideas, of time and of good humour, as well as gifts - all these reflect the whirlwind of activity that Anna, with her family, bring to the League. Whether encouraging a daughter's creating a Royal colouring book, to shepherding husband and (immaculately-behaved) children during the League trip to the Coronation, Anna thinks of others first, even as she brings her business training to practical purpose.

### **MATTHEW ROWE, of Toronto, ON**

27-year League member since his teens, Matthew always knew his vocation would be "Royal" in some way or another. He came to know the then Prince of Wales in organizing aspects of HRH's tours in Canada, he now serves The King by wide travels in his capacity as CEO of The Canadian Wool Council, Official Canadian Implementing Partner of The Campaign for Wool, of which HM is Patron.

### **MARTIN VIERULA, of Waterloo, Ontario**

A League member for over 33 years, Martin has always been a tower of good sense and generous support of our work. Recently retired, Martin's career has been in software development and cybersecurity; and recently he has offered to use his perceptive expertise to find errors in the League's website, as in those left over from the last Reign, when we didn't catch all the many hundreds of changes needed (example - from Queen to King) in the transition.



# DAVID HILL KANOWAKERON MORRISON, UE

1954-2024

It was with great sadness that we heard over Christmastide the news that our Life Member and benefactor, David Hill Kanowakeron Morrison, UE, had died on October 16th. David had mentioned to the League that he was facing some serious health challenges; but it was also clear that his ardent spirit and support for the League's cause had not diminished.

Seventh-great-grandson of Joseph Brant, David was intensely proud of Canada's constitutional monarchy, and the work of the League. It was manifested not only in helpful advice which assisted the League in a deeper understanding of the relations between our First Peoples and the Crown, but also in his generosity - without any request on our part, a number of four-figure gifts would be made; and they always seemed to arrive just as we were considering a new project.

David wrote on-line about himself, below - we loved his artless and absolutely true last sentence: no one could ever have thought him 'average or typical.'

"As a trans-racially adopted member of the First Nations of Canada, I began my legal and emotional return to my birth heritage starting in 1981. I was the first Native adoptee in New York State to use the Indian Child Welfare Act to make a determination of tribal identity. Working with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada,



I was able to claim my birth identity as a Status Mohawk of the Six Nations of the Grand River and begin a close relationship with my birth mother and my siblings."

and

"Permanently disabled (but for the most part, coping well with the physical limitations), I'm a prolific writer and look forward to exploring the astonishing people, places and history of Canada - from sea to sea to sea.

As a proud member of the Six Nations of the Grand River community (Mohawk) in Ontario, my devotion and admiration are for the People of the First Nations. These remarkable Nations are filled with some of the most talented, endearing and

inspirational people and I'll always be indebted to their kindness, generosity of spirit and wisdom.

Three Nations, three cultures, three societies; one person with many perspectives.

What a long strange trip it's been..." and

"Specialties: Mohawk, Canadian and American citizenships (it's a relatively small demographic). Thankfully, I'm not sure I've ever been described as 'average' or 'typical'.

As regards the League, he was also publicly supportive in listing his Life Membership on line, under which he wrote :

"Not a position, but a firm conviction and a solid supporter of the benefits of the Canadian Monarchy. As a Native residing in a republic, I can personally attest to the ostensible bonus of the Crown representing my interests as opposed to a politically elected system of majority rule."

For all our shared conversations, we never discussed matters of denominational faith; but given the general Mohawk beliefs, "based on the conflict between good and evil," David undoubtedly stood up for the good. So it is that the League and all whose lives he touched will remember him for that good, kind and proud soul we were fortunate to know. RIP.

## King Receives Lieutenant Governors of Quebec & Ontario le roi reçoit les lieutenants-gouverneurs du Québec et de l'Ontario



Hon Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (on November 20) et l'Hon Manon Jeanotte, Lieutenant-gouverneure du Québec (le 7 novembre) were received in audience by The King at Buckingham Palace/ont été reçues en audience par le Roi au palais de Buckingham.

## ML SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING: BRINGS IN MEMBERS & INTEREST

Chairman Finch's daughter Alessa designed some of the placements with texts by members

We are terrifically thankful to members' many witty suggestions for text, which Chairman Finch has only begun to use: much more to come! The great advantages to paid social media advertising is two-fold: first, one can target the audience, by age, gender, municipality/province, occupation and much more. \$1000 brings by far more exposure - and much more response - all at a cost trifling compared to advertising in printed newspapers. (One exception, sometimes community weeklies also draw well.) And thanks to Alessa for her design strengths!

## LA PUBLICITÉ SUR LES MÉDIAS SOCIAUX: ATTIRE DES MEMBRES - SUSCITE DE L'INTÉRÊT

La fille du président Finch, Alessa, a conçu certains des placements avec des textes rédigés par des membres.

