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# PRINCE RUPERT DAILY NEWS

# Single System of Justice **Unites Empire Nations**

## **Queen Is Sole Source of Law Throughout Many of Its Lands**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Queen's Dominions beyond the seas, the Realm of Canada, the Union of South Africa and Commonwealth of Australia, the Union of New Zealand, the Commonwealth of Pakistan and Ceylon are drawn together into a single system of justice, equity, government and order that stems directly from the English monarchy. The Queen is the sole source of law throughout these lands. Across the extraordinary diversity of with a reminder-and e love; the world's climates the Queen's justice will be administered ac- one it is - that the Empire cording to forms and usages handed down from the Middle Ages family spans the world and is to the Parliament of Great Britain and, from Westminster, of one in love and loyalty to the fered to the world. The Constitutional Monarchy to which Queen. Queen Elizabeth II is haing enthround is one of the greatest, longest linerl and indeed one of the most mysterious institutions in the listory of manipud Indeed our present Constitutional\*

Monarchy is the Constitutional Monarchy of England, married to

Stamps Link. All Empire New Issue Will Go To Many Millions Throughout World

Coronation

## By J. A. Atkinson

Down Empire highways and jungle trails goes the postma The reminder --- new stamps, one of the Commonwealth's rare Coronation issues. The only other of its kind in six



# **Constitutional Questions Up to Prime Ministers**

## Each Government Is Formed on Basis Of Local Autonomy to Advise Queen

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When the Prime Ministers of nine Commonweal countries gather at No. 10 Downing Street for a conference of such topics as Commonwealth economic policy they are, each and every one, the constitutional advisers of Her Majesty,

The essential relationship which holds together the countries of the Commonwealth is that each of its govern ments is formed in accordance with local custom, to advise a single queen on the conduct of her policy.

It has been said recently that

the Commonwealth is the most im- rank as the Union of South Africe a tant and durable alliance in the and the old Dominions. They are rld-and at the same time it is Cevlon. (which first emerged alliance without formal obliga- Pakistan and India. uns or written promises. These three have not the sam Coronation day presents a fitting history. Immediately after the wa ment to look closely at the was granted "Dominion status" a ue structure of loyalty to Her it was then called. (It is remark a yesty as "Head of the Common- able how quickly, with commo wealth". Last winter the Prime usage, the term Empire gave wa Ministers of the Commonwealth to Dominions, and now to "Com examined the formulas used in the monwealth"). Pakistan and Indi Coronation - Ceremony to see were next to emergy-on Augu whether they conformed with cur- 15, 1947, from the body of the rent usage, and with the sense of "Indian Empire" (Previously, the words as the, are today con- should be noted. Burma had be come a Commonwealth and the They reached again one of those on January 4, 1947, declared he compromises, which have helped to self a Republic and departed from preserve in the Commonwealth's the list of His Majesty's allegiance latter-day evolution a quality of "Pakistan" was perhaps the "su unity unique in world history. prise Commonwealth". The wor The words- "Head of the Com- itself was havdly known outside the monwealth," first used to meet in narrow fimits of Indian politics 1949 the problem of republican the time of the last coronation India's desire to remain within the 1937. Yet now Pakistan takes I Commonwealth, were accepted by place as one of the most firm the Prime Ministers as the ele- established countries in Asia. leader of the Moslem world, and ment which should be common to loyal Commonwealth. all forms of the royal title used India has taken a differe

the ancient Monarchy of Scotland, and then extended by an infinite series of adaptions, loyalties and diplomatic ingenuities to meet the needs of people in every contin- Oueen's Beast

We did not gain our Constitu-nonal Monarchy, as some nations To Take Part tional Monarchy, as some nations have, by "going constitutional" There is no single written code of Constitutional practice that lays fown the powers of our new ueen, or of Parliament, or of the exact pattern of our law. We have arrived at our Constitutional Mon. archy by a series of accidents and chances of history-which we may well be excused thinking ucky chances, or well-contrived accidents. At the danger of a little mugness we are entitled, at the foronation of a new queen, to look ack on the history of how we ame to be as we are-a United onstitutional Monarchy with Jominions across the seas. And we may ask ourselves how Britain has avoided the worst disasters of history that have befallen others -'he anarchy of the Middle Ages. and the destructive revolutions of the nearer centuries.

