



Newsletter – August 2018

From the President

We are pleased to announce that the next (and fourth) conference on the Crown sponsored by the Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada will take place **in Toronto from June 12 to 14, 2019**, based at our “headquarters,” Massey College in the University of Toronto. The planning committee comprises founding president John Fraser, executive members Chris McCreery, Nathan Tidridge and Michael Valpy, and myself as coordinator/secretary. We are delighted that our organizing partner for this conference will be the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History at Trinity College – which is across the street from Massey College. We look forward to working with the Centre’s director, Dr. John English, and his student interns.

This event is to follow immediately on the annual conference of Canadian vice-regal representatives (Governor General, Lieutenant Governors, Territorial Commissioners), also being held in Toronto, with some of them attending our conference. Our speakers include leading authorities on the Crown from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. We look forward to continuing the momentum from our previous conferences, in Ottawa (2010), Regina (2012), and Victoria (2016), all of which resulted in memorable discussions and subsequent publications. Please note that the Institute now has its own email address: president@iscc-iecc.ca

Michael Jackson

News from the Executive

The board of directors announced in our April 2018 Newsletter held its first meeting at Massey College in Toronto in May. It was decided that the term “Executive Committee” would be more appropriate to describe the group. Officers are Michael Jackson, President; Nathan Tidridge, Vice-President & Secretary; and John Fraser, Founding President.

The members present discussed the Institute’s mandate, finances, publications, planned website, and its next conference. A logo prepared by Chris McCreery was adopted. Following the meeting, the members attended a launch of the Institute’s new book, *The Canadian Kingdom*, hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in the vice-regal suite at Queen’s Park.

The Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada at Massey College
in co-operation with
The Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History at Trinity College

announces its

Fourth Conference
“The Crown in a Time of Transition”

June 12-14, 2019
Massey College, University of Toronto

DRAFT PROGRAM at August 2018

The Reserve Powers of the Crown

Anne Twomey, University of Sydney, Australia, author of *The Veiled Sceptre: Reserve Powers of Heads of State in Westminster Systems* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

The Crown and Indigenous Peoples

- David Williams, Professor of Law, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- The Honourable Judith Guichon, former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
- Others t.b.a.

Succession to the Throne, Accession and Coronation

- Philippe Lagassé, Associate Professor and Barton Chair, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa
- Robert Hazell, Professor of Government and the Constitution, Constitution Unit, University College London, UK
- Bob Morris, Honorary Researcher, Constitution Unit, University College London, UK

The Monarchist-Republican Debate

- Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director, The Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Ottawa
- David Johnson, Professor of Political Science, Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia, author of *Battle Royal: Monarchists vs. Republicans and the Crown of Canada* (Dundurn, 2018)
- Dale Smith, Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery, author of *The Unbroken Machine: Canada's Democracy in Action* (Dundurn, 2017)

The Vice-Regal Offices in Evolution

- Andrew Heard, Professor of Political Science, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
- Others t.b.a.

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| <p>Details of the conference, including registration and fees, locations and times, accommodation, etc., will be available in the fall of 2018.</p> |
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News from the Institute

Anne Twomey (University of Sydney, Australia), one of the Institute’s academic advisers, has recently published through Cambridge University Press *The Veiled Sceptre: Reserve Powers of Heads of State in Westminster Systems* (see announcement attached to the covering email of this Newsletter). This must surely be the definitive work on the complex question of the reserve or prerogative powers exercised by the monarch or the vice-regal representatives, such as royal assent, prorogation and dissolution, appointment and dismissal. It encompasses not just the larger Commonwealth Realms – the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand – but all present and some former Realms too. Canadians will find examples of the exercise of the reserve powers in their own country, ranging from the now-classic “King-Byng Affair” of 1926 to the 2017 refusal of dissolution by the lieutenant governor of British Columbia. This impressive volume joins *The Chameleon Crown: The Queen and Her Australian Governors* (Sydney: Federation Press, 2006) as an outstanding contribution by Professor Twomey to international scholarship on the Crown.

