

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC

His Excellency, the Honourable Paul Comtois, was born at Pierreville, (Yamaska County), Quebec on August 22, 1895. He was educated at the Nicolet Seminary and at the Agricultural School at Oka, an institution affiliated with the University of Montreal. From his graduation in 1918 until 1930, M. Comtois managed the family holdings at Pierreville. He was the co-founder of both the local Agricultural Co-operative and the Credit Union, and served as Mayor of Pierreville from 1948 to 1961.

M. Comtois was a defeated Conservative candidate at the 1930 federal election, but was elected to the House of Commons in 1957 and again in 1958 for the constituency of Nicolet-Yamaska. In August, 1957, he became Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys in Mr. Diefenbaker's ministry. M. Comtois was a member of the Cabinet until October, 1961, when he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

His Excellency is married to the former Irène Gill. They have five children.