

# Governor General To Tour Uranium Fields, Maritimes

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OTTAWA (CP)—Please, Gawdy, please come out to the rink.

The little girls' plea was irresistible. The slight, spare man put down his pen. He had been working on still another extensive tour, another speech that might stir and provoke thought; that might lead Canadians towards greater unity.

"Come on Gawdy," she smiled, slipped into his blue overcoat, his battered brown fedora and grey wool gloves and called to his dogs, Duff, an obedient golden retriever, and Rufus, a mischievous cocker spaniel who appears to be wondering whom he ought to nip next.

Then out to the spacious grounds of Rideau Hall.

**SHORT FOR GRANDDADDY**

"Gawdy" is the name affectionately pinned by his grandchildren on Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canada's first native-born governor-general, who on Feb. 28 will complete his first five years in office.

The story goes that one of the children had difficulty saying "Granddaddy" and turned the word into "Grandgawdy," and then into just plain "Gawdy."

Mr. Massey's term has been extended for another year or so, to about June, 1958. But no governor-general has had two extensions and there is a question of year-old governor-general is tackling the future will bring.

Whatever the future, the 70-year-old governor-general is tackling his exacting job with the same zeal and love with which he first approached it. He has covered more miles in Canada than any of his 17 predecessors, a record 129,448 miles, and has gained at first-hand in his five years a penetrating knowledge of Canada's growth.

"I don't think we could ever develop an Elvis Presley in Canada," he once remarked to a friend. "We shirk from sensation. Our national characteristic is moderation."

**NATIONALISTIC TREND**

But he also has sensed a quickening in the growth of nationalism in Canada, a move which he prefers to call "the growth of self-reliance, self-confidence, a natural pride in ourselves."

He feels that within the framework of moderation, this is a positive move for Canadians, "that we will develop in our own quiet way, in a way that is distinctive from that of Britons and Americans."

And he has stated:

"Within the next five years, 10 years, I think that unbelievable things will happen in this country. I grope for words. But you will see even greater unity and greater self-confidence."

"In this we must not underestimate the contribution of New Canadians for they are tremendously keen. You can see that in the way the New Canadian children hunger for books on Canada."

**UNEIFYING FORCE**

Above all else, he sees the crown, "the supreme Canadian symbol," remaining as the main unifying force in Canada. As for change and will become of increasing importance as a true symbol of the family of nations.

The crown, as a symbol, is one that can be understood by everyone, he says—by children, adults and those on the rim of civilization, the Indians and Eskimos. Canada's sense of moderation, he believes, springs from at least two developments: The instinctive sense of compromise that has come from relations between Canada's two main races, the English and the French; and the climate.

"One factor is that we are the only northern country, the only

large northern country, with no climate in our south. I think that has definitely affected our temperament."

On the economic scene, the Toronto-born Mr. Massey has noted Canada's "tremendous physical drive" and believes Scotland has had a lot to do with this.

"The Scots have played a tremendous role in our physical development and this is out of all proportion to the number of Scots in Canada. They have the spirit of adventure, endurance, tenacity and enterprise."

**CULTURAL GROWTH**

"True, we haven't had the same drive in the cultural field but we are developing. It would be unwise to judge our efforts purely on patriotic grounds alone. They must be judged by the international yardstick. The theatrical ventures at Stratford, Ont., succeeded because there was no compromise. They had to be good on world standards, not simply those in Canada."

The role of governor-general is an exacting one. With Canada's role in world affairs increasing, more and more of the world's eyes visit Ottawa as guests at the spacious vice-regal residence in suburban Rockcliffe.

Mr. Massey has played host to Queen Mother Elizabeth, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Edinburgh, President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Nehru of India. Thousands of Canadians also have been invited.

In the five years he has had about 47,300 guests; 1,400 have come to lunch, about 5,400 to tea; 13,500 to receptions; 17,000 to garden parties; 4,800 to dinner; and about 5,200 to balls.

Mr. Massey tolerates no air of pomposity. He loves a joke and many a time he has joked about himself.

Once he remarked that in the old days the power of a governor-general was such that he could do no wrong.

"It is perhaps still true that the governor-general can do no wrong," he added, "but now the reason is that he cannot do anything anyway!"

And perhaps in September there will be another extensive tour into the tiny hamlets of the Maritimes.

**Dairy Farmers' Boycott Causes Sporadic Violence**

NEW YORK (AP)—Sporadic violence Monday night marked a boycott of dairy farmers in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania who are withholding milk in an effort to get higher prices.

Most of the incidents centred in Orange County, New York, heart of the metropolitan New York "milkshed." The boycott started Sunday.

Five men were arrested by state police near Monroe, N. Y., Monday after a rifle was fired into a tank truck, causing its load of milk to run out on the highway.

Mr. Massey enjoys good health and he puts in a full day, from about 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. His study is his workshop where he writes and polishes his speeches, prepares dispatches to the Queen and receives his mail.

In the five years, travelling by plane, train, car, naval ship, snowmobile and dog sled, he has visited Eskimos and Indians, talked with miners a mile or so below the earth's surface, inspected the fishermen's catch and listed to farmers' troubles.

He treasures letters received from some of the 300,000 school children he has spoken to. Some of them are in the centre drawer of his desk.

This attachment has probably grown from his love for his own grandchildren Jane, 8; Evva, 7; and Susan, 5, daughters of his secretary-son, Lionel; and Jonathan, 6, and Caroline, 10, children of his other son, Hart, an architect. Jane, Evva and Susan live on the grounds of Rideau Hall and it is they who have named their grandfather "Gawdy."

