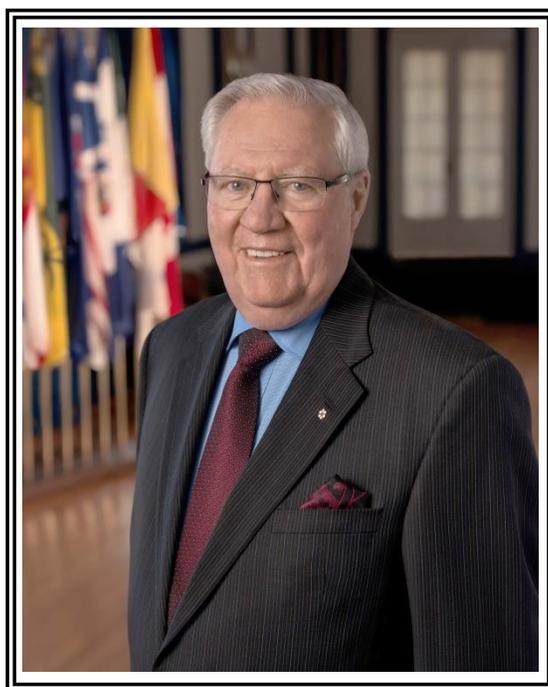




**PROCEEDINGS ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE INSTALLATION OF  
HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE  
W. THOMAS MOLLOY, O.C., S.O.M., Q.C., LL.B., LL.D.  
TWENTY-SECOND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN**



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**INSTALLATION OF W. THOMAS MOLLOY, O.C., S.O.M., Q.C., LL.B., LL.D.**

**AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**Legislative Chamber**

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**Chief of Protocol [Mr. Jason Quilliam]:** — Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Mesdames et messieurs, bonjour.

Welcome to the Saskatchewan Legislative Chamber where we will witness the installation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Bienvenue à cette cérémonie qui donne à la Saskatchewan un nouveau représentant à sa Majesté la Reine.

I would like to begin the program by acknowledging that the land on which we gather this morning is Treaty 4 territory, and home of the Métis.

Ladies and gentlemen, would you please rise for the official entrance of the Lieutenant Governor Designate, Thomas Molloy, as well as the Official Party.

[Fanfare]

**Chief of Protocol:** — Please join in the singing of “God Save The Queen.” Following the singing of our royal anthem, please remain standing for an Honour Song performed by The Kawacatoose Boys.

[Singing of “God Save the Queen”]

[Honour Song]

**Chief of Protocol:** — Thank you. Please be seated.

Canada is, of course, a Constitutional Monarchy in which Her Majesty the Queen is our Head of State. She is represented in the federal jurisdiction by Her Excellency the Governor General and in the provincial jurisdiction by the Lieutenant Governor.

It is the Lieutenant Governor who gives Royal Assent to Bills passed by the Legislature, and who ensures continuity in governance of our province. Le lieutenant-gouverneur est responsable à veiller à ce que la Saskatchewan ait toujours un premier ministre. Le lieutenant-gouverneur convoque, proroge et dissout l’Assemblée législative, prononce le discours de Trône et donne la sanction royale aux actes de l’Assemblée législative.

The Lieutenant Governor, during his tenure, travels throughout Saskatchewan, is patron to numerous humanitarian endeavours, as well as artistic, sporting and service organizations. He is also the fount of our provincial honours system, and as such the Chancellor of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, and he regularly presents provincial honours to deserving Saskatchewan citizens, as well as federal honours on behalf of the Governor General.

Thus, the Lieutenant Governor encourages and celebrates our province's rich history, and recognizes the people and the organizations that make Saskatchewan such a great place to live.

I will now ask the Clerk of Executive Council, Mr. Paul Crozier, to conduct the installation of our Lieutenant Governor.

### **THE COMMISSION**

**Clerk of the Executive Council [Mr. Paul Crozier]:** — Premier, Chief Justice, Mr. Speaker, Ministers of the Crown, Members of the Judiciary, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Minister and representatives of the Government of Canada, representative of the Privy Council, representative of the Office of the Governor General of Canada, ladies and gentlemen:

MR. THOMAS MOLLOY appears before the Executive Council of the Province of Saskatchewan today to present his Commission of Appointment and to be installed as the Twenty-second Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan. I wish to inform the Members of the Executive Council that the Honourable Robert Richards, Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, has been requested and authorized to administer the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office.

