

# 'Le jour historique' on the Hill

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onto them in a crushing wave.

"God Save the Queen" was heard and a 21-gun salute rendered as Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were met by the Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Secretary of State Gerald

Regan. The royal standard was raised on the Peace Tower.

Dressed in a turquoise blue coat and hat, Queen Elizabeth II could be easily spotted across the field. She was escorted to her throne under a red canopy and the voice of the secretary of state was heard, explaining the cere-

mony about to take place. "Voilà arrive ce jour historique," Mr. Regan said, inviting Canadians to join in singing "Oh Canada" in one voice. The prime minister was to speak, followed by the Queen.

By now, a big dark cloud was becoming ominously visible above the peace

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tower. As the prime minister spoke, thunder rumbled, occasionally drowning out his words.

"The Canadian ideal which we have tried to live with varying degrees of success and failure is really an act of defiance," the prime minister said. "Had our forefathers surrendered to the difficulties of building this nation, Canada would have been torn apart long ago."

Walking away from the microphone, Mr. Trudeau ran a hand through his hair as he had done earlier when approaching the podium to speak.

Together with the Queen, the Prime Minister, minister of justice and attorney-general Jean Chretien, and the registrar general of Canada Andre Ouellet signed the Royal proclamation.

Showing their Canadian

defiance, spectators stood by as drops of rain sprinkled occasionally upon them. However, the deluge that came down with the Queen's speech scattered many. Those armed with umbrellas struck shelter under them.

Complimenting Canada and its people, the Queen said she rejoiced in our past, present and future.

"The genius of Canadian federalism lies in your consistent ability to overcome differences through compromise," she said.

"May God bless and keep you all". With the prime minister beaming at her side, the royal visitor walked the path inside the metal barriers, stopping to chat at intervals with the public pressed against them. Together they walked to the East Block where she had a visit at the

newly renovated federal building.

Outside, the Canadian Armed Forces Snowbirds performed in the sky, drawing gasps from the crowds for their tight formation and turns.

By 1 p.m. the Queen and her husband were in the landau again which took them, arms in the royal wave position, to the West Block for a luncheon with members of the privy council.

The ceremony was over.

# Mary McClure was 56

Mary Christena McClure, passed away suddenly March 10 at Galt, where she resided while teaching at Preston Public School.

She was born in Georgetown Aug. 30, 1925, on her father's farm on Mountainview Road, now occupied by Delrex Industrial Park. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Albert McClure. Mary attended Georgetown Public (Chapel) and High Schools and Toronto Teachers College. After teaching for two years in the Milton area she attended Toronto University

for a year. She joined the Preston Public School staff in 1950. While teaching at Preston she continued her education by attending McMaster University and received her Bachelor of Arts from that university.

Mary was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Peter Barrow March 15, followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Stephen Dolson (Moorefield); Ronald Kirkwood (Limehouse); Bruce Barrell (Miss-

issauga); Delbert Arnot (Streetsville); William Hutchinson (Cheltenham); Roy Hansen (Georgetown).

She is survived by two brothers, Eccles and John and two sisters, Agnes and Islay. Also two nieces, Mary Jane Barrell and Islay Christena McClure and two nephews, William and Stuart.

Mary was an avid outdoors person and thoroughly enjoyed teaching. The Waterloo Board of Education have advised her family that they will be planting a tree on their property as a living tribute to her memory.



Queen Elizabeth II smiled and gave the royal wave to eager crowds held back by metal barriers and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Saturday morning. She arrived on Parliament Hill with Prince Philip and was given a tour of the restored East Block after signing the new Canadian Constitution. Seen here in the open air landau that brought her to the Hill, she is on her way to lunch with members of the privy council in the West Block.



It was a long drive down Friday night, but it was worth it. Georgetown District High School history teacher Tom Hamautarsingh brought his children, Jessie, 13, and Joe, 10, to Ottawa to see the celebrations for the Constitution Act of 1982. They brought Blake Dunnell, 9, of Ottawa (right) along with them to the Hill. The children were thrilled to see the Queen again. They'd seen her on her last visit to Ottawa in 1978.

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