

The Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada at Massey College
L'Institut d'études sur la Couronne au Canada à Massey College

Newsletter – April 2018

Message from the Founding President

This is to tell you of my decision to step down as the first president of our wonderful organization, of which I have been so proud to be a part. The decision is based on a couple of cogent reasons. The first is straightforward: my work as Executive Chair of the National NewsMedia Council of Canada is busier than I had originally planned and something has to give somewhere.

The second is a little more complicated. Our new Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Julie Payette, is a former Junior Fellow of Massey College and now a Senior Fellow. She is also a dear colleague and friend and I do not want our Institute to be in a position of worrying about this amiable relationship if I remained at the helm.

The decision is made fairly easily because the founding vice-president, who now takes on the duties of president, is none other than our genial and conscientious colleague Michael Jackson, who has been on guard for the Institute from the very beginning — actually, since before the beginning, because our origins are tied to the Friends of the Canadian Crown where we all began!

I have accepted Michael's request to remain as member of the new board of directors. Our official headquarters will remain attached to my retirement office at Massey College, where we still bask in the favour of the Principal, the Hon. Hugh Segal. It is so important that we not forget the history, continuing usefulness and future importance of the Crown in Canada, as it evolves for the benefit of all of us: Indigenous nations, founding settler communities, New Canadians and all immigrants yet to come.

John Fraser

Message from the President

At John Fraser's request, I have agreed to assume the president's position in the Institute. John was instrumental in starting the Institute's predecessor, the Friends of the Canadian Crown, in 2005. His eloquence, his firm and principled support for the institution of the Crown in Canada, and his extraordinary network of connections have been crucial to the development of the Institute and the success of its projects to date. We are fortunate indeed that we will continue to benefit from his advice and experience as a member of our newly-formed board of directors.

A number of distinguished Canadians have agreed to join John Fraser, Carolyn Harris, Christopher McCreery, Nathan Tidridge and myself on this board: Dr. Signa A. Daum Shanks, Mary Dawson, Hon. Ian Holloway, Dr. Barbara J. Messamore, Hon. David Onley and Michael Valpy. Their biographies are found in this Newsletter. We welcome them and look forward to the valuable contributions they will undoubtedly bring to the Institute. I thank Nathan Tidridge for accepting the position of vice-president and secretary. The board will be meeting in May to chart a path for the Institute.

Michael Jackson

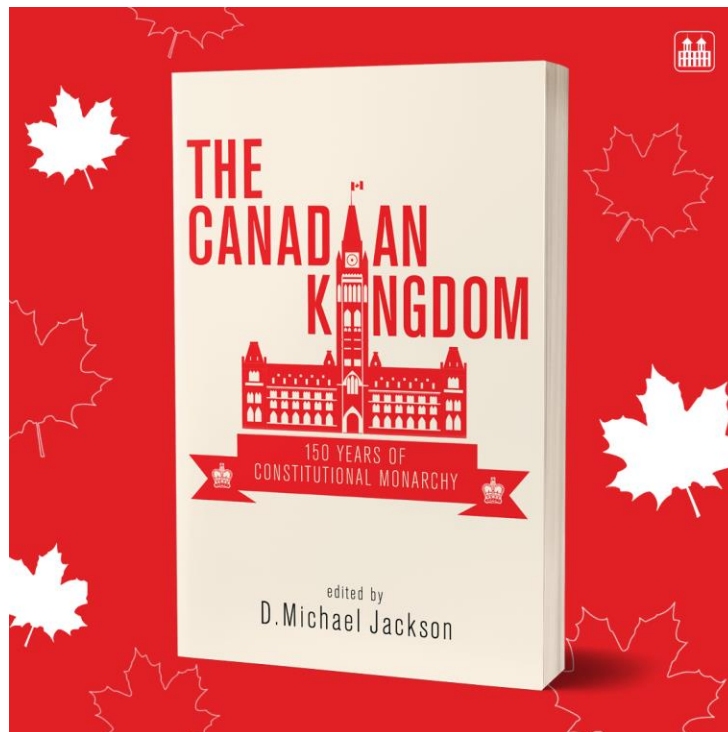
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New Institute Publication

The Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada at Massey College is pleased to announce publication of its second book by Dundurn Press:

The Canadian Kingdom: 150 Years of Constitutional Monarchy

Edited by Institute president Michael Jackson, this is a collection of essays by eleven contributors: Peter Boyce, John Fraser, Carolyn Harris, Robert E. Hawkins, Andrew Heard, Senator Serge Joyal, Christopher McCreery, Barbara J. Messamore, Sean Palmer, Hon. Steven Point, and Nathan Tidridge. The book is dedicated to the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada from 2010 to 2017.