Mr. Molloy, I present to you the Commission of Her Excellency the Governor General with instructions, appointing you to the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

Is it your pleasure that the Commission be read and published?

**Mr. W. Thomas Molloy:** — It is my pleasure.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** —

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO

Thomas Molloy  
Of the City of Saskatoon, In the Province of Saskatchewan.

GREETING:

BE ADVISED that, placing special trust and confidence in your prudence, courage, loyalty, integrity and ability, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, pursuant to sections 58 and 59 of the Constitution Act, 1867, do hereby appoint you,

**W. THOMAS MOLLOY**  
**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF**  
**SASKATCHEWAN**

during the pleasure of Our Governor General of Canada, effective on the day on which you make and subscribe the Oaths of Allegiance and Office required by section 61 of the Constitution Act, 1867,

AND WE DO HEREBY direct you to carry out your duties in accordance with the powers granted to you by the Constitution Act, 1867 and any other statutes, Our present Commission and the annexed instructions, or instructions that may from time to time be given to you by Our Governor General of Canada or by Our Privy Council for Canada, and in accordance with such laws as are in force in the Province of Saskatchewan.

AND WE DO HEREBY direct that as soon as you have made and subscribed the Oaths, Our present Commission supersedes Our Commission issued under the Great Seal of Canada on March 15, 2012, appointing the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield to be Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS:

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Julie Payette, Chancellor and Principal Companion of Our Order of Canada, Chancellor and Commander of Our Order of Military Merit, Chancellor and Commander of Our Order of Merit of the Police Forces, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE, In our City of Ottawa, this thirty-first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

The Honourable Navdeep Bains  
Registrar General of Canada

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould  
Attorney General

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — Mr. Molloy, would you please take the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office?

### **THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Chief Justice of Saskatchewan [Hon. Robert Richards]:** — I call upon you to take the Oath of Allegiance.

**Mr. W. Thomas Molloy:** — I, William Thomas Molloy, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors, so help me God.

### **THE OATH OF OFFICE**

**Chief Justice of Saskatchewan:** — I now call upon you to take the Oaths of Office.

**Mr. W. Thomas Molloy:** — I, William Thomas Molloy, shall well and truly execute the office and trust of Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan and duly and impartially administer justice therein. I shall well and truly execute the office and trust of Keeper of the Great Seal of Her Majesty's Province of Saskatchewan according to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

## **THE GREAT SEAL OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — Since 1869 the Canadian provinces have had their own Great Seals. This reflects their co-sovereign status in Confederation, where certain powers are reserved exclusively to provincial jurisdiction.

The First Great Seal of the Province of Saskatchewan was granted by Royal Warrant in 1906 by His Late Majesty, King Edward VII. In 1986, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted a full coat of arms to Saskatchewan and in 1991 a new Great Seal was authorized and incorporated the provincial coat of arms as well as the name of the reigning monarch.

Its purpose is to make manifest the authority of the Crown in the provincial jurisdiction, thereby permitting documents to be “signed and sealed” at Regina. The Keeper of the Great Seal is the Minister of Justice and Attorney General who receives it from the Lieutenant Governor when he or she is sworn into office, and returns it to the Lieutenant Governor when he or she leaves office.

Your Honour, before you is the Great Seal of the Province of Saskatchewan. Is it your pleasure to commit it now to the safe custody of the Attorney General through the Premier?

**Mr. W. Thomas Molloy:** — It is my pleasure.

Premier, in the name of Her Majesty The Queen, I now entrust to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General through you for safe custody the Great Seal of the Province of Saskatchewan, the symbol of sovereignty and authority in the Province.

**Premier of Saskatchewan [Hon. Scott Moe]:** — Your Honour, on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General I accept this responsibility which you have entrusted to him in the name of Her Majesty The Queen; and I promise faithfully to pass the Great Seal of Saskatchewan to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General’s custody for as long as he shall remain Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CHANCELLOR’S COLLAR**

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — The Secretary to the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council will now present the Collar as the Chancellor of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit to the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Thomas Molloy.

The collar displays the emblems of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal linked by two elements of the Saskatchewan Shield of Arms suspended with a medallion with the full armorial bearings granted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1986. This collar was presented to the Province of Saskatchewan in 2000 as a millennium gift.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE MÉTIS SASH**

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — Ms. Louise Simard, representative of President Glen McCallum, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, will present His Honour with a Métis sash.

