



The Late King George VI
The picture was taken during the earlier days of his reign before being stricken by cares and illness.



Queen Elizabeth II

The picture of the charming young woman who becomes monarch was taken a few months ago.

Great King and Good Man, Says Prime Minister

OTTAWA — "He was a great king and a good man," said Prime Minister St. Laurent today in tribute to the late King George VI. "His death is a matter of personal sorrow for all Canadians."

The Prime Minister referred to the king's "high courage and exemplary family life."

Churchill Affected

LONDON. — Prime Minister Churchill, showing signs of being deeply touched, referred to the death of King George as Parliament adjourned for the day.

"The House will have heard with deep sorrow of the death of His Majesty," Mr. Churchill said.

He asked for a spontaneous expression of grief which was immediately given.

Tired King Dies

EDITORIAL—

The King is Dead

THE death of the King, with such shocking suddenness, stuns the world. He was truly the King of the people and British history has not had, nor will record, a more democratic monarch than he. It is with feelings of personal sorrow that people of his own Britain and Canada, the rest of the Commonwealth and the democratic nations of the world pause today, in the midst of their cares and burdens, to realize the great and shocking blow and to mourn his passing with sincere sorrow.

The affection in which George VI was held was due in great measure, of course, to the personal interest he took in the ordinary people and the ordinary affairs of life.

Dubbed the "labor king," he liked to see how things were done in shop, mine and mill, and to ask questions of employees. Once he visited a glue factory where the management tried to spare him disagreeable smells and sights. But the king-to-be, saying that what was good enough for the workmen was good enough for him, insisted upon being excluded from nothing.

"Fellowship between individuals in all walks of industry, irrespective of class and occupation," he once said, "is the backbone of imperial progress."

On another occasion he declared: "Nothing is more important to the security and prosperity of the Empire than industrial welfare. And no man can be happy and efficient at his job unless he is enabled to take a pride in it."

And these words of the monarch were indeed indicative of his own attitude which inspired his rule and won the affection and esteem of all his subjects.

His latter days had been afflicted with illness, the full seriousness and weight of which was probably not generally realized. His devoted insistence in carrying on his duties doubtless brought death early.

Even in these far outposts of Commonwealth today's news is black and saddening indeed but we are heartened at the fact that we have as his successor his beautiful and gracious young daughter who only recently we hailed with affection and respect in this Canada.

We may say with heart and voice:
The King is Dead! Long Live the Queen!

Nelson Gets Twenty Million Dollar Pulp Mill—Work for 1000

NELSON (CP)—A \$20,000,000 pulp mill will be built here by a new company headed by Walter M. Leuthold, pioneer state lumberman. The newly formed Kootenay Forest Products Ltd. will be tied in with operations of the Glacier Lumber Co. of Nelson.

Valet Found Dead Monarch

LONDON.—The death of the King was discovered by a valet who went to his room with a cup of tea.

The Queen and Princess Margaret were at once notified.

His Majesty may have had a coronary thrombosis following his lung operation or it might have been a stroke.

The exact cause of death may never be known.

Massey to Attend Funeral of King

OTTAWA.—The new Governor-General, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, now in Britain, will officially represent Canada at the funeral of the King, Hon. L. B. Pearson, minister of external affairs, leaving today for London, will also attend the funeral.

Four Children Burn to Death

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP)—Four children died Tuesday night in a fire which burned out the interior of a four room tar paper shack here.

The dead are Gerald Poissant, 5, his brothers Roland 3, and Claude 2, and sister Lillian 6. Another sister Rita, 11, is now in hospital. She is not expected to survive.

Another brother, Leo, 13, escaped from the blazing shack. It is said the woodstove exploded. Leo and his brother Laurent, 9, ran out into 10 degrees weather.

Elizabeth Sobs on Receipt of News Which Makes Her Queen

MOMBASA, Africa (CP)—Elizabeth, the new queen, burst into tears today when news of her father's death was broken to her at the Royal lodge in Yeri. Then she immediately decided to fly back today to London.

News of the death which made the princess queen was first given to her staff by a newspaper, the East African Standard.

