

**ADDRESS BY THE RT. HON. MICHAËLLE JEAN,
GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF CANADA**

At 11:00 o'clock this day, Members of the House of Assembly being present, Their Excellencies, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, and Mr. Jean-Daniel Lafond, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly.

The Governor General then took her seat on the Throne and requested everyone be seated.

The Hon. The Premier welcomed the guests in attendance, proceeded to say a few words and then introduced Her Excellency.

Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, spoke on some of the history of Nova Scotia. Her Excellency then thanked the members of the House of Assembly for inviting her as the first Governor General to address the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

The Premier then asked the Leader of the Official Opposition, Leader of the New Democratic Party, to bring remarks.

Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, welcomed Their Excellencies to Province House, the home of the first representative democracy in North America. He proceeded to make a few remarks on Her Excellency's continued efforts in support of our women and men in uniform, helping immigrants to our country and the kind of youthful energy and enthusiasm she has brought to her job will inspire the young people, here and across the country. Mr. Dexter thanked them for their visit to our Province and invited Their Excellencies to visit Nova Scotia any time.

The Hon. The Premier then called upon the Leader of the Liberal Party, to bring remarks.

Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, also welcomes Their Excellencies stating how proud he is to be part of this significant event, being the first time ever a Governor General has addressed our House of Assembly, the oldest Legislature in Canada. He also congratulated Her Excellency on receiving the Black Cultural Society's Award of Distinction for Excellence, plus the other areas of Halifax they were able to speak at during their stay.

The Hon. The Premier thanked Their Excellency for coming to our province and presented a gift in the form of a donation to the Phoenix Youth Programs.

The Hon. The Premier also acknowledged the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of the men and women who received from Her Excellency the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for their dedicated volunteer work and a lifetime of giving back to others.

The Hon. The Premier on behalf of all Nova Scotians bid Their Excellencies welcome and continued success.

Their Excellencies were pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker then took the chair.

Mr. Speaker then invited all guests in the gallery to proceed to the Red Chambers for the reception with Their Excellencies.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The Hon. The Premier, rose to bring remarks with respect to their colleague, the member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, and to wish the member all the best as he moves forward into his new role and responsibilities he will be undertaking in Vietnam.

Comments were made with Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Deveau in Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, rose to speak about the honourable member, the Minister of Agriculture, and to extend to the Minister and as well his family, the wish for a speedy and complete recovery.

Comments were made with Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party and Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet again at the call of the Speaker.