Today the Queen is the source of law in seven sovereign countries, and her writs run through some 51 colonial possessions. Imagine the intricacy of that Government! She has Governor-Generals and Governors, Ambassadors and Residents who represent abroad; she has seven loyal Parnaments, and many provincial assemblies under them. She has Lieutenant-Governors in Provinces and Puisne Judges who carry her justice to the Polynesians of the Gilbert Islands or the lonely fishermen of the Antarctic. Imagine the fantastic intricacy of all the legislation passed, of all the commissions sent forth and all the judgements handed down in the name of the Queen! Look on her likeness printed on the postage stamps of the world and marvel!

Part of Pageantry:

THE strangest animal to be given a part in the Coronation pageantry is now being created in a Chiswick studio, I is the Yale, one of the 6ft, tall "Queen's Beasts," which will sit upright outside the entrance to annexe of Westminster

All the 10 heraldic beaststhey include the Lion of England, the Unicorn of Scotland, the Dragon of the Tudors and the Bull of Clarence-are being lesigned by sculptor James Woodford.

It was at first thought that the Yale would take the shape of a rhinoceros or ram.

The designs being prepared by Mr. Woodford are still secret, but it is almost certain that his

Yale will be a goat. Mr. David Eccles When Minister of Works, first referred to the "Queen's Beasts," he described the Yale as "the Yale of the Beauforts.'

Further research has disclosed the Yale as a "mythical monster derived from Ethiopa." It was first known as "the Eale." The heraldic animals will follow tradition in colour as well as shape.

The Yale is expected to be white with gold spots. It will have golden tusks and a golden mane and will be one of the fiercest looking of the animals. One of the "authorities" being followed in the production of the Yale is a 15th century Garter plate in St. George's Stall Chapel, Windsor, which bears

the impression of a Yale. "These animals were first thought of hundreds of years and, compared with the vivid ago," an expert in heraldry said British colonials of today, in London today. seems faded, ugly and worn. Yet "People drew on their imagin it is the rarest stamp in the world. ation to 'create' fierce animals This fabulous piece of paper which they believed existed in from the gold-and-diamond land foreign lands." sold for \$38,025. (then £9500.) at a Paris auction in the early 1920

reigns since postage stamps as we knew them began in 1840. was the commemorative of King George VI's coronation in 1937.

new stamps, designed a photograph of the Queen taken by Dorothy Wilding, are strikingly like a famous colonial issued nearly 100 years ago in Queen Victoria's reign. These Victorian stamps were taken from a portrait painted by Alfred Chalon, R.A. The Queen was so pleased with it she appointed him her painter in water

colors.

How these Victorians have soared in value! A New Zealant penny carmine of 1855, used, priced now up to £180 (accord ing to condition). An unused (or mint) stamp is marked up to 1370.

Yes, stamp collectors seek the rare and the beautiful and are ready to pay for them.

What of the new stamps? Who designed them? A stocky, genia little man whose office window at Wimbledon looks on a flag staff flying the Union Jack Name - Ernest James Jackman (yes, a lifetime on the job). Round the portrait of the

Queen he built a design which Her Majesty chose from 20 submitted by his firm, Bradbury Wilkinson & Co; and its rivals. The new stamps will be used by millions of Empire citizen living in 61 colonies and territories.

Through these lands the Empire spirit weaves a story of courage and adventure. And the story of some of their stamps belongs to the highest realms of philately.

Let's call on British Guiana, a slice of Empire bounded by South America and the Atlantic. It a British Guiana one cent black on-red. It was issued in 185t



WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR receives the crown of England on Christmas Day of 1066. His was the first coronation to take place in now famous Westminster Abbey.



throughout the Commonwealth. course. At first Admiral Lo And from that all-embracing Louis Mountbatter remained

New Delhi as Governor-Gener standpoint, the Prime Ministers after relinquishing the unio went on to devise the varied forms of the title suitable for use in the honour of Viceroy. Immediate individual countries of the Com. an Act was presented in the Br monwealth; the forms that will be ish Parliament removing the lit used officially for the first time "Empress of India" from the sty of the King. Thus the Brill the Coronation.