The origins of the sash reflect the diversity of the Métis experience. The woven sash was used by the Métis as a practical item of clothing. The sash has become the most persistent element of traditional Métis dress, and symbolizes identification and pride for the Métis people.

### **INSTALLATION AND PROCLAMATION**

**Premier of Saskatchewan:** — In the Name of Her Majesty The Queen, I now proclaim W. THOMAS MOLLOY Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

[Fanfare]

[Applause]

**Chief of Protocol:** — Ladies and gentlemen, please rise.

[Vice-Regal Salute]

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — Please be seated. At this time I call upon Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber and Elder Ron Michel to come forward to give the blessings.

**Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber:** — Let us pray.

God, Father, and Creator of all, open our hearts in gratitude. Help us to remember that all things come to us as gifts from you. We thank you for our province, its beauty, its resources, and its people and all our races, cultures, and religions. We thank you for our democratic system of government.

Today we gather for the installation of Tom Molloy as the Lieutenant Governor of our province. In his office and in him we recognize that we are one community and that we are called to work together so that all might strive.

We ask you to bless our new Lieutenant Governor. Make him a strong symbol of unity and diversity. Give him a special heart for the vulnerable, for our First Nations, and for the Earth. Let his presence and work be a constant inspiration and call to all of us to strive together for what is best, to work together for our common good. Anoint him with your spirit of wisdom, courage, fairness, and generosity. May he and his office always incarnate the motto of our province, “from many peoples, strength.” Amen.

**Elder Ron Michel:** — Thank you very much. Thank you to the Premier for inviting me to be part of this very important ceremony. First of all I asked the protocol office if I can say my blessing in my language.

[Elder Michel spoke for a time in Cree.]

I'd like to thank the Premier, Scott Moe, for giving me the invitation to be the elder here to say the blessing. I retired in October, so now I'm an elder. Thank you, Premier.

In my language I thanked the Lord Jesus Christ and his Father, the God Almighty, that we are put here on Earth as people. We are put here as children of God, regardless of race, regardless of denominations, and regardless of how we conduct our business.

I asked the Lord to look after Tom, Thomas Molloy, and to work together with the people of Saskatchewan, to work as we try and progress as First Nations peoples, to work together on some of the things that are happening with our young people.

Our young people are in very dire straits right now, and hopefully Thomas will bring us together. We ask you that, Lord, because I think as governments we have that to give to our people, both non-First Nations and First Nations and Métis. And I see that we will do that, Thomas, through God's blessing and through our 100-plus First Nations in Saskatchewan. We know that you will do a good job. And we ask the Lord to look after you and your family. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Son, Amen.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — It is now my pleasure to ask Luther College's Advanced Vocal Ensemble, or AVE, under the direction of Dr. Melissa Morgan to come forward to sing "Sicut Cervus" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

[Musical Performance]

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — I now call upon the Speaker of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Mark Docherty, for welcoming remarks. Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker [Hon. Mark Docherty]:** — Your Honour, as Her Majesty's direct representative, the Lieutenant Governor is an integral part of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. In our system of governance, bills passed by this Assembly become law only after they receive the Royal Assent by the Queen's representative.

Your Honour, the duly elected members of the Legislative Assembly have affirmed allegiance to our Sovereign. Her Majesty The Queen is the longest serving monarch in our history. Her devotion to duty, unselfish labour, and her unmatched concern for the welfare of the people of Canada for nearly 70 years has been an example to us all.

Pursuant to this affirmation of loyalty to the Crown, we assure you of our support as you assume your duties as Her Majesty's Vice-Regal representative in our great province. As Speaker, it is my privilege to welcome you and to congratulate you on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — It is now my privilege to call upon the Premier of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Scott Moe, to give his remarks.

**Premier of Saskatchewan:** — Your Honour, Chief Justice, Mr. Speaker, members of the cabinet, members of the Legislative Assembly, former Premiers Calvert and Romanow, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to your legislature. And welcome to our guests from Luther College. What a talented group, and they've shown that here again today. Thank you so much for joining us.