Nous sommes extrêmement reconnaissants aux membres pour leurs nombreuses suggestions de textes pleins d'esprit, que le président Finch commence à peine à utiliser : beaucoup d'autres sont à venir! Les avantages de la publicité payante sur les médias sociaux sont doubles : premièrement, il est possible de cibler l'audience par âge, sexe, municipalité/province, profession et bien plus encore. D'autre part, la publicité payante sur les médias sociaux, d'un montant de 1000 \$, apporte beaucoup plus de visibilité - et beaucoup plus de réponses - à un coût dérisoire par rapport à la publicité dans les journaux imprimés. (Et merci à Alessa pour ses talents de conceptrice!)

## A REMINDER: BE CONNECTED!

For members who still do not have an email address, you are missing out on a good chunk of the League's work - such as our twice-weekly eComms, full of news and views. Please ask any teen or 20-something, or a reference librarian for help. At many libraries, there are computers that can be used to access the Internet, and that same librarian can show you how easy it is to send and check mail when you visit the library. It opens up not only access to your family, friends and the League - but a whole world of wonders!

Apart from matters covered in this issue of *Canadian Monarchist News*,

here are just a few of the hundreds of eComm items you missed out on: The Governor General's nominations for Coronation Medals; the unfortunate "re-branding" of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada; our late Queen's wonderful sense of humour; an extensive guide to events of Royal significance if you are visiting England in the summer.

## UN RAPPEL: SOYEZ CONNECTÉS!

Les membres qui n'ont pas encore d'adresse électronique passent à côté d'une bonne partie du travail de la Ligue - comme des centaines d'eComms bihebdomadaires, pleins d'informations et de points de vue. N'hésitez pas à demander de l'aide à un adolescent ou à un jeune dans la vingtaine, ou encore à un bibliothécaire de référence. Dans de nombreuses bibliothèques, il y a des ordinateurs qui peuvent être utilisés pour accéder à l'internet, et ce même bibliothécaire peut vous montrer à quel point il est facile d'envoyer et de vérifier le courrier lorsque vous vous rendez à la bibliothèque. La bibliothèque vous permet non seulement d'accéder à votre famille, à vos amis et à la Ligue, mais aussi à tout un monde de merveilles!

Outre les sujets traités dans ce numéro de *Les Nouvelles monarchiques du Canada*, voici quelques articles eComm que vous avez manqués: *Les nominations de la gouverneure générale pour les médailles du couronnement; le malheureux « rebranding » du Prix du Duc d'Édimbourg au Canada; le merveilleux sens de l'humour de notre défunte reine; un guide complet des événements d'importance royale si vous visitez l'Angleterre durant l'été.*



Amongst League members who recently received the Coronation Medal on the nomination of various entities are Brock Weir (above), for his outstanding work as reporter and Editor of Ontario newspaper *The Auran*, and Callum Morrison's organizing welcomes for newcomers and organizing community events in Altona and area, Manitoba.

## THE PRINCESS ROYAL SPEAKS CANDIDLY ABOUT HER CONCUSSION

Respected for her unmatched number of engagements each year, Princess Anne, 74, recently spoke to media for the first time about her accident, the origin of which she cannot remember, but which led her to spend five days in hospital with a concussion last June. HRH had been visiting her chickens, though her head injuries later led her to believe she had been struck by a horse as she was walking through her Gatcombe Park estate.

Anne said, after returning from a recent engagement in South Africa, that "every day is a bonus really." Her lucky escape from more serious consequences, she mused, left her very near to having lost her faculties. Asked whether she might give up her Royal duties, the Princess retorted: "It isn't really an option, no, I don't think so... You're jolly lucky... if you can continue to be more or less compos mentis, and last summer I was very close to not being. Take each day as it comes, they say."

## THE COMMONWEALTH & WORLD CELEBRATE THE PRINCESS OF WALES' CANCER REMISSION

Excerpt From *The Daily Telegraph*:  
Hannah Furness, Royal Editor

The Princess of Wales is in remission from cancer. It is hard to imagine happier words to type in a royal newsletter. What a relief for her, and her three children, parents, siblings, in-laws, friends, and husband who must have been desperately worried so many times since she first entered hospital for surgery a year ago...The Princess timed her remission announcement on a momentous day as she returned for her first solo public engagement in more than a year and became patron of the Royal Marsden Hospital to boot...It felt like a real full-circle moment a year on. A Princess, who has walked one of the toughest roads imaginable, finally coming up for air at the place she has spent so much more of 2024 than she would ever have wanted to. It is almost unfathomable to think that she is the second senior member of the Royal family in recent times to have returned to work after a cancer diagnosis, and visited a cancer hospital as their first job back. .. Having watched both the King and Princess of Wales connecting with those undergoing chemotherapy and immunotherapy of their own, it struck me how similar, and yet very different, their approaches have been.