**HANDY RELATIVE**

At times these children show a youthful disregard of the grandeur surrounding the governor-generalship.

On the other hand, they do realize how a governor-general might come in handy at times. Jonathan was told by Mr. Massey to stop fighting with his boy friend on the rink. So Jonathan quit fighting, got off the rink and promptly started the battle again. Toward the end of the scuffle he was heard to say:

"If you hit me again, I'll get my governor-general after you!"

The children love to be with their "Gawdy" but often he has to leave them. Soon he will be on the move again.

In May he will be off on a 5,000-mile trip to tour the uranium fields of Ontario's Blind River region and from there into northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and then a swing-about to Nova Scotia.

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## Ranching Lets Him Live In Country He Loves To Paint

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. (CP)—The spectacled man dabbles swiftly with his brushes, attempting to complete the new hotel's mural by the spring deadline he set himself.

Artist Robert Symonds explained that the nine-by-six-foot mural must be finished by May 1 "because I have to get the cattle out on the range and the crops planted."

Mr. Symonds has a 4,000-acre ranch in the Fort St. John area of the Peace River block. Ranching lets me live in a country that I love to paint," he says.

**PAINTS IN WINTER**

He leaves the ranch after the annual fall roundup of his herd of 150 cattle, and in the spring returns to seed his grain crops.

Between 1951 and 1956, his winter treks were to the \$1,000,000 Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History at Regina, where he painted 20 dioramas—curved backdrops against which specimens of the province's wildlife were placed. That assignment led to his commission for the hotel mural here.

His paintings of Western Canada's mountains, prairie and bush are based on "a couple of trunkfuls" of sketches made during his 16 years as a game warden in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Mr. Symonds comes by his painting talent honestly. His father, a well-known British artist, did mosaic work in Westminster Cathedral. Two brothers were professional painters before their deaths and a sister Betty now is a London fashion artist.

**LURE OF THE WEST**

He was scheduled to begin a formal training in painting when he reached 16, but tales of the Canadian West altered his course. He raised his passage by selling chickens and in 1913 reached Maple Creek in southwest Saskatchewan.

After the First World War he returned to ranching but his lease on government land was cancelled.

**Couple Lose Lives In Montreal Fire**

MONTREAL (CP)—A man and woman died early Tuesday and five other persons escaped in night attire as a fire of unknown cause licked through the Old Exchange Hotel, a northeastern Montreal landmark.

The dead were identified as Louis-Andre Payette, 35, and Mrs. Jeanne Schmitt, 35.

No damage estimate was available in the blaze which began downstairs about 4 a.m. and affected the ground-floor Palermo Club, a tavern and the office of the adjacent State Exchange.

Firemen said both victims died of asphyxiation.

to make room for homesteaders. After two seasons trapping in northern Saskatchewan, he became a game warden in the area and for 14 years "never travelled without a sketchbook and pencil."

Between 1928 and 1942 he sold 150 paintings.

In 1943 he joined the B.C. game service and three years later resigned to set up his ranch on the upper Cache Creek about 50 miles northwest of Fort St. John, herding 20 cattle—the nucleus of his present herd—into the valley.

**Dies Just Before 102nd Birthday**

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Fanny Cookson died at home Tuesday within a few days of her 102nd birthday. She was born March 4, 1854.

A retired fashion buyer, she had been living in retirement. She is survived by a son, Charles, employed with The Montreal Star, and two grandchildren.

**Death Sentence Ends Sensational Murder Trial**

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters)—South Africa's most sensational murder trial ended Tuesday with a travelling salesman sentenced to death for the murder of a girl whose body was found through spiritualism.

Clarence Gordon van Buuren, 33, was sentenced to be hanged after the court found he killed Myrna Joy Aken last October by shooting her.

The pretty 18-year-old's nude body, its abdomen and buttocks mutilated and some of its organs missing, was found eight days following the murder in a culvert 50 miles from here after a seance was held to locate it.

Police found a piece of bone, a tuft of hair and blood stains in van Buuren's car.

Miss Aken's body was found by Nelson Palmer, former teacher and spiritualist, who held the seance and then, accompanied by her two brothers, drove to the exact spot where the body lay.

During the 15-day trial, the crown charged that van Buuren gave a ride to Miss Aken after she finished work. But instead of taking her to Pinetown, outside Durban, where they both lived, he assaulted and then shot her.

van Buuren confessed that he hid her body but pleaded not guilty to assaulting or killing the girl.

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### PIUSVILLE

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton McIsaac, Hebron, were visiting recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corcoran also Mr. and Mrs. Herman Corcoran.

Mrs. John Gormley and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, St. John, attended the funeral of their father, James T. Gallant. Also attending was Shirley O'Brien, St. John.

Friends of Mr. Charlie Gallant regret to learn of his continued illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

### ELMSDALE

Mr. Earl MacArthur, who is employed in the snow plough, spent the weekend at his home.

Mrs. David Williams received a pleasant surprise on Friday when she was the recipient of a telephone call from her daughter, Miss Kathleen Williams, R.N., in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Williams said the reception was excellent.

Mr. Harry Dunn has returned from the Western Hospital much improved.

The illness of Reverend W.L. Green at the home of his son, W. Green, N. B. Green, is much regretted. His brother, Dr. Green, has arrived by plane from British Columbia to visit him.

Mr. James Dunn spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunn.

Mrs. Charles Barnett spent several days last week as guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Laughlin, Shirook.

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