Empire of India ended. It had be As the law stood at the Acces- brought into existence at the wh the Queen was: "Elizabeth of Disraeli to flatter Queen Victor the Second, by the Grace of God and bring her to equal the la of Great Britain, Ireland and the perial rank of Napoleon III, Fr British Dominions beyond the Joseph, and the Czar of all Seas, Queen, Defender of the Russias. And it had reached f obviously required height of its glor amendment. The entry of the Asian states of India, Pakistan and Lutvens, and Cevion made the Commonwealth by George V and Queen Mary. H no longer a "British" wealth. Nor could the Sovereign high title "Empress of India" of peoples of many creeds be unihe deleted from the style versally designated "Defender of Elizabeth II the Faith."

In 1948. India was in the mi Further, the term "Dominion of Icaming her complex cons had become unacceptable among tion under which members of the Commonwealth family hastening along the road of million people are governed, enstitutional development. It was decided that designation of mem-trupture from "the British ber states as "Dominions" should nexion". But, others, including disappear; that the Queen would Pandit Nehru, were anxious omise that wo now rule over diverse member work out a comp meet Republican aspirations and states separately as their own the same time retain the adv covereign. the Commonwealth All these reflections of the liance. The result was the unit changed conditions of the Com- and paradoxical arrangeme monwealth are recognized in the agreed to by Mr. Attlee and our forms of title now to be used in Commonwealth Ministers at each individual country. Conference of 1948. India beca a Republic and appointed a Pro

### Origin of Rule

Yet we can discern the dim origins of this complex network of rule in the simple gathering of his .Wise Men-the meet-that Egbert the Great called around him 1,000 years ago at the ancient town of Kingston-on-Thames, Perhaps it is peering too far into history to see the origin of our constitution

amone these rude Saxon prince- ferent from the monarchy we capital for the following 200 years, more complicated indeed than the But certainly we cannot understand little circle of the court that was ness and durability

dy and France for the following hundreds of years we must went to making of our constitution and beautiful Anne Boleyn anwas several hundreds of years of nouncing her pregnancy to the comparative internal peace at the King. the desperate hurry to much money? Because it is the time when every other country on legitimize and provide Henry with only one of its kind known to ex-

the Continent was a seething tur- an heir-and then the fateful ist of uncertain lovalty, attent moment when the child was born. ance and impermanence.

For that stability on which the the unwanted girl-child, Elizabeth, Bastard, .who conquered England reign.

and alloted it among his compan- The crisis for our monarchy in an envelope. Only 14 of these ions under a law that preserved 1530 turned Henry towards his great rights for the King's rights people. He needed money, and that could not be insisted on by the support, and an army. And he unlucky kings of France and Ger- could only have these by building many for many hundreds of years, the strength of Parliament and There was comparative peace in gaining the support of his people. party. England because William and his Because Henry was in a personal conquering Normans insisted that crisis the monarchy gained-perprivate war was illegal, even be- manently. Elizabeth inherited a tween barons; that only the King Parliamentary system of governcould strike coins, and that the ment- while across the Channel King's justices would travel the in France, the medieval monarchy country and sit in "assize" to give evolved towards the mighty des-£1,600. the King's judgments, (they were potism of Louis XIV. The British The envelope went to a New soon assisted by a jury to help monarchy can indeed be thankful York collector, Alfred Lichenthem with local information.) stein, who is said to have rethat these extremes were avoided. Scotland, meanwhile, was still a fused £30,000 for it. Thus was established the great Why such an offer? Because medieval balance of power in Eng. separate kingdom. It had nurtured it is the only envelope known land - with three elements, King, its patriotism in a series of wars with two of these used penny Baronage and People. Because with the English. But by this time there was stability, and a fair de- it was clear that the continuance stamps on i gree of peace the great permanent of two warring kingdoms in one Lichenstein's daughter, Mrs institutions had a chance to grow, island was wasteful - to say the John Denny Dale, displayed it at The King's Court, instead of wand- least. By good fortune the two ering with him, started to settle kingdoms were united by inherit. George was showing part of his and establish permanent admini- Scotland and James I of England ance in the person of James VI of strative office. The King called his They remained two separate king- I asked Mrs. Dale if the family barons together regularly and doms under the same king for would sell the envelope or ex made them the first House of more than a 100 years before Eng-Then, later, other kings land and Scotland were united (in change it. wanted to tax their subjects and the reign of Queen Anne) into a gathered together representatives single United Kingdom. of the boroughs and the counties In our search for a Constitution through their old family letters to make the first Commons. At the for our monarchy, we cannot If they find even one of these same time an agricultural revolu- neglect the part played by Crom- early penny orange-red stamps tion made property law more com- well and the Commonwealth-the they will be interested to know plicated and, out of the rights of Republicans of England. And that buying and selling land, there is strange, again, for we may ask grew up the Code of Common Law how a movement that executed. £3,500. that is now disseminated across the King Charles I in Whitehall could be said to enhance the monarchy If the Norman Conquest is the Partly, it worked by opposites first good fortune Britain had in After the experience of the conher history which helped to make fusion and uncertainties of repub the monarchy of Elizabeth II sure lican years, the people of England and well-loved and constitutional never wanted to be without the then the second stroke of good certain sheet-anchor of a monarch fortune, (though it may seem as Head of the State. The English strange), was the stubbornness of Parliamentary revolution was a King Henry VIII the annulment very conservative revolution, (alof his marriage to Catherine of though it appeared, at the time, Aragon, the break with Rome and violent to strike off a king's head) the resulting impetus it gave to years, from the first protest of Britain's greatness and to her Hampden at paying an unjust tax until a king who wanted to dic-The Kingdom of England that tate his religion to his people was postage stamps. Today the cat-Henry VIII ruled was very dif- | compelled to flee the country. alogue prices them at £700.

