



# Orders of the Day

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## Hon. Pat Carney was there first in matters of state

This year's Association dinner speaker, the Hon. Pat Carney, was the first woman in every government post she held, including being the first woman Conservative appointed from BC to the Senate.

She held senior economic cabinet posts in the cabinet of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (1984-1988).

As Minister of International Trade, Carney was responsible for the Free Trade negotiations with the United States and for Canada's multilateral negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In January 1988, she and U.S. Ambassador Clayton Yeutter received an Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of International Law and Affairs from the New York Bar Association.

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Her Honour

The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia

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# From the Editor's Desk

Two nudges this month from the Editor's Desk.

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(The late) Hugh Curtis



Sara Neely, Director of Philanthropic Services at the Victoria Foundation tells me the Hugh Curtis Memorial Fund continues to sit at less than \$7,400. That is more than \$2,600 away from the level needed to activate giving.

As you know the Association of Former MLAs of British Columbia established the fund to honour the late Hugh Curtis. If it were not for Hugh's dedication to the association there would not be an 'Orders of the Day' publication.

Grants from the memorial fund will acknowledge Hugh's interest in youth and his commitment to the British Columbia Youth Parliament. The Fund will provide opportunities for wider participation in the Youth Parliament's annual sessions in the Parliament Buildings in Victoria by helping to defray travel and accommodation expenses for two youth who live outside the Greater Victoria area.

The association donated seed money of \$3,000 to get the fund started at the Foundation. The fund must reach a minimum of \$10,000 before grants can be awarded. Achieving that threshold is not the responsibility of the foundation which simply manages the fund. Getting it there now is largely the job of individuals who wish to celebrate the life of their former colleague.

Details on how you can donate can be found on Page 11.

Nudge No. 2: The annual dinner is fast approaching. As you know the association's guest speaker on Sept. 25 will be the Hon. Pat Carney. The political legend wants to talk about politics as "The Job That Never Ends." To that end she has asked Association members to forward her their experiences as retired provincial politicians. "What did that guy on the beach towel on Maui ask you to do to help even when you told him you were retired?" she asks.

Please resurrect your anecdotes and send them directly to Carney at [patcarney@telus.net](mailto:patcarney@telus.net). If you don't she says she will force you to sit through a boring speech on Senate reform.

The Association of Former MLAs of British Columbia is strictly non-partisan, regardless of members' past or present political affiliation. Founded in 1987, the Association was formally established by an Act of the British Columbia Legislature on February 10, 1998.

*Orders of the Day* was conceived, named and produced in its early stages by Bob McClelland, former MLA and cabinet minister, following his retirement from office. Hugh Curtis ably helmed this publication up through May 2014.



Part Two:

# The “first woman” in many male dominated fields

The Hon. Pat Carney has been the first woman in just about every government and private sector post she has held.



In her journalism career in the 1960s, she was the first woman business columnist writing for major daily newspapers, including the Vancouver Province, the Vancouver Sun and national newspaper groups in Canada.

As an educator, she was a Canadian pioneer in the development of distance learning systems and in 1977 she received

the British Columbia Institute of Technology award for Innovation in Education for “diligent and creative work” in the Satellite Tele-Education Program Hermes Project.

Carney’s bio is impressive by any standard of Canadian political accomplishment. As Minister of International Trade, Minister Carney was mandated with the responsibility for the Free Trade negotiations with the United States and for Canada’s multilateral negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In January 1988, Minister Carney and her U.S. counterpart,

Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, received an Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of International Law and Affairs from the New York Bar Association.

During her tenure as President of the Treasury Board, Minister Carney initiated a Task Force on Barriers to Women in the Public Service, and wrote the Foreword to the Task Force’s report Beneath the Veneer, which was released on April 23, 1990. The report is considered a leader in the field of breaking the “glass ceiling” in the public service in Canada and abroad.

As a Senator, Carney served on several Senate Committees which included: Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources; Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, where she advanced the cause of aboriginal women; and Member of the Senate Fisheries Committee. She also co-chaired the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Lightstations and is a founding member and past Chair of the B.C. Coastal Parliamentarians.

