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Bilingualism and multiculturalism are assets of Canadian life

Edward Richard Schreyer of Beausejour, Manitoba, became Canada's twenty-second Governor General on January 23 in a colourful ceremony in the Senate, succeeding Governor-General Jules Léger who retired.

National unity was the theme of Mr. Schreyer's address following the swearing in. He expressed "profound sadness" with "a minority view that does not acknowledge that in an enlightened federal Canada there is scope for the fullest expression of cultural and linguistic heritage". Excerpts from Mr. Schreyer's speech follow:

...The preservation of our country's economic capacities and its weight in the councils of the world surely need not be sacrificed in order to achieve a greater measure of freedom. The freedoms we now share and cherish are equal to the best of countries on this planet. They are surpassed by none. They can be greater still. It is not necessary to break the bonds of our common history to do so.

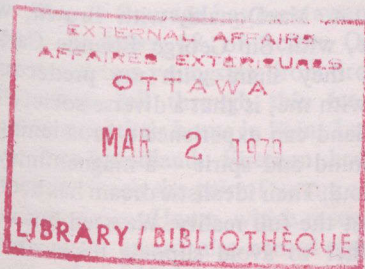
Collective contribution

For, whatever our origins, wherever we live in Canada, we have all contributed to the building of this country. Each Canadian, though unable truly to realize the greatness of the collective achievement that is unfolding, is playing his part. I would recall the eloquence of my prede-

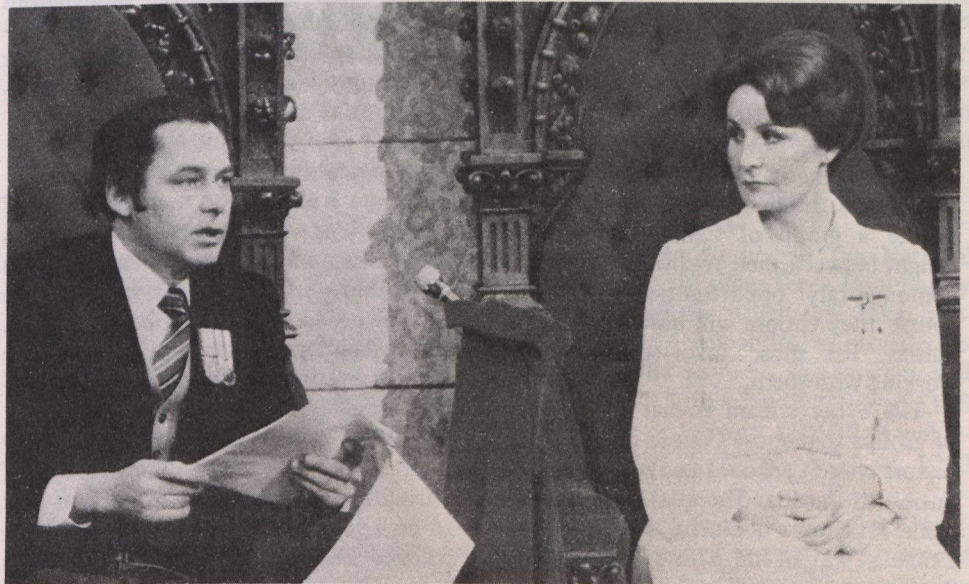
cessor, the Right Honourable Jules Léger, in this regard:

"This might be said of generations of honest and unassuming people of Quebec, who have always been faithful to their homeland, having no other and seeking no other. Men of the land, men of the sea, of the church and of business. I pay them warm tribute for without their courage and tenacity the Canada we know today would not exist. They lived their lives along the shores of the mighty river that bore their ancestors and shaped their destiny."

...I can only concur with these words. They capture the pride we share in our diverse origins and the recognition we share that in those origins lies the source of our striving towards the larger horizons of



Sixteen years ago this Friday...
The World Health Organization (WHO) announced approval of a Canadian plan for rapid dissemination by the WHO of information on the dangerous side-effects of drugs.



The new Governor General reads speech in Senate Chamber as Mrs. Schreyer looks on.

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