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FIRST NATIONS WELCOME QUEEN

Her Majesty The Queen comes home to Saskatchewan 17-20th May for centennial celebrations. The Queen and Prince Philip's much-anticipated tour, exclusive to Alberta and Saskatchewan, includes our Legislative Building as the site of their official welcome to Canada. Volunteers from all corners of Saskatchewan's community will participate. The Royal Couple will begin their tour at Canada's First Nations University, opened by the Earl of Wessex in 2003. Her Majesty will later have a special audience with the Prime Minister and lay a wreath at the RCMP Depot. The Duke of Edinburgh's itinerary includes visiting the future Saskatchewan War Memorial and casting seeds to initiate re-vegetation at Regina's McKell Creek Conservation Project.

YOUNG MONARCHISTS VOLUNTEER

The Queen's visit to Saskatoon includes the University of Saskatchewan's Canadian Light Source (Synchrotron) where she will be greeted by faculty, students, scientists and children. The culmination of celebrations, the performance arts gala, will host The Queen on Thursday evening. Several North Saskatchewan Branch young adults will volunteer at the concert. Upon returning to Regina, Her Majesty will launch the new addition at Government House Heritage Property, and will there approve the insignia for the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. The Queen and Prince Philip depart for Edmonton and Calgary Friday 20 May.



HOW YOU CAN SEE THE QUEEN

ATTEND THE GALA The Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala. The nationally-televised arts concert welcomes The Queen & Prince Philip, Joni Mitchell, Leslie Nielson, Pamela Wallin, the Amati Quartet. Thursday 19 May 2005, Credit Union Centre, Saskatoon.

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HAVERSTOCK WOWS CROWD

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON A SUCCESS

Volunteers planning the League's Christmas Luncheon in Saskatoon were thrilled to expect as quests Saskatchewan's vice-regal couple, Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock and Harley Olsen. Ticket sales for the year-end celebration surged as the date approached. New faces and familiar ones filled the striking venue provided by St. Thomas More College on the University of Saskatchewan campus. Young adults were in attendance at every table.

College President George Smith proudly opened his doors for the event on 18 December. In her keynote speech, Haverstock focused on Saskatchewan's unique accomplishments. On the eve of the Centennial Year, she spoke of wonderful stories and celebrated individuals, and in this way urged guests to celebrate the province's 100th birthday. Her Honour introduced in detail the construction at Government House in Regina. The centennial project will see the installation of an interpretive gallery, an administrative centre and improvements to the grounds. Government House is home to the Lieutenant Governor's working offices, and was once the headquarters for the entire Northwest Territories, an area that covered twothirds of present day Canada. Haverstock's address was met with an enthusiastic ovation.

Guests raised their glasses in a toast to Her Majesty led by Chairman Nigel Molaro. This after enjoying a threecourse meal prepared by award-winning chef Derek Cotton. An assortment of holiday jazz was performed by renowned Saskatchewan musician Sheldon Corbett. The Monarchist League was able to subsidise luncheon tickets, in particular for young people. One young guest, new League member Lisa Huston, commented after the programme, "Before she could leave, Her Honour insisted on speaking to each and every young person in the room!"

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HAPPILY MARRIED

SATURDAY 9 APRIL 2005 The Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles, the new Duchess of

Cornwall, were married at Windsor. Its narrow streets were filled with onlookers. A prayer and dedication ceremony was later held within St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and John Raulston Saul were among many Canadians in attendance, as millions watched the Royal Wedding worldwide.

DIVERSITY A STRENGTH: QUEEN

EDUCATION A GOLDEN THREAD

THE QUEEN CHOSE TOLERANCE as the theme of her most recent Commonwealth Christmas broadcast. Her Majesty proclaimed that even in the face of discrimination, there is "every reason to be hopeful about the future." The conflict so often associated with religion is ironic, when every religion, she explained, carries messages of tolerance and respect. "There is much to be gained by reaching out to others," Her Majesty maintained, and while defending strength in diversity, warned against when faced with religious extremism. Jewish and Muslim leaders praised the timeliness of The Queen's message, calling it "exactly the right speech for 2005." The first Christmas broadcast was delivered by King George V via wireless in the 1930s, and the tradition has continued almost uninterrupted.

And in her annual Commonwealth Day message, 14 March 2005, The Queen praised education as "the key to unlocking human potential." Her Majesty addresses 1.8 billion people across 53 Commonwealth countries on her own responsibility and without advice from ministers. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson pointed to The Queen's message as a call to "renew our commitment" to the social, political and economic well-being of developing nations. She applauded Canada's leading role in the modern Commonwealth, and called its educational institutions "among the best in the world." The Queen raised the importance of knowledge-based economies, and further called education "the golden thread" binding Commonwealth nations. Her Majesty commended the Canadian-based Commonwealth of Learning as an excellent example of international sharing of expertise. As Head of the Commonwealth, The Queen reinforces the relationships of Commonwealth peoples from around the world.

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Lieutenant Governor Dr Lynda Haverstock speaks to youth at the League's Christmas Luncheon, 18 December 2004.

MONARCHIST DONATES TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

DUNCAN ROBERTSON OF SASKATOON has bequeathed his lifetime collection to the University of Saskatchewan's library. An extensive variety of more than 500 books are slated to adorn the shelves of the main library's special collections section. Robertson, a League member, spoke about his favourite volume, "Queen Victoria, her Gracious Life and Glorious Reign," a keepsake from his great grandmother published in 1901. The books pertain to several monarchies: Canadian, European, Indian and Japanese. Robertson, a war veteran and 60-year Legion member, served as head librarian at Kelsey Institute from 1975-1987. He has held membership in the Municipal Heritage Advisory and Meewasin Planning and Development Committees. Roberston presently sits with the Saskatoon Housing Authority. The prized collection, he insists, is welcome to visitors!

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EARL RETURNS TO CANADA THIS JUNE

THE QUEEN'S YOUNGEST SON, Prince Edward, and wife Sophie Rhys-Jones will make a week-long visit to Canada this June that includes stops in every Atlantic province. The Earl and Countess of Wessex will present young Canadians with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a programme whose Canadian version took-off more than forty years ago. Award-winners have met requirements in community service, environmental expedition, practical skills development and physical recreation.

His Royal Highness presented fifty *Young Canadians Challenge* awards in Saskatchewan during his 2003 visit. Saskatchewan's programme is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock. Selected new Saskatchewan recipients will be handed their awards from The Duke of Edinburgh himself during centennial celebrations in Alberta this year. The next Saskatchewan awards ceremony is scheduled for October in Regina. For their June visit, the Earl and Countess have accepted an invitation from The Monarchist League to a reception in their honour while stopping in Toronto. The Earl of Wessex is patron of Regina's Globe Theatre and Colonel-in-Chief of Moose Jaw's Saskatchewan Dragoons.

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