Her efforts to preserve Canada’s heritage lighthouses, partnered with the late Senator Mike Forrestall, culminated after 10 years of work with the passage of An

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Act to Preserve Heritage Lighthouses, which received Royal Assent in May, 2008. Carney currently chairs a Consultative Group to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, which has been assigned the task of implementing the legislation by the former Environment Minister, the Hon. Jim Prentice, P.C.

Carney has a BA in Economics and Political Science, an MA in Community and Regional Planning, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D) from University of British Columbia. In 2010 she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D) from Simon Fraser University for being a role model of political integrity throughout her varied and distinguished career. She is an Honorary Member of FRAIC (Fellow of the Royal Architect's Institute of Canada).

Carney was an Adjunct Professor at UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning from 1990 to 1999 and received the UBC Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in 1989. She is currently a member of the Advisory Councils of the UBC School of Journalism and of the Dean of Science at UBC.

She is on the national Advisory Committee of Equal Voice, a multi-partisan, non-profit organization promoting the election of more women to all levels of government in Canada. Carney served on the Board of Directors of the Vancouver YWCA, and in 1984 was one of the first

recipients of the Vancouver YWCA Woman of Distinction Awards.

For 15 years she served on the Board of Directors for Rogers Media Inc. as a member of the Internal Audit Committee. She has also served on the boards of BC Sugar Refinery Ltd. and Pacific Press Ltd.

The author of the 2000 best seller, *Trade Secrets: A Memoir*, and co-author of *Tiara and Atigi*, Carney is a regular contributor to Canadian newspapers. She served as a judge for the Jack Webster Foundation journalism awards and in 2009 and 2010 was a jury member of the Canadian Journalism Association's lifetime achievement award board. She is a member of The Writers' Union of Canada.



The mother of two children, Carney lives on Saturna Island in BC's Gulf Islands. Her community activities include Chair of the Island Water Commission and Honorary Patron of the Saturna Heritage Committee, which is renovating an abandoned Fog Alarm Building as a heritage centre featuring the maritime explorations of the 1790's Spanish and British explorers in the southern Gulf Islands.



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# Legislative Chambers packed for Women's Campaign School

By Erin Rennie  
Secretary, Canadian Women Voters Congress

Imagine looking across the BC Legislative Chambers and seeing every seat filled by an intelligent and dedicated woman, passionate about improving her community through the democratic process. This was the scene during Women's Campaign School 2015, held for the first time ever at the BC Legislature in Victoria in June.

Over the weekend nearly 70 women from across the political spectrum gathered to learn essential political campaign skills like speech writing, media relations, voter identification, and volunteer management. The instructors were some of BC's top female political campaign specialists as well as elected officials with a wealth of experience and wisdom to share. Speakers included distinguished women such as The Honourable Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, MLA Carole James, MLA Vicki Huntington, MLA Jackie Tegart, City Councillor Adriane Carr, Mayor Lisa Helps, and many more.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the mock campaign activity on Sunday morning, when students had the opportunity to work in teams to put their new

campaign skills into practice. Students demonstrated a clear understanding of how to craft an effective strategy and deliver a compelling message.

As Speaker of the Legislature, Women's Campaign School Co-Chair Linda Reid generously offered to host Women's Campaign School at the Legislature, helping make it one of the most successful schools ever. Support was also provided by the Canadian Women Parliamentarians, Margaret Page Coaching, Rolex Plastic and Printing, the BC Legislature Staff, and the many volunteers who donated their time. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

Since 1999 the Canadian Women Voters Congress has been offering the Women's Campaign School to help educate and empower women to participate in democracy. In this non-partisan setting, the political process is demystified, and crucial mentorship and skills-sharing takes place. The graduates of Women's Campaign School 2015 are a talented, and inspiring cohort of women and we know they will thrive in whatever leadership positions they take on next!



