

Seventy Years A Servant

Vicki Gunn

Executive Director, CHP Canada

On February 6, 1952, Canada was the first Commonwealth country to announce the death of King George VI. Newspapers around the world reported ancient words, "The king is dead! Long live the queen!" The continuity of the royal family and thus Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth, was assured in that announcement, reassuring the citizens of those countries.

Queen Elizabeth, at age 14, had broadcast a message to children evacuated from London urging them to be courageous. At 19 years of age, she trained as a driver and mechanic in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. Her life of service to her nation and the Commonwealth was well underway.

On June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II made her Coronation Oath before the world. Who would have thought that 70 years later she would still be faithfully carrying out her promise? Queen Elizabeth is the longest reigning monarch, by the Lord's grace.

Her Majesty serves as Colonel-In-Chief of numerous Canadian military regiments, including the 48th Highlanders of Canada, the regiment in which my grandfather and great uncle served. All naval vessels in the Royal Canadian Navy have the prefix HMCS, 'Her Majesty's Canadian Ship.' She is patron of over six hundred charities and organizations, of which thirty-six are in Canada, including the Canadian Cancer Society and the Canadian Nurses Association . . . two organizations representing frontline healthcare workers.

Canada's Governor-General is supposed to represent Her Majesty the Queen in Canada. As with the Queen, the Governor-General has ceremonial responsibilities, such as promoting a sense of national identity. The Governor-General, as does the Queen, fills an apolitical role.

Why do I remind you of the prime role that the Queen plays in Canada?

There is a movement afoot to remove our Canadian heritage. It starts in the highest echelons of power in Canada.

In 2016, "Justin Trudeau told the New York Times that Canada is becoming a new kind of country, not defined by our history or European national origins, but by a 'pan-cultural heritage.' 'There is no core identity, no mainstream in Canada,' Trudeau said, concluding that he sees Canada as 'the first post-national state.'"¹

This lack of respect for our Canadian culture was manifest in the choosing of Julie Payette as our most recent Governor-General. Her Majesty the Queen, who in her Coronation Oath swore to the utmost of her power to "maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel," and has diligently done so for seventy years, was represented by someone who had not been properly vetted for the Governor General's position, as was displayed in the ignominious end of her tenure. One of her early gaffes was stating her opinion on the Christian belief in creation. Payette said derisively,² "... we are still debating and

still questioning whether life was a divine intervention or whether it was coming out of a natural process let alone, oh my goodness, a random process.” Clearly a mis-match to the Queen’s Coronation Oath and how the Queen has presented herself through her 95 years.

Our Prime Minister clearly did not give enough thoughtful consideration to the person he chose to serve as The Queen’s Representative.

Sadly, this is just one of the blights on his performance as the leader of our country. His lack of respect for Canadians and our culture is shown in a myriad of ways throughout his time ‘in the spotlight.’ Currently the position of Governor General is empty, and one would wish that someone other than the current Prime Minister was in charge of appointing a successor.

“On her [The Queen’s] 21st birthday (April 21, 1947), she addressed the Commonwealth and dedicated her life ‘whether it be long or short’ to the service of others. Ever since, she has been steadfast in keeping her promise—a promise valued by Canada and the entire Commonwealth.”³

In one month, Canada, along with Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and other Commonwealth Countries, will be celebrating our Queen’s seventy years of service as our Monarch. Traditionally, Canada has celebrated the anniversary of our King or Queen’s coronation with a medal given to citizens who have been of service to their community.

Our current government has decided to not produce a platinum jubilee medal to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen’s coronation. Our Queen has spent a lifetime in service. She is the head of our country and has honourably served in this position for seventy years. Let’s honour her by honouring outstanding Canadians.

There is a Parliamentary Petition to the Minister of Canadian Heritage⁴ that you can sign to call on our Prime Minister to recognize volunteers, front line workers, etc. There are many outstanding Canadians who would be delighted and honoured to receive a Platinum Jubilee Medal recognizing their volunteer efforts.

CHP Canada recognizes the proud role Queen Elizabeth has played in Canada’s cultural development and wishes to acknowledge her great contribution through a life of service. Please (continue to) pray for her, especially as she mourns the recent loss of her husband.

Join CHP Canada today and protect our heritage.⁵

Footnotes

¹ www.torontosun.com/2016/09/14/trudeau-says-canada-has-no-core-identity

² www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/governor-general-speech-julie-payette-climate-change-1.4384481

³ www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/royal-family/queen.html

⁴ petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3310

⁵ www.chp.ca/get-involved/

The Christian Heritage Party of Canada
www.chp.ca • NationalOffice@chp.ca • 1-888-VOTE-CHP (868-3247)
PO Box 4958, Station E, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5J1
This Communiqué may be copied
