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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

SCHREYER, The Right Honourable Edward Richard, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.

Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada since
22nd January 1979.

Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada.

Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Military Merit.

Edward Richard Schreyer was born at Beauséjour, Manitoba, on 21 December 1935. He is the son of John and Elizabeth Schreyer who were members of a pioneer farm family in the district. After elementary and secondary schooling at Beauséjour he studied in Winnipeg at United College, St John's College and the University of Manitoba, earning the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Master of Arts (international relations and economics). While at university he served for two years (1954-6) as second lieutenant in the Canadian Officer Training Corps, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps.

Mr. Schreyer was first elected to the Manitoba Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1958, at the age of twenty-two and was returned in the general elections of 1959 and 1962. From 1962 to 1965 he was Professor of Political Science and International Relations at St Paul's College, University of Manitoba.

Following the federal general election of 1965 he entered the House of Commons as Member of Parliament for Springfield, Manitoba. He was re-elected in the general election of 1968 as M.P. for Selkirk, Manitoba.

C.C. - Companion of the Order of Canada
C.M.M. - Commander of the Order of Military Merit
C.D. - Canadian Forces Decoration