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THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL *By Hugh S. Eayrs*

THINK," said John Bright, "of what the Cavendishes have done in days gone by."

One of them, the present Duke of Devonshire, is now at Rideau Hall. He has come in momentous times, and if he wants to keep up the tradition of the Cavendishes upon which John Bright remarked and to which he paid his tribute, he has abundant opportunity. In few other years could a new Governor-General take up the work of His Majesty's representative in Canada and know it for so crucial and so important work as the office involves in 1916. These are troublous days, my masters, no less for dukes than for commoners.

The Duke follows a line of governors-general whose terms of office here in Canada have been unusually successful. Earl Grey's record was so good that the whole country felt genuinely regretful when he left our

shores. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught succeeded him, and the experiment of a royalty-governor—for it was an experiment, following, as it did, upon the regime of the so popular Earl Grey—turned out excellently well. His Royal Highness left behind him the record of a people's affection for himself and his gracious wife, not merely as the representatives of the King in Canada, but as leaders of the nation, whose leading was wholly good.

The Duke of Devonshire, being but shortly with us, has been little "written up," to employ journalese. About the best history, and the truest, of his activities so far is to be found in "Who's Who", that institution so remarkable for some of its inclusions and more so for some of its omissions. Baldly, here is the Duke's history. Victor Christian William Cavendish, the ninth Duke of Devonshire, was born on May 31st, 1868. He was educated at Eton and at Trinity College,