Canada inherited the constitutional monarchy from Britain even before Confederation in 1867. In the 150 years since then, the Crown has shaped, and been shaped by, Canada's achievement of independence, its robust federalism, the unique identity of Quebec, and the relationship with the Indigenous peoples.

What has this "Canadian Crown" contributed to the Canada of the twenty-first century? How is this historic yet resilient institution perceived today? The essays in this book respond to these questions from a variety of perspectives, encompassing the arts, the role of the vice-regal representatives, the Indigenous peoples, and the contemporary position of the monarch. In discussing whether there is a distinctly Canadian monarchy, the authors look beyond Canada's borders, too, and explore how Canada's development has influenced other Commonwealth realms.

6" x 9" paperback – 248 pages – 27 illustrations black & white – \$25

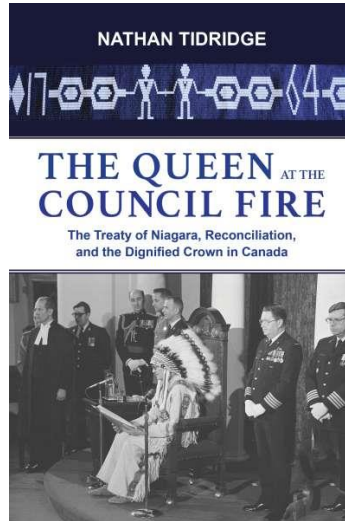


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Other Institute Publications

Nathan Tidridge

The Queen at the Council Fire: The Treaty of Niagara, Reconciliation, and the Dignified Crown in Canada Dundurn Press, 2015



Review of Constitutional Studies

Volume 22.1

Special Issue: The Crown in the 21st Century

[Introduction](#)

Special Issue Editors: Philippe Lagassé and Nicholas A MacDonald

[If The Queen Has No Reserve Powers Left, What is the Modern Monarchy For?](#)

Robert Hazell and Bob Morris

[Royal Succession, Abdication, and Regency in the Realms](#)

Anne Twomey

[Some Observations on the Queen, the Crown, the Constitution, and the Courts](#)

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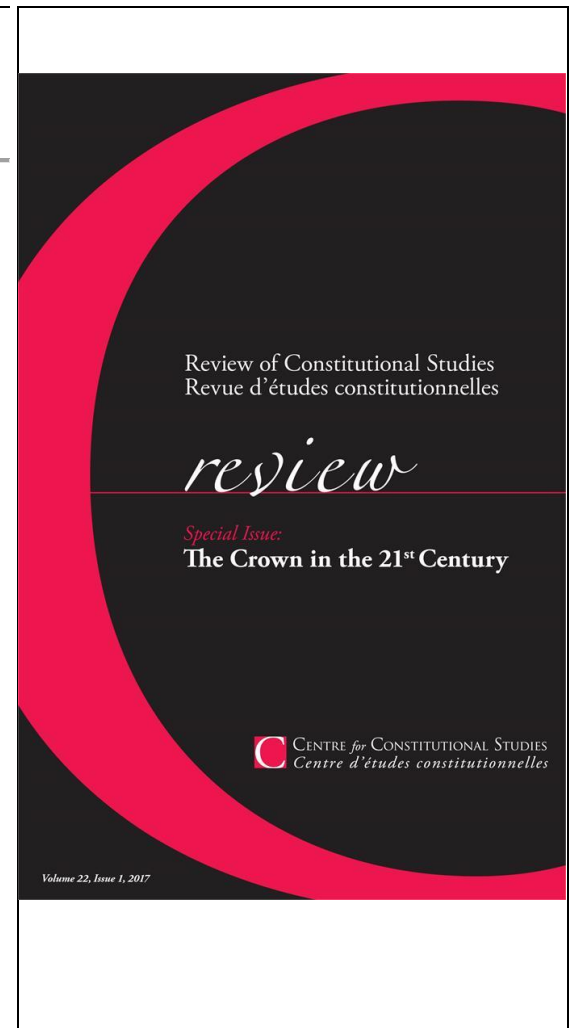
[Royal Treatment: The Crown's Special Status in Administrative Law](#)

Paul Daly

[On the Formation of Government](#)

Hugo Cyr

This special issue of the University of Alberta's *Review of Constitutional Studies*, edited by Philippe Lagassé and Nicholas A. MacDonald, is an outcome of the Institute's conference on "The Crown in the 21st Century," held at Government House, Victoria, in 2016. To access the articles online, click on each title link.