BC Women gather to be better campaigners. From left to right: Erin Rennie (Canadian Women Voters Congress - CWVC - Secretary), Adriane Carr (Vancouver City Councillor), Susan Lockhart (CWVC Vice-President), Kimanda Jarzebiak (Ascent Public Affairs), Tania Jarzebiak (Legislative Coordinator), Sonia Theroux (Campaign Manager), Legislature Speaker Linda Reid.



# The “Silver Economy” has Europe’s full attention

By Brian Kieran

Out here on the West Coast we like to throw around terms of elder endearment to recognize the swelling seniors’ demographic. One of my favorites is the “silver tsunami.” I have this vision of a wave of old folks cresting over each other to snap up affordable retirement digs on the Nirvana side of the Rockies.

On the other side of the world more serious-minded architects of the new social order are coining much more refined descriptors. The current favorite in Europe is the “Silver Economy.”

A background paper – Growing the Silver Economy in Europe – drafted for the European Commission has zeroed in on the ageing of population. “Rapid demographic ageing is not only a major societal challenge ... but also a major opportunity for new jobs and growth, also referred to as the Silver Economy,” the authors proclaim.

As you read the following you may wonder, as I do, where is the corresponding Canadian Silver Economy vision?

In Europe, the Silver Economy is being defined as the economic opportunities arising from the public and consumer expenditure related to population ageing and



the specific needs of the population over 50. It is driven both by the emergence of new consumer markets and by the need to improve the sustainability of public expenditure linked to ageing.

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Merrill Lynch estimates the Silver Economy to be worth \$7 trillion per year making it the third largest economy in the world. By 2020, the private spending power of the elderly generation will reach \$15 trillion globally. As for public spending: in the EU it accounts for 25 per cent of GDP or about 50 per cent of general government expenditure and it is projected to grow by more than four per cent of GDP until 2060.

Europe is well placed to benefit from the world-wide ageing trend because of the large public sector involvement, implying that public money can be more effectively used to foster new markets and enhance growth potential. Already in 2007, the Commission was called on to seize the opportunities for economic growth associated with the Silver Economy.

The European Commission is already pursuing policy initiatives relevant to the Silver Economy: On new markets such as renovation of building stock for independent living, and low-season (senior) tourism; on sustainable long-term care systems; and also on innovation at pan-European Union scale for active and healthy ageing.

The Europe 2020 strategy calls for citizens in the ageing society to live actively and independently longer

and to continue contributing to the economy and to society. The Silver Economy also fits well with the Commission's priorities regarding new jobs, growth, investments and strengthening of the industrial base.

Ageing and older adults are seen as a valuable resource that can contribute to society and live actively while generating new jobs and growth. They are seen as an asset in the shrinking labour market and as volunteers providing valuable services to the society and economy.

The Commission backgrounder states that adaptation to an ageing society requires increased independence and social inclusion. Those aims could be greatly facilitated by better connectedness with peers, carers, employers and medical professionals. It also requires creating age-friendly environments, mainstreaming of accessibility and products and services that can be used by all.

In Europe, work, family life, housing, hobbies and leisure, travelling and public transport, health and social care are crucial to effectively enable active and healthy ageing.

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# Legislature display celebrates Magna Carta at 800

*In the 17th Century, King Charles the First attempted to govern without the advice or consent of Parliament, effectively rejecting the limits of royal authority enshrined in the Magna Carta. Following the English Civil Wars he was executed for high treason.*

by Karen Aitken, Director  
Legislature Parliamentary Education Office

The Honourable Linda Reid, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, has installed a display entitled *Magna Carta: History & Legacy* to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the 'Great Charter' by King John at Runnymede near the River Thames in England.

Erected in the first-floor Reception Hall of the Parliament Buildings, this colourful display explores the history of Magna Carta and highlights the importance of its most enduring principles. What began as a 13th Century peace treaty between a defiant English king and his rebellious barons has long been considered one of the most seminal documents in English history, influencing the early evolution of parliament and shaping notions of justice, law and democracy for centuries.



