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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, born in Beauséjour, Province of Manitoba, Canada, on 21st December, 1935, is the son of John and Elizabeth Schreyer, who were members of pioneer farm families in the region. After elementary and secondary schooling in Beauséjour, he studied at United College, St. John's College and the University of Manitoba, where he received degrees in Arts and Education, including Master of Arts (International Relations and Economics). While at University he served for two years (1954-56) as a 2nd Lieutenant in the COTC, Royal Canadian Armored Corps.

Mr. Schreyer was first elected as a member of the New Democratic Party to the Manitoba Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1958, at the age of twenty-two, and was re-elected in 1959 and 1962. From 1962 to 1965 he was also Professor of International Relations at St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba, Canada.

In the Federal General Election of 1965 he entered the House of Commons as New Democratic Party Member of Parliament for Springfield, Manitoba. Following the redistribution of electoral boundaries he was re-elected in 1968 as Member of Parliament for Selkirk, Manitoba.

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