Other Publications of Interest

Dale Smith *The Unbroken Machine: Canada's Democracy in Action*
Dundurn Press, 2017

Everybody thinks that it's the system that's broken in politics; but what if it's not the system that's broken but rather our understanding of it? What if everyone's proposals to make the system "more democratic" only wind up making things worse, and weaken our systems of accountability so much as to make them meaningless? What if it's our own ignorance that is killing democracy in this country? Dale Smith looks at the critical gaps in civic literacy that have become endemic within Canadian political culture, wading through buzzwords and meaningless proposals to suggest real solutions. There is an excellent chapter on the constitutional monarchy, "The Maple Crown."

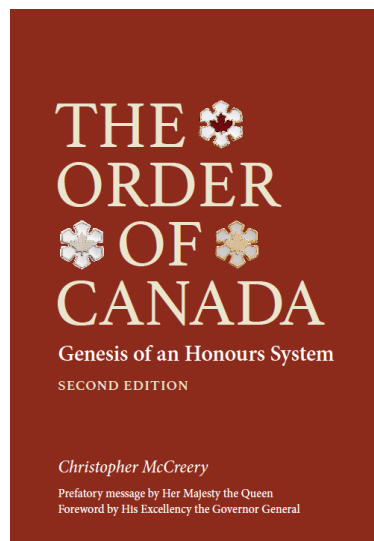
David Johnson *Battle Royal: Monarchists vs. Republicans and the Crown of Canada*
Dundurn Press, 2018

A strong republican movement in Canada stresses that the monarchy is archaic and anti-democratic, an embarrassing vestige of our colonial past. An equally vibrant monarchist movement, however, defends its loyalty to royalty, asserting that the Queen is a living link to a political and constitutional tradition dating back over a thousand years. But is the monarchy worth keeping? *Battle Royal* answers this question and many more.

See a review by the Institute's Founding President, John Fraser, in *Literary Review of Canada*
<http://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2018/02/the-last-queen-of-canada/>

Christopher McCreery *The Order of Canada: Genesis of an Honours System*
University of Toronto Press, 2018

Prefatory Message by Her Majesty The Queen – Message from the Rt. Hon. David Johnston



The second edition of *The Order of Canada* continues the celebration of the Order. Christopher McCreery sheds new light on the development of Canadian honours in the early 1930s, the imposed prohibition on honours from 1946 to 1967, and new details on those who have been removed or resigned from the Order. Extensively illustrated, *The Order of Canada* pays tribute to the individuals who felt the need for a system of recognition for Canadians. Indeed, the order's history is as fascinating as the nearly seven thousand Canadians who have received it.

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Dr. Signa A. Daum Shanks (Toronto)



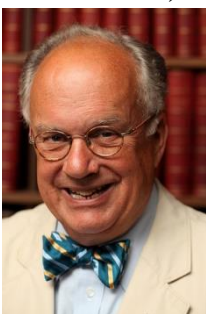
Dr. Signa A. Daum Shanks is a Métis from Saskatchewan who is trained as a lawyer and historian and is a faculty member of Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Her research interests include constitutionalism, legal history, law and economics, and history. In 2017, the Canadian Association of Law Teachers awarded her the Scholarly Paper Award for her article “Why Coywolf Goes to Court” and the Office of the President at York University named her a 2018 York Research Leader. Dr. Daum Shanks has also been appointed by the United Nations to be a Participant in the annual UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Mary Dawson, CM, QC (Ottawa)



Mary Dawson was the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner in Ottawa from 2007 to January 2018. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner she had a long and distinguished legal career within the Department of Justice and was Associate Deputy Minister from 1988 to 2005. She played an important role in relation to constitutional matters, including the drafting of the patriation package (*Constitution Act, 1982*) and all subsequent constitutional amendments and proposals. Ms. Dawson was made a Queen’s Counsel in 1978 and was named to the Order of Canada in 2007.

