

Appointments

Governor General Jeanne Sauvé

Jeanne Sauvé, former Speaker of the House of Commons, has succeeded the Rt Hon Edward Schreyer as Governor General of Canada. As the country's twenty third constitutional representative of the Queen, she is the first woman to fill the post.



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Jeanne Sauvé was born in Prud'homme, Saskatchewan in 1922 and was educated at the Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire Convent in Ottawa, the University of Ottawa and Paris University. She began her career as a journalist and broadcaster and was also an active participant in arts support groups and communications organizations. In 1947 she was a founder of the Quebec Federation of Youth Movement, and in 1951 was appointed assistant to the director of the Youth Section of unesco in Paris, France. A vice-president with the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs from 1962 to 1964, she served as president of that organisation in 1964. She was a member of the 1967 Centennial Commission and, since 1966, has served as secretary general of the Fédération des Auteurs et des Artistes du Canada.

In 1972 Mrs Sauvé was first elected to the House of Commons and re-elected in 1974, 1979 and 1980 as the representative of the Quebec riding of Laval-des-Rapides. She has served in three Cabinet posts — Minister of State for Science and Technology (1972–1974), Minister of the Environment (1974–1975) and Minister of Communications (1975–1979).

She was also advisor to the Secretary of State for External Affairs for relations with the French-speaking world in 1978. In April 1980, she was elected Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mrs Sauvé is married to Maurice Sauvé, a former Liberal Cabinet minister and they have one son, Jean-François.

Duncan Cameron

Canadian museum director Duncan Cameron has been elected to a three-year term as president of the Commonwealth Association of Museums. He is the first Canadian president of the organization which represents 48 Commonwealth states and was established in 1971 to encourage the exchange of museum information and standards among Commonwealth countries. Mr Cameron's election will result in the transfer of the association's secretariat this summer from London, England to Calgary, Alberta, where he is director of the Glenbow Museum.

Canadians in Britain

Garden festival

Canada's garden at the International Garden Festival in Liverpool takes the form of a landscape depicting the rugged and natural beauty of the Canadian Shield. Against a background of rocks and water, the native species of deciduous and coniferous trees, including birch, maple, pine and Western Hemlock, are set in the country's 750 square metre garden. Shrubs and ground cover enhance the floral emblems of each province and territory in Canada, from the Pitcher Plant of Newfoundland to the Pacific Dogwood of British Columbia.

The International Garden Festival, with 30 participating countries, was opened to the public by Her Majesty The Queen on May 2. It will run until October 14 when the site will be converted to a permanent park and leisure complex.

The Festival, set on 250 acres of reclaimed dockland in the heart of the city of Liverpool, is the largest horticultural event in Britain since



The Commissioner General for the Canadian garden Mjr Gen Desmond Smith (on left) and his wife greeting HM the Queen.

the Great Exhibition of 1851. About a quarter of a million trees have been planted in the creation of landscapes, theme gardens, international gardens and a riverside esplanade. There is a vast exhibition hall for indoor displays and the Gardener's Bazaar provides excellent facilities for commercial growers and associated product manufacturers to promote their wares.

Many cultural events have been planned at the Canadian garden culminating in the national day celebrations on June 29, 30 and July 1. British Columbia carver Richard Hunt is carving a cedar totem pole that will be raised in the garden on June 29. Skye Morrison is offering kite-making workshops and a number of Canadian bands and choirs will provide entertainment in the Festival's enormous arena.

Fraggle Rock

Jim Henson's new Canadian family television series, *Fraggle Rock*, continues to win acclaim and increase in popularity both at home and internationally. It tells the story of the Fraggles, an energetic race of furry creatures, and the other species that inhabit the fantasy world known as *Fraggle Rock*, a place full of musical merriment, rollicking adventure and a topsy-turvy order of things.

Fraggle Rock has been so successful since it was launched in Canada and the U.S. in January 1983, that the television networks involved immediately committed to finance a minimum of 24 episodes a year for three years. The first series of 24 episodes has been sold in 87 countries including the U.K. where screening commenced in January 1984. The

programme has also won a number of awards including an international Emmy for children's programming for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Fraggle Rock is a weekly, half-hour series aimed at children aged 4 to 12 but its unique formula has appeal to a wider audience, being viewed as a family show. Jim Henson, its creator, was also the creator of the Muppet Show, which is more adult entertainment.



Jonathan Hiscock, aged 7, and his parents Brian and Patricia, and two brothers Neil and Glenn will have an opportunity to meet Gobo and all the other colourful characters, the production team and puppeteers at the Toronto studios June 10 to 15. Jonathan was the winner of a contest offered to young British *Fraggle Rock* fans when the programme was launched on ITV in Britain. In addition to meeting all the lovable Fraggles, Doozers and Gorgs in *Fraggleland*, the first prize includes a tour of the city of Toronto and a luxury coach tour to Niagara Falls.

Award for Canadian studies



The Northern Telecom International Prize, given each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to international understanding of Canada, was presented to Professor James Wreford Watson of Edinburgh, Scotland, at the annual meeting of the International Council for Canadian Studies (iccs) in Germany this year.