Etching of King John's Seal from Magna Carta (National Portrait Gallery)

As a constitutional monarchy and one of 15 Commonwealth Realms, Canada has enjoyed the legacy of Magna Carta, which permeated our history, laws and governance since before confederation through to the modern era. Its most enduring principles have informed key documents, including the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which shaped the then-British Colonies and their relations with First Nations, and the 1982 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, entrenched in the Canadian Constitution, which provides fundamental guarantees to all citizens under the law.

We invite you to help celebrate this momentous anniversary by visiting the Parliament Buildings from now until the end of September to explore Magna Carta: History & Legacy. Be sure to pick up a free copy of the companion handout to the display and visit the Parliamentary Gift Shop to view our Magna Carta souvenir product line – available now for a limited time only.

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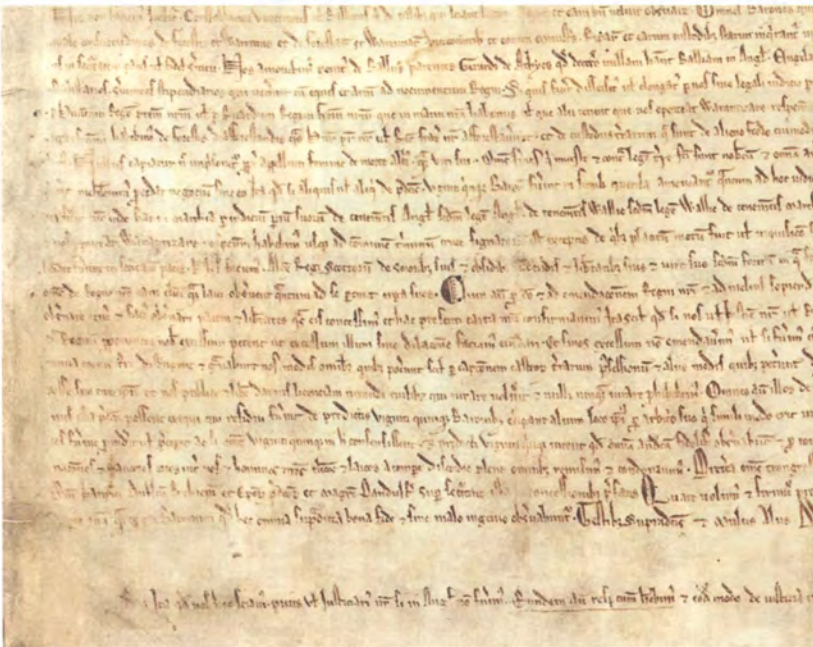
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Above: Magna Carta, cropped to show the last clauses.

Top right: King John signing the Magna Carta, to which he affixed his seal.

Bottom right: Magna Carta display.

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Don Phillips and wife Joan are seen at this year's annual Canada Day celebration on the Gold Coast of Australia. "Joan and I have been living here since 1992. When we moved here the Gold Coast was just a wide spot in the road. Now it is the fastest growing area in Australia," Don writes. He adds that he has had "nothing to do with politics here." Hard to believe.

## Don gets a big fat 0 on this exam

Former MLA Don Phillips, emailing from his home in Queensland, Australia, offers this: A quiz turned on its ear and a sunny smile from Down Under.

- Q1.. In which battle did Napoleon die?  
\* His last battle
- Q2.. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
\* At the bottom of the page
- Q3.. River Ravi flows in which state?  
\* Liquid
- Q4.. What is the main reason for divorce?  
\* Marriage
- Q5.. What is the main reason for failure?  
\* Exams
- Q6.. What can you never eat for breakfast?  
\* Lunch & dinner
- Q7.. What looks like half an apple?  
\* The other half
- Q8.. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become?  
\* Wet
- Q9.. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?  
\* No problem, he sleeps at night.
- Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?  
\* You will never find an elephant that has one hand.
- Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?  
\* Very large hands.
- Q12. If it took eight men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?  
\* No time at all, the wall is already built.
- Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?  
\* Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

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# Len Norris



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- In the section for designation of your gift, click on the drop down menu to select the Hugh Curtis Memorial Fund.
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# Letters

To Whom It May Concern

Re: article in OOTD about Les Peterson

We received a copy of 'Orders of the Day' and were thrilled to see that someone had written a detailed article about Les Peterson. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Dad believed in service to his country and province and felt that people's lives could be improved through education. He built new schools, universities and colleges to that end while Minister of Education. Labour laws were changed while he was Minister of Labour and the Criminal Code was changed while he was Attorney General.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize his achievements. He has left a legacy for his family and it is nice to see that others appreciate the work that he did as well.