John Fraser, CM, Founding President (Toronto)



Author and journalist John Fraser is president and CEO of the National NewsMedia Council of Canada. He was Master of Massey College from 1995 to 2014. Previously he was the award-winning editor of *Saturday Night*. He is author of eleven books, including the internationally-acclaimed *The Chinese: Portrait of a People* (1980), *Eminent Canadians* (2000), and *The Secret of the Crown: Canada’s Affair with Royalty* (House of Anansi, 2012). A Member of the Order of Canada, he is founding president of the Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada.

Dr. Carolyn Harris (Toronto)



Author, historian and royal commentator, Carolyn Harris received her doctorate in European history from Queen's University and teaches at the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies. She is author of *Magna Carta and Its Gifts to Canada* (Dundurn, 2015), *Queenship and Revolution in Early Modern Europe* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), and *Raising Royalty: 1000 Years of Royal Parenting* (Dundurn, 2017).

Hon. Ian Holloway PC, CD, QC (Calgary)



Ian Holloway has been Dean of Law at the University of Calgary since 2011. Prior to this, Ian served as dean at the University of Western Ontario and an associate dean at the Australian National University. He also served as the law clerk to the chief justice of the Federal Court of Appeal. In 2015, he was appointed to the Security Intelligence Review Committee, and made a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. Beyond the legal sphere, Ian served for 25 years in the Royal Canadian and Royal Australian Navies.

Dr. D. Michael Jackson, CVO, SOM, CD, President (Regina)



Michael Jackson was chief of protocol for Saskatchewan from 1980 to 2005, during which he established the provincial honours program. He is author of *The Crown and Canadian Federalism* (Dundurn, 2013), co-editor of *The Evolving Canadian Crown* and of *Canada and the Crown* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012, 2013), and editor of *The Canadian Kingdom: 150 Years of Constitutional Monarchy* (Dundurn, 2018). He is a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order and Member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Dr. Christopher McCreery, MVO (Halifax)



With a doctorate in Canadian political history, Christopher McCreery is the author of more than a dozen books, including *On Her Majesty's Service: Royal Honours and Recognition in Canada* (Dundurn, 2008), *The Canadian Honours System* (2nd edition, Dundurn, 2015), *Fifty Years of Honouring Canadians: The Order of Canada, 1967-2017* (Dundurn, 2017), and *The Order of Canada* (2nd edition, University of Toronto Press, 2018). He is private secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Dr. Barbara J. Messamore (Vancouver)



Barbara J. Messamore, associate professor of history at University of the Fraser Valley, is the author of *Canada's Governors General, 1847-1878: Biography and Constitutional Evolution* (2006), co-author of *Narrating a Nation: Canadian History Pre-Confederation* (2011) and of *Conflict and Compromise: Pre-Confederation Canada* (2017), and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Historical Biography*. With a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, she is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (UK).

Hon. David Onley, OC, OOnt (Toronto)



David Onley was Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 2007 to 2014, following a distinguished career as a broadcaster. He served as chair of the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of the Government of Ontario. As Ontario's first lieutenant governor with a physical disability, Mr. Onley adopted accessibility as the overarching theme of his vice-regal mandate. He expanded the Aboriginal Youth Literacy Initiative to include computer literacy programs. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Member of the Order of Ontario.

Nathan Tidridge, MSM, Vice-President & Secretary (Waterdown ON)



Nathan Tidridge teaches Canadian history, government and Indigenous studies at Waterdown District High School, Ontario, and is author of *Canada's Constitutional Monarchy* (2011), *Prince Edward, Duke of Kent* (2013), and *The Queen at the Council Fire* (2015). He is a board member of the Ontario Heritage Trust and a member of the national advisory council for the Prince's Charities Canada. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2018 for his work in educating Canadians on the role of the Crown and its relationship with Indigenous communities.

Michael Valpy (Toronto)



Michael Valpy has been a member of *The Globe and Mail's* editorial board, Ottawa political columnist, Africa correspondent, deputy managing editor, and columnist on social and political issues. He is a continuing senior fellow at Massey College in the University of Toronto and a fellow at U of T's School of Public Policy and Governance (SPPG). He taught for nine years in U of T's book and media studies program and has also has taught at SPPG and at U of T Scarborough's School of Journalism.

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