

Stamps mark anniversaries

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the appointment of the first Canadian-born governor general of the modern era, and the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Canada will be commemorated on June 30 with the issue of two new 12-cent stamps, designed by Anthony Hobbs of Montreal. Mr. Hobbs' design for the governors general stamp is a graphic rendition of the crown and lion taken from the governor general's standard, and includes the names of the four Canadian governors general. The Order of Canada stamp is based on a photograph of the badge of the highest level of the Order of Canada, the Companion.

Canadian governors general

With the founding of Quebec in 1608, the powers and prerogatives of the Crown in Canada, first under the French regime, then the British, and finally as an independent country, have been exercised by a succession of governors and governors general who represented the sovereign. In 1952, Vincent Massey was appointed the first Canadian-born governor general since the Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor of New France, from 1755 to 1760. Citizens of Britain served in the interim. Some people feared that Massey's appointment threatened the monarchy, but most felt that the action reinforced the Canadian character of the Crown and demonstrated its adaptability as an institution. The present governor general, the Right Honourable Jules Léger, is the fourth Canadian to hold the post.

The governor general exercises "on the advice of his Canadian ministers, all Her Majesty's powers and authorities in respect of Canada." As the Queen's personal representative, the governor general must make sure there is always a government and must perform numerous other constitutional duties. In dealing with government, he has "the right to be consulted; the right to encourage and the right to warn."

The governor general has a broad social role which obliges him to receive thousands of Canadians at Government House and to travel extensively throughout the country to meet people



in their communities, promote national unity and encourage Canadians in understanding each other better.

Order of Canada

Because "The Crown is the fount of all honours", the governor general administers a comprehensive system of Canadian honours including the Canadian bravery decorations, the Order of Military Merit and the Order of Canada.

The Order of Canada was instituted on July 1, 1967. The Queen is Sovereign of the Order while the governor general is Chancellor and Principal Companion. There are three levels of membership. Companions of the Order have

shown "outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially service to Canada or to humanity at large." Officers of the Order have given "distinguished service in or to a particular locality, group of field of activity."

Only Canadians can be elevated to the Order, though foreigners can receive an honorary appointment. Anyone can nominate a person for appointment to the Order but the qualifications are rigorous. Since 1967 only about 1,000 people have satisfied the requirements. Each individual reflects the spirit of the Order's motto, *Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam*, "They desire a better country."

U. of Regina's new head

Judge Raynell Andreychuk will succeed veteran city lawyer Dr. Everett C. Leslie as chancellor of the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, effective July 1. She was elected by acclamation from among the 8,500-member convocation.

Judge Andreychuk, 32, a former Moose Jaw city alderman, became recognized internationally in 1975 when she was elected national president of the Canadian YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), the first woman in the world to hold such an office in the YMCA.

That same year, she was named Outstanding Young Canadian, for which she received the Vanier Award.

Dr. Leslie, 83, a distinguished Regina lawyer who also is one of the longest practising lawyers in Saskatchewan history, had indicated earlier this year his wish to retire when his three-year term as founding chancellor expires June 30.

As chancellor, Judge Andreychuk is the head and chairman of the univer-

sity senate, the senior academic governing body at the university. She will chair the senate meetings and preside at the spring and fall convocations to present degrees to graduating students.

Although 50 years younger than her predecessor, Judge Andreychuk has compiled an impressive list of achievements, having been active in numerous local, provincial, national or international organizations.



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