Your Honour, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan and the people of our province of Saskatchewan, I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations on your appointment here today. We are grateful an individual of your stature and experience will serve as Her Majesty's Vice-Regal in our province. And we have every confidence you will be fully and actively engaged in your duties, following in the tradition of your predecessors.

Through the years in Saskatchewan we have been blessed with exemplary lieutenant governors, individuals who have ensured the Vice-Regal office transcends the ceremonial, that it continues to be a vibrant, relevant, and meaningful influence in the life of our province. That certainly was the mission of our departing Lieutenant Governor, and this morning I want to take a moment to thank Vaughn Solomon Schofield for her commendable service to our province during her time as Vice-Regal.

Your Honour, you are well qualified to serve in your new role. You are an eminent lawyer. You have earned an international reputation as a negotiator. And as one journalist observed, your fingerprints are all over some of the most important land claim settlements in Canadian history. You have a deep understanding of indigenous people and their history. And, Your Honour, I would say there are few people in this nation who have more insight into the vital relationship between the Crown and First Nations people than yourself.

You also have an impressive record of community involvement, particularly in the city of Saskatoon. You have touched thousands of lives through your charitable endeavours, and we thank you for the example that you have provided. And we have no doubt you will be the champion of many good causes across this province in the years to come.

And finally, Your Honour, there is the matter of your character. And if we were to enumerate the traits required for the Lieutenant Governor, there would be perfect alignment with your attributes. Everything we know about you tells us that you are a man of integrity, someone who is honest, and a man who is fair. You are undoubtedly patient, as all good negotiators are. You are empathetic. You are respectful. And many have called you unflappable. Indeed, there's a steadiness and poise about you, and that is suitable for the position that you assume.

The British author Harold Nicolson wrote that the Crown represents the symbol of continuity in an epoch of change, the element of cohesion in times of mutability. "Governments come and go," wrote Mr. Nicolson. "Politicians rise and fall: the Crown is always there."

Your Honour, it's reassuring to know that you will be there for our province and for our people in the years to come, serving Her Majesty, serving all of Saskatchewan as our Lieutenant Governor. Sir, we wish you all the best as you take up your new duties. Thank you.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — It is now my privilege to call upon Mr. Ryan Meili, Leader of the Opposition, to give his remarks.

**Leader of the Opposition [Mr. Ryan Meili]:** — Your Honour, Chief Justice, Speaker, Mr. Premier, all the Members of the Legislative Assembly, Premier Romanow, Premier Calvert, and all of our friends and guests assembled here with us this morning, bonjour et bienvenue à tous, welcome everyone. It's my pleasure to add my thanks to Vaughn Solomon Schofield for her exemplary service in this role, and my immense pleasure to join in congratulating the Lieutenant Governor on continuing his lifetime of service with this new and extremely important role.

With a new Speaker, a new Premier, a new Leader of the Opposition, and now yourself as our new Lieutenant Governor, it is truly a season of change for our province. I'm encouraged by what your appointment may signal for the character of that change.

Reviewing your long and impressive record of accomplishments, Your Honour, I kept returning to the thought that you're very much the right person at the right time to be assuming the duties and responsibilities inherent in the work of the Lieutenant Governor. In part I say this because — though both sides of the aisle spend a lot of time pointing out our differences, as we should — I know that we all want, everyone in this House wants, with all sincerity, what is best for the people of this province. We've heard a recent commitment from both the Premier and myself to find opportunities to collaborate to that end wherever possible.

Your Honour, your reputation and experience negotiating such historic advances as the Nisga'a Treaty is of tremendous significance as we seek as a government and opposition to work towards real reconciliation, honourable relations, and real action on closing the gap in health, in justice, in income, and education between indigenous and non-indigenous people in Saskatchewan. Your career has exemplified the values and practice of bringing people of diverse viewpoints together around common ground in search of the common good.

As the Queen's representative in Saskatchewan, Your Honour, please know that your government's Loyal Opposition stands ready to perform its service and to engage constructively in the work of serving the people of Saskatchewan. I congratulate you on your new role and I look forward to working with you and learning from you. Thank you.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — It is now my privilege to call upon the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay to give his remarks on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada.

**Hon. Lawrence MacAulay:** — Thank you very much, Your Honour, Chief Justice, Mr. Speaker, members of the Executive Council, Mr. Meili, distinguished leaders, reverend clergy, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen. It's a privilege to be here today on behalf of the Prime Minister of Canada for the installation ceremony of the new Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Thomas Molloy.

