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OF

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 pioneer farm families in the region. After elementary and secondary schooling at Beauséjour, he studied at United College, St. John's College and the University of Manitoba, receiving degrees in Arts and Education including Master of Arts (international relations and economics). While at university he served for two years (1954-6) as a second lieutenant in the 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 International Relations at St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba.

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

On 8 June 1969 he was chosen Leader of the New Democratic Party in Manitoba. In the provincial general election of 25 June he was returned as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Rossmore and became Premier of Manitoba.

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