A later message was received at the royal lodge direct.

It was there, the 25-year-old princess was told. She broke down and sobbed. It is understood she will travel by car to Nairobi and then take a plane home.

Memorial to Be Held Here

In Prince Rupert, the Day of Mourning for the King will be marked by a special religious service, conducted jointly by all churches. Prince Rupert Ministerial Association notified Mayor Harold Whalen this morning that it had met and resolved it was willing to arrange a religious observance at the community level "which all officials and government personages should attend."

Mayor Whalen thought the Day of Mourning would mean a civic holiday.

News Shocks Prince Rupert

Like the rest of the Commonwealth, Prince Rupert's civic officialdom received the news of the death of the King with a sense of profound shock.

Mayor Harold Whalen immediately ordered the flag of the City Hall lowered to half staff.

Otherwise city business went on normally but quietly.

Schools were closed for the day.

City flags unfurled generally at half mast this morning. To all it was a shock as the scant news received on the morning broadcast that King George VI had died was discussed.

A public holiday is expected on the day of mourning, which Prime Minister St. Laurent said would be the day of the King's funeral.

While the shock of the death news receded, local residents and businessmen began talking about the late King George's successor to the throne, his daughter Princess Elizabeth.

Prince Rupert reflects the Empire's feeling that "Elizabeth will make a good queen."

WEATHER

Synopsis

Rain is falling over southern Vancouver Island and the lower mainland in the wake of a weak disturbance which moved over the British Columbia coast. More than two inches occurred on the west coast. A new centre developing 700 miles off the northern California coast is likely to move northeastward in the next 24 to 48 hours and bring more rain to the coast overnight. A disturbance moving across the northern Pacific waters will bring strong southerly winds to the Queen Charlotte Islands. Interior regions will remain cloudy and mild.

Forecast

North Coast Region — Cloudy today and Thursday. A few showers today. Rain beginning Thursday morning. Little change in temperature. Winds — southwest 25 in the exposed areas and light elsewhere becoming southerly 30 Thursday morning. Lows tonight and highs Thursday — at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 35 and 45.

Blow to Britain Stunning

LONDON (CP) — The King's death today left Britain stunned and sorrowing. Many could not believe it at first.

"Our King!" said a British housemaid who works for a Canadian family in London. "Why, that's impossible."

Then the first reaction of startled incredulity gave way to a sense of shock and genuine sorrow.

The Throne holds a place in the hearts of Britons that perhaps even some Canadians, sympathetic and loyal as they are, do not fully appreciate.

The news was stunning because it was unexpected. The King's gradual recovery from his operation had led most people to believe there was no immediate cause for concern.

The King had seemed in good health and good spirits.

One newspaper said two or three days ago that the King himself was convinced there was nothing to worry about.

The last time people saw him in public was at the London airport last Thursday when he arrived with the Queen and Princess Margaret to bid farewell to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their Commonwealth tour. At that time the King looked well and cheerful.

Even yesterday he was up and around and, apparently, in good spirits.

The King showed no hint of approaching death when he bade goodnight last night at Sandringham to the Queen and Princess Margaret. He retired in apparently good health after an outing in the country.

Province Sorrows

VICTORIA (CP)—Lieut-Governor Clarence Wallace today expressed deepest sympathy at the death of the King.

"It is with deepest regret that we hear the sad news," he said. "I speak for all people in British Columbia in expressing deepest sympathy for the royal family. The passing of the King was a terrible shock to us."

He announced all state functions will be cancelled for the period of mourning.

Charles and Anne Present

LONDON (CP)—Prince Charles, new heir-apparent to the British throne, was at Sandringham when the King died. There also was his little sister, Princess Anne, now second in the line of succession.

They were staying with their grandfather and grandmother during the absence of their mother, now Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Consort Philip.

Commonwealth Stunned By Monarch's Passing

LONDON (Canadian Press)—A tired and spent King died today after fifteen years on the throne. Princess Elizabeth, his twenty-five-year-old daughter, automatically succeeds him, the first ruling Queen in more than half a century.

