



Monarchy Matters

NEWSLETTER

South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Chairman's Message

The visit of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Prince Philip was a resounding success from many points of view. Thousands of people were able to see them and some of us were honoured to meet her in person. The Provincial Welcome on 17th May was a rainy welcome indeed but Her Majesty carried our duties with grace and dignity. She was so relaxed and so gracious to all whom she met, as was Prince Philip. I regret that we could only accommodate 15 members with special invitations for that welcome but it was encouraging to see others in the crowds. The equestrian statue of the Queen on Burmese now stands resplendant in the new Queen Elizabeth II Gardens in front of the Legislative Buildings. Take time and show family and friends the results of the generosity of many people, not least our Monarchist League donors. The latest edition of *Canadian Monarchist News* carries full coverage of the royal visitors in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

On 27 September Mme Jean will be installed as our new Governor General of Canada, representing her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her Dominion. Her Excellency will face many challenges during her term of office but we wish her success in her role, supported by her husband and the love of her daughter. Rideau Hall will resound once again to the sound of a child's voice in the Vice-Regal quarters. We look forward to Her Excellency's first visit to our province in due time. Lt. Governor Lynda Haverstock will be present at the Installation ceremonies, along with other Lt. Governors and the three Territorial Leaders in Canada.

I would like to highlight our special Branch Programme planned for **Friday, 14 October**, when we have the pleasure of welcoming Professor Stephen Kenny who will speak on "*The French Monarchy in Canada*". Most of us probably have little knowledge of this part of our national history so we have much to learn. Invite family and friends to join us that night.

Our Dominion Website continues to bring new trial memberships as well as some full time members. It is most encouraging to see this trend developing, including some younger members amongst them. I remind us all again of the need to seek members amongst family and friends. Let me know if I can help with that task.

Our Branch Secretary and our Newsletter Editor - Raymond and Jeannette Mynett - celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary recently in Assiniboia. We wish them sincere congratulations. Margaret and I were able to attend and share greetings from our Branch at the reception. Please do let me know of similar celebrations in the lives of other members, as well as bereavements as they arise. As I prepare these notes I am due to fly with my wife to South Wales for the funeral of my younger brother who departed this life on 26th August. I am grateful to members who have already conveyed their condolences to myself and my siblings. They are appreciated.

May the coming Fall see better weather which can benefit our farmers at this time. They rely so much on the elements for the success of their endeavours. Also remember the devastation New Orleans and all affected by the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the huge loss of lives and property in that famous city and area.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Oliver F. Nicholas