Another academic adviser to the Institute, **Philippe Lagassé** (Carleton University, Ottawa), has published “**Royal Succession and the Constitutional Politics of the Canadian Crown, 1936-2013**” in *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs* (September 2018). Drawing on Professor Lagassé’s expertise on the issues surrounding the 2013 *Succession to the Throne Act*, this article presents a penetrating and a balanced appraisal of Canada’s efforts to deal with the succession of its non-resident monarch.

In the same issue of *The Round Table*, we find articles by **Anne Twomey**, “From Bagehot to Brexit: The Monarch’s Rights to be Consulted, to Encourage and to Warn,” and **David Williams** (University of Auckland, New Zealand), “From Loyal Dominion to New Republic: Which Realm Will Get There First?” Both authors, together with Dr. Lagassé, will be speakers at the Institute’s June 2019 conference.

Two of our 2019 conference speakers have produced studies on the next accession and coronation: **Robert Hazell** and **Bob Morris** of the Constitution Unit, University College London. Here are the links: [*Swearing in the new King: the Accession Declaration and Coronation Oaths*](#) and [*Inaugurating a new Reign: Planning for Accession and Coronation*](#). Another of our speakers, **Brian Lee Crowley**, Managing Director of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute in Ottawa, has posted the following Commentary on its website: <https://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/monarchys-contribution-canadas-greatness-new-mli-commentary/>

A member of the Institute’s executive committee, **Carolyn Harris**, has an article, “Canadian Women’s Responses to Royal Tours from the Eighteenth Century to the Present Day,” in *Royal Studies Journal* 5, no. 1 (2018). Last year, Dr. Harris published a fascinating book on the upbringing of royal children, *Raising Royalty: 1000 Years of Royal Parenting* (Dundurn, 2017).

The latest publication of the Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada at Massey College, *The Canadian Kingdom: 150 Years of Constitutional Monarchy* (Dundurn Press, 2018), was officially launched at two vice-regal events – on May 1st at Government House, Regina, by **the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy**, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, and May 16 at Queen’s Park, Toronto, by **the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell**, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

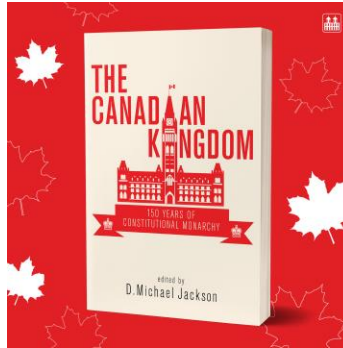
Edited by Institute president **Michael Jackson**, *The Canadian Kingdom* includes essays by eleven contributors: founding president **John Fraser**, executive members **Carolyn Harris**, **Christopher McCreery**, **Barbara J. Messamore** and **Nathan Tidridge**, academic adviser **Andrew Heard**, and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

Institute Publications

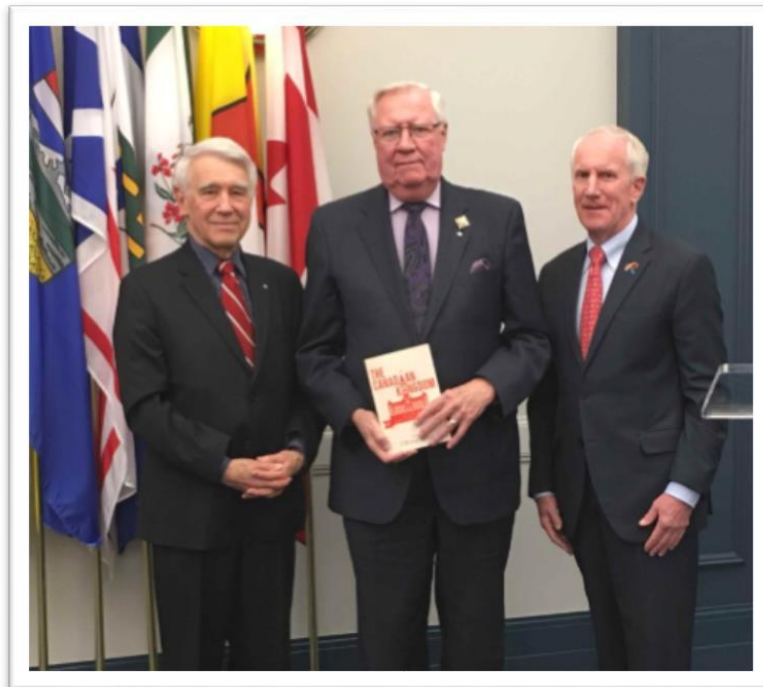
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edited by D. Michael Jackson