Mr. Molloy has significantly contributed to this province's history, as well as Canada. And I am honoured to be here in Regina to welcome him as Saskatchewan's 22<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor since Confederation. I would also like to thank the outgoing Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, for her dedication to the public service and the people, businesses, and communities of Saskatchewan.

Your Honour, I have full confidence you will excel in your new role. The people of Saskatchewan can count on you to represent them very well. We are here today in front of the people and the community you have been serving selflessly for many years, people who are proud of you for your work as an author, as an adviser on indigenous issues, and as former chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan.

Your outstanding work and dedication to this province has been recognized for years: the City of Saskatoon Certificate of Distinguished Community Service, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, and your induction as an Officer of the Order of Canada. As Prime Minister Trudeau said when he announced your appointment, you are indeed an outstanding negotiator who helped reshape this country. Not many of us can say that we worked as chief negotiator for the Government of Canada and helped create Nunavut in 1999. I'm sure I can't.

Born and educated in Saskatchewan, you know what drives the province's prosperity. While the province is rich in resources — oil, natural gas, potash, wheat, and canola — it is the people who are the real backbone of the province. As Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and most importantly somebody who was brought up on a farm in Prince Edward Island, I am of course particularly interested in the work your farmers have done in recent years; for example, they have been seeing record-setting yields in wheat, canola, and barley, among other crops. This is something that both your province and our country can be very proud of.

The province has also experienced a growth in population reaching a record high in 2016. A diverse group — indigenous people, farmers, workers in oil and gas sector, many people who have come here to find a better life — call this province home. You as Lieutenant Governor will have a unique and important role helping these people, as well as businesses and communities within Saskatchewan, to realize their dreams and break any barriers that they face. You will learn from them about what they need to build a better tomorrow for their children, grandchildren, and their communities.

And as the Queen's representative you will have many formal duties standing as a true symbol of our heritage and a testament to the strength of our traditions. On behalf of Prime Minister Trudeau and the Government of Canada, I wish you tremendous success in your new role as Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Thank you very much.

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — Thank you, Minister. Ladies and gentlemen, His Honour the Honourable Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

**His Honour the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy:** — Premier, Chief Justice, Mr. Romanow, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Speaker, members of the executive council, Mr. Meili, federal Minister MacAulay, Chief Justice Popescul and all the members of the Saskatchewan judiciary, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Elders and Chiefs, ladies and gentlemen, friends all: good morning and thank you, each of you, for being here today in Treaty 4 territory.

Our great province encompasses six treaties between indigenous peoples and the Crown, treaties which enable us to live in peace and friendship for as long as the sun shines and the waters flow. These are the ancestral lands of the Cree, the Saulteaux, the Assiniboine, the Dene, and Dakota, and this is also the home of the Métis. We are grateful to share this land with you. Some of you have travelled a great distance. Please know how much your presence means to me. I look forward to visiting with you following the ceremony.

I do want to acknowledge my family, including my brother George; sisters Sharon and Mary and their partners; and my daughters Cori, Jennifer, Alison, and Kathryn, their partners; and my 11 grandchildren; as well as Corinne Shephard and her children. Thank you all for your love and support and especially for being here with me today as I begin this remarkable journey.

Some of you have spent a great deal of time in this Chamber, but for others this may be your first visit. I have been in this magnificent building on numerous occasions, but I still remember my first visit. As a boy, my grandfather brought me here for a tour. We climbed the stairs of the dome, which I understand is now closed. My grandfather, Tom Molloy, whose name I carry, was a provincial civil servant for more than 31 years. He was Saskatchewan's first deputy minister of Labour and, perhaps more significantly, was recognized as the father of credit unions in this province.

My own father was secretary treasurer of the separate school board for 18 years, and my mother had also worked for the provincial government. And despite my youthful appearance, I have some 36 years in public service at the negotiating table, working on Aboriginal land claims on behalf of the federal government, the governments of British Columbia and Ontario, and also proudly for Saskatchewan.

I greatly appreciate the commitment and experience of our public servants who support and are critical to maintaining parliamentary democracy. Thank you for your many contributions to the people of Saskatchewan and to Canada.