# Four New Lieutenant Governors of BC, Nova Scotia, PEI and New Brunswick

## BRITISH COLUMBIA



**Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia** was sworn in as the 31st Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on January 30th. Prime Minister Trudeau said “She is a respected entrepreneur in Canada’s hospitality industry and a dedicated community leader and philanthropist. A trusted advisor to business associations and community organizations, she is also the co-founder of the Pacific Autism Family Network, which supports neurodivergent people and their families. She has received recognitions that include the Order of Canada, the Order of British Columbia, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the King Charles III Coronation Medal, and two honorary doctorates.”

## NOVA SCOTIA



Former MP for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, followed by three terms as Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality, **Mike Savage**

was sworn as Nova Scotia’s 34th Lieutenant Governor on December 13. “It is a profound honour to be entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of this office. I am deeply committed to serving both the Crown and the people of this remarkable province, while celebrating its rich heritage, diverse communities and boundless potential for the future.”

## NEW BRUNSWICK - NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK



The Prime Minister announced November 15 that **Louise Imbeault** would be the 33rd Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, saying that Mme Imbeault “is a respected journalist, a dedicated women’s rights advocate, and a lifelong champion of the Acadian community. Throughout her distinguished career, she has played a crucial role in promoting Acadian culture across the world, notably through her work at Radio-Canada Acadie. She has long been an active member of her community and her contributions have earned her numerous recognitions, including the Order of Moncton, the Order of New Brunswick, and the Order of Canada.” Premier Holt welcomed the appointment, saying “With her background in journalism, la Francophonie, culture and social justice, Louise Imbeault brings the kind of experience and understanding we need to her new role.”

Le premier ministre a annoncé le 15 novembre que **Louise Imbeault** serait la 33e lieutenant-gouverneure du Nouveau-Brunswick. Il a déclaré que Mme Imbeault « est une journaliste respectée, une défenseure dévouée des droits des femmes et une championne de longue

date de la communauté acadienne. Tout au long de sa brillante carrière, elle a joué un rôle crucial dans la promotion de la culture acadienne à travers le monde, notamment grâce à son travail à Radio-Canada Acadie. Elle est depuis longtemps un membre actif de sa communauté et ses contributions lui ont valu de nombreuses reconnaissances, dont l’Ordre de Moncton, l’Ordre du Nouveau-Brunswick et l’Ordre du Canada. Le premier ministre Holt a salué cette nomination en déclarant : « Grâce à son expérience en journalisme, en francophonie, en culture et en justice sociale, Louise Imbeault apporte le genre d’expérience et de compréhension dont nous avons besoin dans son nouveau rôle. »

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



The Honourable **Dr. Wassim Salamoun** was sworn in as 43rd Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and invested as a member of the Order of PEI, for which he serves as Chancellor, in a special ceremony on October 17, 2024. Born in Lebanon, and a Summerside resident since 1989 Dr. Wassim Salamoun is a medical professional. Before his retirement in 2022, he was an otolaryngologist (ENT) and Medical Director for Prince County Hospital, and medical doctor for hospitals in western PEI. Dr. Salamoun has received many community awards recognizing his long-time service and outstanding ethical conduct, including the Dr. Tom Moore Award from Prince County Hospital and the Putting Patients First Award from the Medical Society of PEI. Since retiring, he has dedicated time to improving his woodturning skills.

# CORONATION GIRLS ON PBS

A Story About Being 17 Again  
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The US PBS channel has recently broadcast this documentary. Local outlets of PBS - which most cable TV services in Canada make available - have their own schedules in addition to the network programming - so if you missed it, there will likely be further showings in the Spring - keep your eyes open, or contact your local PBS outlet.

PBS writes: In the summer of 1953, 50 young women from rural Canada embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to London for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Sponsored by Garfield Weston, they sailed across the Atlantic aboard The Empress of France, eager to witness Princess Elizabeth ascend to the throne as their Queen.



Using rare archival footage, Coronation Girls begins with the excitement of their original journey, highlighting the youthful optimism and adventure of that summer. The film follows the women decades later as they reunite and return to London to retrace their steps, revisit iconic landmarks, and reflect on how the experience shaped their lives. Their emotional journey concludes at St. George's Chapel, where they pay respects at Her Majesty's

final resting place, and a special visit to Buckingham Palace, culminating in an extraordinary private audience.

Award-winning Canadian filmmaker Douglas Arrowsmith brings his signature storytelling expertise to this intimate and nostalgic film. Produced by FeltFilm, Coronation Girls is a testament to enduring friendships, the resilience of the human spirit, and the lasting impact of shared history.

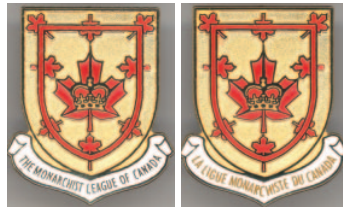
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