and the last time it came on the market in New York, 1940, a lings who made Kingston their know today-and yet very much secret deal was put through by Macy's, the big department store. Neither the price nor the our own nation without turning all the Norman kings had for buyer was named. But \$40,000 back at least to the great Conquest government. The Tudor monarch (£14,285 at today's exchange rate) of England by the Normans. It had many troubles and many is said to have changed hands was that, first, that made us a weaknesses-besides his wives. We and the stamp is still in America. united monarchy and gave Queen need to be reminded that he had When the owner took it to be Elizabeth II's heritage its tough- virtually no power to raise taxes, televised recently he took an and neither had he that expensive armed guard, too. This stamp King William, the victor of modern addition to monarchy-a gem was discovered by a school-Hastings, won himself the whole royal standing army. The kingdom boy, Vernon Vaughan, when rumkingdom of England. When we was dexterously balanced on the maging through old family see the chaos of feudal wars, the pyramid of medieval society-the papers in British Guiana. He baronial strife that tore Norman- King, the Lords and the Church. sold it cheap because he prefer-Then came the crisis of English red some flashy-looking foreignthankful for that Conquest which history. We do not need to tell ers. And though he was a collector made William the absolute master. the story again - the embittered all his life the died three years One of the first great assets that Catherine cast aside, the young ago) he never found another treasure.

Why is the stamp worth as

#### Stamp of Manritius

a girl. Little was it thought that Now over to Mauritius, spice island in the Indian Ocean. Some King's peace was founded we must would inherit from her father a of its stamps are famous and dis thank the tough, campaigning strengthened kingdom and the played at exhibitions all over the Duke of Normandy, William the glory of a long and victorious world. In the treasure class are two orange-red penny issues on

stamps are believed to be left out 500 printed so that Lady Gomm, wife of the Governor of Mauritius in 1847, could use them on her invitations to a garden

> She sent an invitation to a friend in Bombay, 'Years later, a British stamp collector named Howard bought the envelope in en Indian bazaar for £50. He sold it to a London dealer for

CORONATION OF QUEEN VICTORIA June 28, 1838. Queen wrote in her journal: 'I was then seated upon St. Edward's Chair, then followed all various things."



QUEEN ELIZABETH at first opening of Parliament in her reign moves in solemn progress through the Royal Gallery to Throne. Earl Alexander is in front.

#### Varied Title Forms

dent: It renounced allegiance Two examples of the varied the Crown. ns a nau though, maintained a special forms of title agreed on by the Premiers at their conference in lationship to the British Cro that it recognized by declaring ondon are as follows:

King and his heirs to be "Head United Kingdom - Elizabeth the the Commonwealth". Second, by the Grace of God of

the United Kingdom of Great Such are the very rad Britain and Northern Ireland and changes that have impressed the other Realms and Ter- selves on the form and style of t of her ritories Queen, Head of the Com- Monarchy, and the procedure monwealth. Defender of the Faith. the coronation, since the start Pakistan-Elizabeth the Second, the previous reign.

