

samples collected by Mr. Armstrong and Colonel Aldrin.

Following the press conference, the astronauts and their wives were received at Government House by the Governor General and Mrs. Michener. In the evening, at the end of a busy day in Ottawa, they were guests at a dinner given by their official host, Mr. Drury. Mr. Drury presented the astronauts with specially bound and illuminated copies of *Hansard* recording the speeches of recognition and welcome in the House that afternoon. This honor had never before been accorded to visitors to Canada.

### **Montreal Welcome**

The next day, December 3, accompanied by Mr. Drury and the United States Ambassador, the astronauts and their wives flew on to Dorval, where they were welcomed by Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal. They first attended a television press conference carried live from coast to coast on both Canadian national networks. Then, after a warm welcome from Montrealers in the wind and snow in the center of the city, they were guests of the Mayor at lunch on the Ile Ste. Hélène. Among the guests were workers from Héroux Ltd., the Longueuil firm which had designed and actually fabricated the legs for *Eagle*, the *Apollo XI* lunar landing craft. Mr. Armstrong, who led a standing ovation for the Longueuil workers, observed:

Many are interested in seeing the first feet to touch the moon — but the first feet weren't American, they were Canadian... We can safely say that the *Apollo XI* reached the moon with strong Canadian support... and we thank you for that.

He added:

The *Apollo* mission was built on a foundation of bricks from many nations, and glued together with the mortar of understanding. We all shared in the excitement of the moon landing, and now we hope the benefits of this adventure will be shared by people of all nations everywhere.

After lunch at the site of Man and His World, astronauts Armstrong, Collins, Aldrin and their wives left for the airport and for home. Their special visit to Canada had followed a 22-nation world tour.

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