

Editorial ? Record reign

There was some mention in the media, but we were frankly a little surprised at how little. As of yesterday (Wednesday), Elizabeth II holds the record for the longest reign of any British monarch. She has gone beyond the mark established more than 100 years ago by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. The accomplishment is remarkable. It's not just a matter of having lived a long time. The Queen has been able to remain relevant during times when the idea of monarchy seemed out of step. True, gone are the days when the person sitting on the Throne can order beheadings on a whim, or strike fear in the hearts of the disloyal. And there are those who would argue that the Queen has no relevance in Canada. We can only respond by pointing out the number of Canadians who crawled out of bed very early one April morning in 2011 to watch her grandson get married, or the crowds that gather when the Queen or one of her immediate family comes to this country. There is some talk of Canada parting ties with the monarchy. We would submit it's only talk, and not likely to become reality. Long may she reign.