

# News of the arts



*An estimated 60,000 made their way to Parliament Hill to watch the variety show which featured well known Canadian performers and a spectacular fireworks display.*

Canadian forces' air show at Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, near Dartmouth.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, the Bannerman Park Folk Festival attracted musicians from across the province. Many New Brunswick communities held traditional festivals such as the eighteenth annual potato festival in Grand Falls. In Prince Edward Island lobster-boat races, a metric marathon race, a giant barbecue and a fiddlers' competition were held.

In Winnipeg, sporting events, including parachuting and gymnastics, took place

during the day and a song-and-dance festival was held in the evening. One-hundred-and-twelve new Canadians from 40 countries marched in a parade in Vancouver and at Empire Stadium thousands joined in a giant birthday singalong.

### **The Governor General's Message**

Governor-General Schreyer, who along with his family attended the Canada Day parade and a picnic at Major's Hill Park in Ottawa on July 1, issued the following message for Canada's birthday:



*A group of Ottawa boys display their skateboarding talents at Major's Hill Park.*

"Canada is 112 years old today. It is an occasion for us to celebrate together our happiness in simply belonging to this land.

"Canada, like the other countries in the world, is changing rapidly. For all of us, it means some unavoidable tensions but I am deeply convinced that Canadians can always react vigorously to what some people insist on calling national adversity.

"Our country is rich in national resources but its most valuable resource is the history of its people and their attachment to the true principles of democracy. As the 59th Governor General since Samuel de Champlain, I draw attention to the fact that the history of this land has been one of significant numbers of peoples of different cultures and backgrounds slowly (and at first not so very easily) learning to live together.

"The earliest settlers along the St. Lawrence were not only settlers of what is today Quebec but they were also the basis from which the early exploration and earliest commerce was established in much of what is today Western Canada and Northern Ontario.

"The incredibly sparsely settled areas and difficult transportation routes of the previous two centuries were strengthened by the founding of new communities of settlers of United Empire Loyalists and by direct migration from the British Isles. Even this resulted in a land too large in relation to human settlement. Accordingly, new migration in the last 100 years from Europe and recently of a truly worldwide kind from all continents was seen to be possible and indeed of benefit.

"This kind of internationalism of ancestry is of great and positive value to our country. Events of recent decades on this planet demonstrate the need far more than ever for mankind to rise above parochialism. If any country can rise to the challenge of the new reality, Canada, by its very background and composition, is well able therefore, to do just that.

"Since the beginning of my mandate, I had the privilege to travel from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic, including visits to some communities in the Northern Territories. Every time was an occasion for me to meet many Canadians and always they expressed their sincere confidence in the relative strength and future of our country.

"It is this hope that I want to share with you at the end of this decade and for the next one."