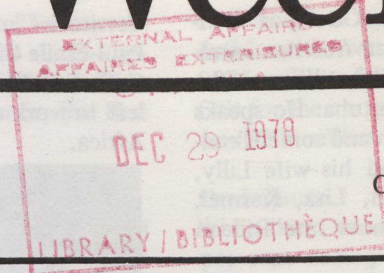


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## Former provincial premier is Canada's new Governor General

Ed Schreyer, former New Democratic Party premier of Manitoba, has been appointed Canada's new Governor General, succeeding Jules Léger, who will retire next month at the end of his five-year term.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on December 7 in London, where he lunched that day with Queen Elizabeth.

Edward Richard Schreyer, 43 years old this month, is the fifth Canadian-born Governor General and is the twenty-second to hold the office.

He was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1958 at the age of 22, then re-elected in 1960 and 1962.

For the next three years, Mr. Schreyer was a professor of political science and international relations at the University of Manitoba.

In 1965, he was elected to the Canadian House of Commons, then re-elected

in 1968. He returned to the Manitoba Legislature in 1969 after being elected leader of the provincial New Democratic Party, and was premier of the province until 1977. He has been leader of the official opposition party since then.

### Surprise appointment

Not only was Mr. Schreyer's appointment a surprise to many but it came as a surprise to the Governor-General designate himself.

"I am looking forward with enthusiasm to the role and responsibilities," he said, "but I would be less than honest if I didn't say I was somewhat surprised and slightly overwhelmed." He said he had been offered the position by the Prime Minister a few days earlier.

While several names had been speculated on by the press, Mr. Schreyer had never been mentioned for the position.

Ed Schreyer, the first non-franco-



Governor-General designate Ed Schreyer is surrounded by his family: (from left) Jason, Lisa, Karmel and wife Lilly. Toban (after Manitoban) sits next to him.

## Season's Greetings

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