Queen of the United Kingdom and These changes could all be hel of her other Realms and Terexpressed in the beautiful ritories, Head of the Commonconorous words read out by wealth heralds on a clear cold mornin.

The old Dominions -- Canada, February 1952 at the time of h Australia, New Zealand-adopt the Accession of Elizabeth II. One U.K. form with the addition of the constitutional addities the recognition of the sovereign as puzzled the few onlookers gather Queen of these individual domains, in the courtyard of St. James South Africa refers to her as Palace was the presence of a ta "Queen of South Africa and of her thin, almost ascetic figure-H. other Realms and Territories" but Krishna Menon, High Commissio omits reference to the "United er for the Republic of India. was indeed a mystery why h Kingdom of Great Britain and representative of should be present for the accessi Northern Ireland."

All the changes were subject, of of a new queen. But his present course, to the concurrence of the signalized the close reality of the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, clumsv phrase-"Head of the Com as laid down by the Statute of monwealth".

Westminster of 1931. The preamble Some doubters may scoff at "I to the Statute is of interest to re- Commonwealth idea". The concel "Empire" is patently out of tun call, contained the following:

"Inasmuch as the Crown is the with the present-day world. now Commonwealth has to mee symbol of the free association of the scoffers. They may say the members of the British Com- the Commonwealth cannot mil monwealth of Nations, and as they gate disputes between its member are united by a common allegiance India and Pakistan mainte to the Crown, it would be in arreies facing one another. Bol accord with the established con- countries have assailed South stitutional position of all the mem- Africa at the United Nations; an bers of the Commonwealth in re- recently the Queen's Ministers i lation to one another that any London and Canberra have no alteration in the law touching the seen eve to eye about the nee Succession to the Throne or the for United Kingdom representatio Royal Style and Titles shall here- on the Pacific Defence Council after require the assent as well of an important matter. Agains the Parliaments of all the Do- these difficulties have to be set the minions as of the Parliament of positive Commonwealth achieve ments. Without the United Kingdom." undertakings When George VI took the Oath an attack on one is an attack of at his Coronation the question put all. It is assumed, througout the to him by the Archbishon was in Commonwealth, that defence el the following form: "Will you fort 's in common - although it solemnly promise and swear to the past the greatest share ha Treland Coroles of Great Britain, been borne by Britain. It is also Ireland, Canada, Australia, New accepted that the Queen's countries Zealand, and the Union of South are united by a common monetary Africa Africa, of your possessions and the system, (the exception heins other Territories to any of them Canada), and that the gold reserves belonging, or pertaining, and of of the sterling Commonwealth and your Empire of India, according to held as one. This is material profit and los their respective laws and customs"

a London exhibition. King collection. So was Carol, the She replied:

for all the mink in Mayfair." So if you have friends in Mauritius, ask them to look the dealer catalogue price is

Next stop Bermuda - the island of no income tax where sunshine and flowers make sum mer out of winter and Post master Peret made history in about half a dozen easy move ments. He took a hand pressure stamp (like the one they use in the post office to date a postal order) pressed it into the ink pad and then stamped the words "Hamilton Bermuda" and the year "1848".

Above the figures he wrote "One penny" and below them "W. B. Peret"

QUEEN ELIZABETH IN THRONE ROOM of Buckingham Palace with Commonwealth Prime Ministers during the Commonwealth Economic Conference in Nov. 1952.

To this the King renlied: "I will" account of the Commonwealth The form of the Oath will neces- relationship But it leaves out of carily be changed at the Coronation account the Through the Queen's Justice uniform system of respect for lan of Elizabeth II.

First, there will be no more men- for Parliamentary democracy, I tion of Ireland, which became a the courts, for the inalienable Republic (in special relationship rights of the individual, woh with the Commonwealth in respect through centuries of history, are of citizenshin) hy an Act of Parlia- extended to the protected people ment in 1947. The United Kingdom of Africa, to the Indian beside the of Great Britain and Ireland is now Ganges or the Chinese in Hol re-defined as the United Kingdom Kong. The Queen as "Head of the of Great Britain and Northern Commonwealth" brings to over one-quarter of the surface of the earth a concept of personal free Ireland.

Other words will be changed in dom that can still only be com the Oath because there are now pared with the peace and justice three great sovereign countries enjoyed by citizens of the ancient which have the same status and Roman Empire,