Sincerely,  
Karen (Peterson) Conrod

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Association of Former MLAs:

Find enclosed my subscription and a little extra. It is a great publication - hats off to everyone involved! Hugh would be very pleased.

Sincerely,  
Marion Reid,  
White Rock

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Brian:

Thanks for keeping us together by way of 'Orders of the Day.'

John Cashore,  
Coquitlam

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Hi Brian:

Here are the details about my mom's (Anita Hagen) memorial for the 'Orders of the Day.' It is September 19 at the Queen's Avenue United Church in New Westminster.

The receiving period to meet and speak with Anita's husband John and sons David and Joel is 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. The memorial is at 2 p.m. There will be a reception in the church gymnasium after the service.

We are accepting donations for the community service award that we have set up in my mom's name at the New Westminster Secondary School. Contributions to this fund qualify as charitable donations as the school district has charitable status.

You can send donations to: The Anita Hagen Community Services Award, School District No. 40, 1001 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC V3M 1C4. Attention: Barbara Basden.

Yours sincerely,  
Joel Hagen

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Brian:

It appears to me that in your "From the Editor's Desk" in the July OOTD you are inviting members to write in by commenting along partisan lines. That concerns me.

I realize it is in fine print, but it does say, "The Association of Former MLAs of British Columbia is strictly non-partisan...". I assumed that policy would be reflected in our newsletter; and to me that implies partisan views would not be welcomed nor accepted in Letters to the editor.

Please correct me if 'freedom of expression' over rides that policy statement.

Sincerely,  
Tony Brummet,  
Osyoos

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Hi Brian,

Thank you very much for putting my article in last month's issue... very timely, as it turned out.

You might be interested that I ran into ex-MLA and former "Minister of Everything" (at one time) Dr. Pat McGeer today, and he had already read it and complimented it.

I'll send in my dues. Not sure if I can attend in September, but will put it in calendar for now.

Tom Perry,  
Vancouver



# Member News

Please send news about your activities to [ootd.afmlabc@gmail.com](mailto:ootd.afmlabc@gmail.com) for the next newsletter.

## Former MLA is a pebble in the pond

By Judi Tyabji

Why do any of us seek elected office? For many of us, we feel compelled to serve, either to protect something in our community that has value, or to work for positive change.

After we have served our time in public life, we often retreat to quieter lives, and this was certainly my choice after a term as MLA and time elected to Powell River municipal council with service on the regional district board.

Content with life as a sheep farmer in my small town, you can imagine my reluctance to wade into a public controversy over anything local. However, on Earth Day when Island Timberlands announced that they planned to harvest timber in Powell River, well, that wasn't something I could ignore.

Our urban forest of about 800 acres stretches from the ocean up through the middle of Powell River, between our historic Townsite and our main settlement of Westview, almost uninterrupted into the Coast Mountains. There has been a 'question mark' about some of the trees for as long as there has been Powell River, and like many communities in BC, residents have happily made public use of the land with some expectation that the trees would be protected.

In our case, beautiful trails weave through this gorgeous forest, and many people have used them to walk or bike between the two areas of town, especially to access our main public beach and park. The complication is that of this 800 acres, only about 200 was owned by the city at the time of the announcement by Island Timberlands. Another 319 acres reside on a parcel of land that the residents believed was protected, because the land is owned by a company called "PRSC" for Powell River – Sliammon Corporation. This land flows right out of the city-owned land.