Dundurn Press, 2018

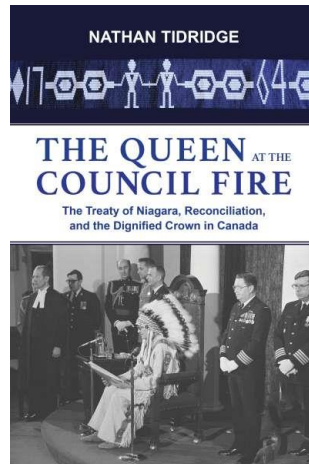


Canada inherited the constitutional monarchy from Britain even before Confederation in 1867. In the 150 years since then, the Crown has shaped, and been shaped by, Canada’s achievement of independence, its robust federalism, the unique identity of Quebec, and the relationship with the Indigenous peoples.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



At a book launch at Government House, Regina, May 1st 2018, His Honour the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy, OC, SOM, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, receives a copy of *The Canadian Kingdom* from editor Michael Jackson (left) and contributor Robert E. Hawkins.

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



The 1764 Treaty of Niagara, symbolized by the Covenant Chain Wampum, is seen by many Indigenous people as the birth of modern Canada. This is the first book to examine the whole of the Covenant Chain relationship. What Walter Bagehot called “the Dignified Crown,” though constrained by the traditions of responsible government, remains one of the few institutions able to polish the Covenant Chain and help Canada along the path to reconciliation.

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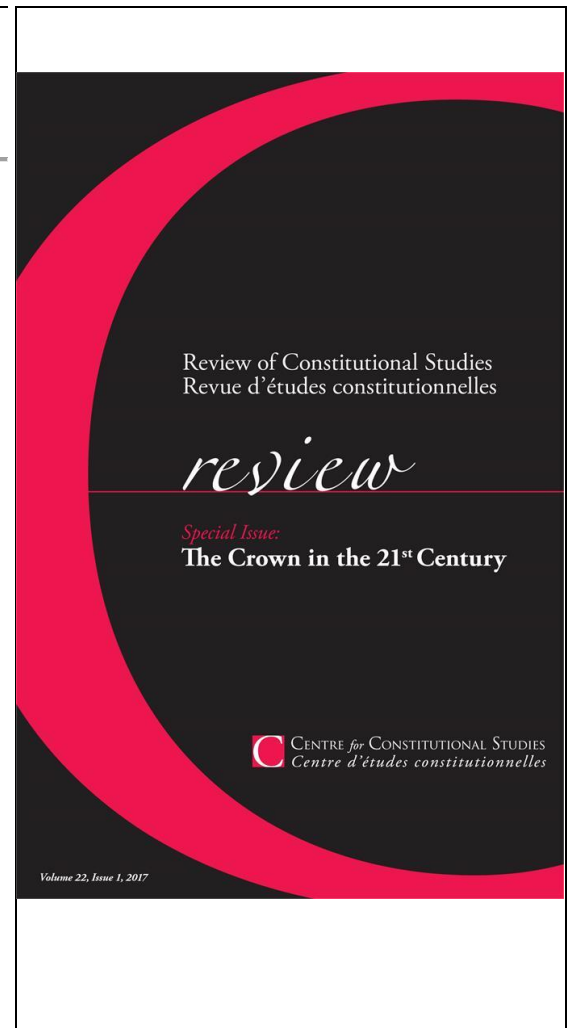
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This special issue of the University of Alberta’s *Review of Constitutional Studies*, edited by Philippe Lagassé and Nicholas A. MacDonald, is an outcome of the Institute’s conference on “The Crown in the 21st Century,” held at Government House, Victoria,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



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