### The Platinum Jubilee Flag

The flying of commemorative banners and flags in Canada dates back to the Coronation of Queen Victoria, although it was only in 1967, for the celebrations surrounding the centennial of Confederation, that the Government of Canada commissioned an official commemorative flag to be flown during a commemorative year. A similar flag was instituted for use during the 125th anniversary of Confederation in 1992 (Canada 125).

In 2002, for The Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Canadian Heraldic Authority was commissioned to design a jubilee emblem and flag, which were subsequently approved by Her Majesty and put on display throughout the jubilee year. This tradition was repeated in 2012 for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



The Platinum Jubilee Flag

In honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Canadian Heraldic Authority, at the direction of the Government of Canada, and with Her Majesty's permission, has created a Platinum Jubilee emblem and flag for use throughout the Platinum Jubilee year. The Platinum Jubilee Flag will be flown at Government House and displayed indoors at events throughout the jubilee year.

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## LAUNCH OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

RAISING OF
THE QUEEN'S PERSONAL CANADIAN FLAG
AND
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE FLAG

GOVERNMENT HOUSE HALIFAX 6 February 2022





Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Queen of Canada

# Flying of Royal Standards & The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag

The flying of the Royal Standard or The Personal Flag of The Queen in the absence of the Sovereign is a rare event. Tradition and protocol has long prescribed that the Royal Standard, like other distinguishing flags, can only be flown in the presence of the principal.

The Royal Standard was flown throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada during King Edward VII's famous Royal Tour of 1860, when he was Prince of Wales.

On the day of King Edward VII's Coronation, 9 August 1902, celebrations where held around the world. In Halifax at His Majesty's Dockyard, the officers and men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Canadian Militia and various local dignitaries gathered to mark The King's coronation with a flag raising. The Royal Standard was raised on a temporary flagpole located near the periphery of the dockyard.

In the hours following The Queen's Coronation on 2 June 1953, a ceremony and parade were held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa where Governor General, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, PC, CH, CC, CD, presided over the nation-wide celebrations. As part of these celebrations The Queen's coronation speech was broadcast and Her Royal Standard was flown from the Peace Tower to mark her Coronation.

During the 2010 Royal Tour of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, The Personal Flag of The Queen was flown from the pole in front of Government House during the three days that the Royal Couple were in residence.

#### **PROGRAMME**

Arrival of Their Honours
The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia
and Mrs. Patsy LeBlanc

The Honourable Barbara Adams, ECNS, MLA Minister of Seniors and Long Term Care

Rear-Admiral B.W.N. Santarpia, CD Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic

Pipe the Still

National Anthem Raising of the National Flag, Provincial Flag and Royal Union Flag on the Flag Mast

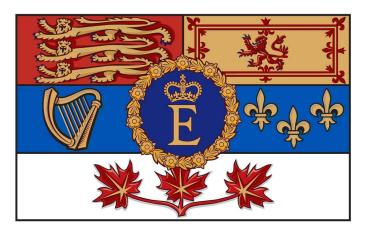
Raising of the Queen's Personal Canadian Flag & Raising of the Platinum Jubilee Flag

Royal Anthem

Pipe the Carry On

Presentation in the Ballroom

## The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag



Approved by Her Majesty The Queen in September 1961, *The Personal flag of The Queen for use in Canada* (commonly referred to as The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag) is traditionally flown over buildings, defence establishments, vessels and vehicles on/in which Her Majesty is present.

The flag itself is a banner of the Royal Arms of Canada defaced with a blue disc and edged with gold roses, the centre displaying the letter E surmounted by a Royal Crown.

On this occasion, the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, permission was granted by Her Majesty allowing Government Houses across Canada to fly Her Personal Canadian Flag on 6 February to mark the beginning of Her Platinum Jubilee year. With this symbolic act, we begin a year-long celebration of Her Majesty's seventy years as Queen of Canada and Canada's Head of State.

At the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee year in 2012, a similar ceremony was conducted at Government House by the then Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Flag was also flown on *HMCS ST. JOHN'S* during the International Fleet Review on 29 June 2010, as part of the celebrations surrounding the centenary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Navy.

In honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking seventy years of service as Queen of Canada, the Queen's Personal Canadian Flag will once again be raised at Government House for Accession Day.



The Raising of the Royal Standard in honour of King Edward VII's Coronation at His Majesty's Dockyard Halifax, 1902

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1952, the then Princess Elizabeth was in Kenya undertaking a Commonwealth tour when her father, His Majesty King George VI, passed away after a lengthy illness at Sandringham in Norfolk. As her father's eldest child and heir, the now Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, returned to London to mourn The King's passing and to assume her new responsibilities as Sovereign. The following year, she was crowned at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953.

As we celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we invite Nova Scotians and all Canadians across the country to share in this joyous and historic occasion.

Let us take this opportunity to recall a promise made to all of us during a broadcast address that marked her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1947. The then Princess Elizabeth declared:

My whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.