Of course, as Lieutenant Governor, I will have the honour of returning to this Chamber many times in the years to come to deliver the Speech from the Throne, to provide Royal Assent to legislation, and to prorogue and open legislative sessions. Friends, I want you to know that I greatly value the extremely important duties now assigned to me pursuant to Canada's constitutional monarchy. I shall do my very best to honour Saskatchewan and Canada in the performance of my duties.

I'm grateful to the members of the military and police forces who are participating here today, including 10 Field Artillery who will be providing the gun salute, the 15 Wing Moose Jaw who will provide the flypast, the military guard on the parade outside, and those in the Honour Guard standing behind me. Our military and our police forces continue to perform their critical roles with principle and character.

I want to express my gratitude to Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber and Elder Ron Michel for your prayers this morning. Thank you, my friends.

Finally I'm grateful to Joe Kingfisher and Jason Littlelent of the Kawacatoose Boys for the "Honour Song," the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan for the sash, and many thanks to our musicians, trumpeter Sub-Lieutenant Matthew Field, and Luther High School vocal ensemble. Weren't they all great?

I'm also grateful to the staff of the protocol office, the Lieutenant Governor's office, and the Speaker's office for planning today's event. Thank you all for making this a very special occasion, not only for me but also for our province.

It's with great humility that I join a remarkable group of individuals who have previously represented our sovereign in Saskatchewan. In recent years, Sylvia Fedoruk left an indelible mark on this province while in the Vice-Regal office. She implemented the Lieutenant Governor's Northern Student Awards, a program that even today results in higher school attendance and increasing enrolment in post-secondary education.

Jack Wiebe established the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan to recognize the extraordinary commitments of our reeves.

Lynda Haverstock celebrated the arts through many creative initiatives, including the Saskatchewan Centennial Celebration of the Arts Gala, which was attended by none other than Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Gordon Barnhart, with whom I worked at the University of Saskatchewan, implemented the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Forum, a program that has a lasting impact on the youth participation and, in turn, on our province.

And finally I wish to thank the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield for drawing much-deserved attention to the service and sacrifices of our military, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics to whom we owe so much.

All of these great Canadians made major contributions to our province and to Canada, and it is my hope that I too will be able to contribute in this office.

As a boy growing up in Saskatoon, I never dreamt that I would one day obtain a law degree; in fact, there were many people who were surprised that I did. Nor did I dream that I would one day negotiate treaties across this country. I never imagined that I could write a book or become chancellor of my alma mater, the University of Saskatchewan. And I certainly never dreamt that I would one day represent Canada's Queen. But here I am, thanks to the skills and support of all who influenced me in my early years as a student and throughout my lifetime.

Her Majesty has led a remarkable life. She has provided consistency in an ever-changing political landscape and has assured the continued imperative of the monarchy. She has served as sovereign through the terms of 12 prime ministers and nine Saskatchewan premiers. She epitomizes devotion to duty and has adapted her role to modern democracy. In her first-ever televised Christmas message in 1957, she so eloquently said this:

I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.

Friends, if I'm permitted during my time as Lieutenant Governor to echo the words of our Queen, I can give you my heart and my devotion to this province, to Canada, and to all of the people of Saskatchewan. And friends, our Queen has visited Canada on some 22 occasions, including six visits to Saskatchewan, and has reflected on the best of Canadian qualities and has encouraged us to become even better. Our monarch is an exceptional individual, but she is more than that. The Crown is a powerful symbol that unites our vast and diverse nation.

I remember well in 2005 when the Queen visited during Saskatchewan's Centennial. I was charged with welcoming Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh onto the University of Saskatchewan campus. My daughter Alison accompanied me on that occasion, and it was a great thrill. However, the real *pièce de résistance* was to be photographed with Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness at the president's residence. President MacKinnon and family were the first to be photographed with the royals, and no sooner had the flash gone off than the Queen and the Duke disappeared up the stairs. Our big moment of glory was done, gone. All I could think about was that old Charlie Brown line from the *Peanuts* comic strip: "Rats." But it is a tradition for Canadian lieutenant governors to have an audience with the Queen. So I'm pleased to get yet another opportunity at that photograph. Sorry, Alison.

We are fortunate to live in a province as diverse as our country. I have always loved our provincial motto, "from many peoples, strength." Our people are indeed our greatest strength. We are an innovative and tolerant people who want to live in peace and harmony with one another and with this magnificent terrain we call home. We value equal rights and opportunity for all. We look for input from all of our citizens.