For just over 15 years, the community has been fundraising and supporting a concept called the Millennium Park, to purchase the land and trees and save them in perpetuity. Residents believed, quite reasonably, that negotiations were ongoing and the larger area would be protected. In fact, the announcement shocked us because trees on PRSC land were slated for cutting. The balance of the urban forest is in the city limits and owned by Island Timberlands as private forest. As of the Earth Day announcement there was no plans were filed with the City of Powell River or with PRSC.

To say 'all hell broke loose' would be an understatement. Would anyone support a clear cut of Stanley Park? Or Beacon Hill? About seven years ago I started a local environmental society called Pebble in the Pond, and we immediately commissioned a wildlife study to ensure we had some data on hand to leverage a response from elected officials. The study was definitive: this urban park had high wildlife values, nesting season was active in this area, and none of the areas surveyed were protected from the clear cut plan.



Judi Tyabji and daughter Kyrie at tree

Photo by Robert Colasanto

Hundreds of local residents took action in various ways to prevent the loss of the forest, and in less than a month from the announcement, Island Timberlands voluntarily withdrew its machines from its land and committed to submit all necessary reports to local government and the landowner.

As a former MLA and member of council, I know how hard it is to stay on top of all the legislative and regulatory tools that we have at our fingertips, and I also know how important it is to find them and use them when needed.

It was worth it to leave my sheep farm to help the community protect what it values most, and I am cautiously optimistic that with the rules pointed out, we will see a plan come forward in the fall that will be more in keeping with protection of the urban forest, and sustainable harvest on the private land.



## A Journey To Remember

By Jim Hume

Hard to believe that it's been 67 years since I disembarked from R.M.S. Aquitania at Pier 21, Halifax, nervous and a shade fearful of my too-late-to-change decision.

It was June, 1948, when, with a pregnant wife and 18-month-old son, we climbed apprehensively aboard R.M.S. Aquitania for the journey from Southampton, England, to Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia. From there we took a smoke and cinder blowing Canadian Pacific Railway immigrant "special" across Canada to Vancouver and the CPR ferry to Vancouver Island.

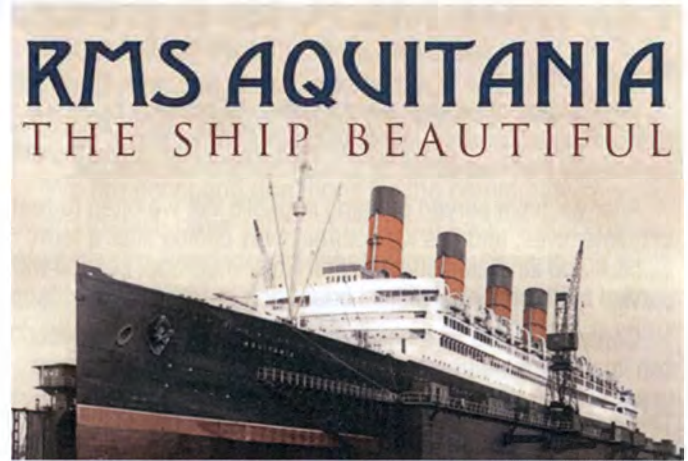
The journey, while energized by adventure, seemed interminable. It took two weeks from my wife's home in Cleveleys on the Fylde coast of Lancashire to a small James Bay apartment pre-rented for us by Victoria friends we knew only by correspondence. There had been two brief pauses on the way, the first to say goodbye to my folks in the English Midlands, the second to overnight in Southampton the night before we sailed.

The journey had involved trams, taxis, trains and a railway station change in London on a sullen June day, muggy, with thunder rolling around the horizon and a young son, Stephen, already wondering why we weren't there yet. After a night at the Dolphin Hotel in Southampton we boarded, a little intimidated, what had once been the largest ocean liner in the world and sailed for Canada – a story book world but for us still unknown. Sixty seven years later I can still remember standing at the ship's rail and, with a touch of melancholy tinged with anxiety, watching England and home fade into evening mists.