The King, a steady sort of monarch such as Britons love, died peacefully in his sleep at Sandringham. An official announcement said death came at the country residence in the farming community of Norfolk.

All over Britain people said: "He was a good man."

The King and Queen, with their two pretty daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret, had won the hearts of Britain by their steadfast refusal to seek a safe road during the Second World War. They travelled extensively and met the citizens of the Commonwealth at first hand. In 1939 the King and Queen toured Canada and won the acclaim of the people of Britain's oldest Dominion with their charm.

THROMBOSIS

It is believed that a blood clot, coronary thrombosis, was the immediate cause of death.

Last September a surgeon removed one of the King's lungs and His Majesty looked ill for a long time. But even his immediate family did not realize that death was so near.

Princess Elizabeth was in the first stages of another Commonwealth tour, this time as far as Australia, but planned to fly home immediately from Kenya in East Africa.

News of the death was flashed immediately to Nairobi and Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh made preparations to fly home at once. They are expected in London at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The Princess burst into tears when she heard the news.

The Privy Council met this afternoon and proclaimed Elizabeth officially Queen. Following the Privy Council's formal action, accession of the new Queen was proclaimed by a royal herald from the roof of St. James' Palace.

The King's death, after his apparent recovery from his lung operation five months ago, stunned the people the length and breadth of the country.

Conferences and meetings were dramatically interrupted. The law courts and stock markets closed and doors were shut for the day. Theatres and other places of entertainment closed.

Crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace, gazing somberly at the great stone building. The hush was broken by the sounds of women sobbing.

Flags of dozens of nations were hauled down to half-staff over embassies and legations. Flags over buildings of humble folk came down as well for the King liked to be known as a "very ordinary person."

TIME 10:45 A.M.

Announcement of the King's death came at 10:45 a.m. (2:45 a.m. Pacific Standard Time). It was given out by the British Broadcasting Corporation which went silent after that except for news bulletins.

Unwillingly George VI became King by a whim of fate when Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, abdicated rather than give up his love of an American woman, Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

His Majesty lived to see Britain lose much of her Empire and to see his countrymen in wartime valor and peacetime austerity.

Now Britain has her first Queen in fifty-one years. The last was Queen Victoria who ruled from 1837 to 1901. Britons believe firmly that the country waxes prosperous under a woman's rule. That was the Victoria experience.

Heir to the throne will now be Charles, three-year-old son

of Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. He is destined some day to become the Prince of Wales.

George V's Queen, Mary, at 84 has outlived both her husband and her son.

It was at Sandringham that George V died January 21, 1936. Then Edward VIII was King for a few months. The dead King at that time was Duke of York. He became King December 11 when Edward gave up the throne.

While Elizabeth becomes Queen immediately on the death of her father, Britain is actually without a constitutional head until she returns home from Africa.

Canada Is Going Into Mourning

OTTAWA (CP) — News of the King's death came today when most of Canada slept.

In cities the news was passed along quietly at bus stops, on street corners, in street cars by early risers who had heard it on the radio. In the country the news spread by radio and telephone.

In Ottawa the capital was deeply shocked by news of the King's death.

All formal state and diplomatic social functions were immediately cancelled.

By custom the capital will go into a period of mourning and the day of the funeral will be a national day of mourning.

Prime Minister St. Laurent called a special meeting of the cabinet to deal with various constitutional problems arising out of the death of the King.

Before the meeting cabinet took a new oath of allegiance to Elizabeth, the new Queen.

Elizabeth to Set Funeral

LONDON.—It will be for the new Queen Elizabeth II to decide on the final arrangements for the King's funeral.

Her Majesty's first official act on her return to London from Kenya will be to declare a period of court mourning.

Black Band on All Uniforms

OTTAWA — All members of Canadian forces, active and reserve, will wear a black sleeve band on their uniforms during the period between now and the King's funeral, it was announced by the Department of National Defence today.

TIDES

Thursday, February 7, 1952

High	11:17	18.6 feet
Low	5:18	10.8 feet
	13:01	4.9 feet