When I worked with the Nisga'a people in British Columbia, they taught me their concept of the common bowl, which is the very foundation of their culture. It is the paramount principle upon which the Ayuuk, or the ancient set of laws, are based. Nisga'a are taught to understand that since everyone relies on the same resources and community, all must contribute. For them it's about sharing energy, wisdom, spirit, joy, and sadness, and it touches all aspects of their life.

The common bowl is very similar to the idea behind our province's motto, "from many peoples, strength." Simply put, we are stronger when we work together. Further, as we all benefit from this land, it is incumbent upon us, each one of us, to give back. I believe we create better solutions when we hear more voices and when we are open to more ideas. And so this is an exciting time in our country as we move forward in a spirit of renewed reconciliation.

When I negotiated treaties throughout Canada, I came to believe that treaties are necessary, urgent, and fundamental to the long-term health and well-being of this country. I believe that today and moving forward. There are the inevitable detractors who point to expense, lack of progress, and the energy and time-consuming nature of the processes and label it flawed. But the most courageous initiatives are flawed, and I'm from the school that believes that the ultimate flaw would be to lack courage.

Reconciliation will not be easy, but it is critical to the future of our country. It requires of each of us a willingness to operate outside our comfort zones and to make a concerted effort towards relationship building.

Many have asked me what will I focus on during my term in office, and I have said that before I can develop themes, I need to engage, consult, and listen. And I certainly hope, in fact I dream, that in five years when my term is coming to a close, we will have made progress towards eliminating racism in our province, that we will have moved forward on the journey to reconciliation. I hope more volunteers feel valued and inspire others to give their time. I hope we understand more clearly our impact on the planet and how we can each contribute to sustainability.

But perhaps more than any one focus, I see my time in this role as a unique opportunity to bring people from different, unique backgrounds together, to listen to each other — to really listen, to be heard, and to be understood, and to improve the quality of life for everyone.

I look forward to meeting the remarkable people of Saskatchewan, to listening, to learning from you, to celebrating your achievements, to moving forward together.

I'd like to close with the words of my friend, the former commissioner of Nunavut, Ann Hanson. She writes:

The technical translation of *nunavut* is simply "our land." The emotional, spiritual, deeper meaning of *nunavut* is "our homeland." . . . To some Inuit, with deeper knowledge of the language, when *nunavut* is spoken, the silent understanding means "we share in this together, unconditionally," and there is an intense gratitude.

We share in this together unconditionally and there is an intense gratitude. What a beautiful sentiment.

I hope you understand, for me there is most certainly an intense gratitude for this place and our people. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in our remarkable land — this land of swift-flowing rivers, this land of living skies. God bless Saskatchewan. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

[Applause]

**Clerk of the Executive Council:** — I would now like to ask Luther College's Advanced Vocal Ensemble to sing a selection for us. This time we will hear "It Takes a Village" by Joan Szymko.

[Musical Performance]

**Chief of Protocol:** — Thank you to Dr. Melissa Morgan and AVE for their wonderful performance today.

Ladies and gentlemen, immediately after the singing of "O Canada," we will leave the Chamber and proceed outside for the inspection of the Guard of Honour by our province's newly installed Lieutenant Governor, followed by a 15-gun salute and a flypast. Our staff will assist with this movement. Following the outdoor ceremony please return to the building for the Speaker's Tea which will be served in both room 218 and the Legislative Library.

I will ask that all guests remain in their places until the following depart the Chamber in this order: the Vice Regal Party; the Official Party including the Premier, the Chief Justice, the Leader of the Opposition, and the Clerk of Executive Council; the Speaker's Party; Minister MacAulay and the representatives of the Government of Canada and Ms. Salloum; the family of the Lieutenant Governor; all MLAs; and guests in the Chamber.

Thank you for joining in the installation of the new representative of Her Majesty The Queen in our province. Au nom de gouvernement de la Saskatchewan, je vous remercie de votre participation à cette cérémonie d'installation du nouveau représentant de sa majesté la Reine dans notre province.

Would you please rise for the singing of our National Anthem, "O Canada."

[Singing of "O Canada"]

**Chief of Protocol:** — Ladies and gentlemen, His Honour the Honourable Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

[Applause]