Our two weeks "on the road" from portal to portal was a picnic by comparison with real pioneer immigrants, but not without its moments. The first came when we were assigned our cabins for the crossing to Halifax. We would not be travelling together as family. Joyce would be in a cabin with six other mothers with one child, I would be bunked with five other "separated" husbands. I asked if more suitable accommodation was available and was courteously reminded that this was an immigrant ship and we were traveling at immigrant ship rates. Joyce, seven months pregnant, told me not to worry she and Stephen would be okay. And she was and so was I once I traded my lower bunk with the "father" above me who was dreadfully sea-sick. It was safer above than below.

We dined well on the way over. In 1948 food in the UK was still strictly rationed. The Aquitania obviously re-provisioned on the Canadian side of her "immigrant" runs.

Pier 21 in Halifax, now a museum of immigration history, was approached with apprehension. Would our luggage be on the dock as promised? How would we get from dock to the train to take us to Vancouver? Our luggage was waiting for us – as were considerate bureaucrats who processed we "landed immigrants" speedily and handed us over to CPR people who shepherded us to a monster train and our assigned "home" for the next several days. We had lower and upper bunks and at the end of the coach a small lounge area with modest cooking



facilities. It was a bit like a moving campsite, but more than adequate for families who had survived half a dozen years of war time hardship.

As we watched in awe our train clacked through the wilderness called Ontario and young Stephen became listless, restless and fretful. With no family doctor nearby to attend to our needs the train was canvassed for a doctor. Another young immigrant with a stethoscope appeared to check the lad, diagnose "richer diet and time zone meal-time changes" and suggested we try and get some Woodward's Gripe Water at the next stop – which would be Sudbury. It was strange to be looking for a drugstore rather than a chemist's shop; stranger still to be asking so far from home for an old English over-the-counter cure-all for all childhood ills. But, bottle clutched safely in hand, I was back at the train as it started to move West, Stephen was administered a tea spoon or two full of the elixir and soon revived.

Woodward's Gripe Water became a medicine cabinet fixture and soothed the gums of each of the eventual six Hume sons. It wasn't until they were all grown to manhood that I discovered that the original "Gripe Water" contained 3.6 per cent alcohol.

A little weary and overwhelmed by the vastness of Canada, we made it to our first Canadian "home", a small apartment in James Bay comprised of tiny kitchen, a poky bathroom and a small bed-sitting room. Immigrants a century earlier would have found it of royal suite quality.

Why am I re-posting all this, a story I've told before? Because, this summer's Canada Day marks close to seven decades since I asked Canada if I could live and raise a family here. That's 67 years since Canada said "Yes."

There were a few unexpected, hard to handle, bumps along the way; sad times, sometimes desperate financial times. But over the long haul Canada gave me and my family better lives than we could ever have dreamed.

(To read more of Jim Hume's columns visit [The Old Islander](http://jimhume.ca/) at <http://jimhume.ca/>)





# The Association of Former MLAs of British Columbia

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**Friday, September 25, 2015  
Government House, Victoria**

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*This is to notify all Members of our A.G.M.*

## **Official Notice of 2015 Annual General Meeting**

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

Hemlock Committee Room  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria  
Commencing 1:30pm sharp

### **Our Guest Speaker at the Annual Dinner**



#### **The Hon. Pat Carney, PC, CM**

Born in Shanghai, China, and educated in Canada, Pat Carney worked as a journalist and economic consultant in the Northwest Territories and Yukon before entering politics. She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1980 in the riding of Vancouver Centre. Carney was called to the Senate in 1990 and retired in 2008.

She was the first woman in every post she held, including first woman finance critic. She was the first woman appointed to the senior economic cabinet posts of Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Minister of International Trade and President of Treasury Board in the cabinet of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (1984-1988). She was also a member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning, and the Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative.

Carney will be talking about politics as *The Job That Never Ends*. And, she is inviting association members to share their experiences as retired provincial politicians. "I would love to hear your stories," she says, "or you are in for a very boring speech on Senate Reform." (Email Carney at [patcarney@telus.net](mailto:patcarney@telus.net).)

#### **Additional guest names**

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