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*Dear John.*

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Governor-General of Canada

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I enclose a letter addressed to the Prime Minister from Madame Jeanne Sauvé who is to be the new Governor-General of Canada.

Although the letter is dated 13 January it was not delivered to our High Commission in Ottawa until 21 March. No explanation was given by Mme Sauvé's office for the delay, but it may have been because she was very ill for some weeks after the New Year. Madame Sauvé is now much better, but it has not yet been decided when she will take up her appointment.

*For a  
R B Bone*

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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CANADA

LE PRÉSIDENT  
THE SPEAKER

O T T A W A

January 13, 1984

*Dear Mrs Thatcher,*

It was with great pleasure that I received your warm message of congratulations, and I thank you most sincerely for those kind words and good wishes.

In accepting the honour conferred upon me, I welcome the opportunity to promote the ideals of unity and fraternity among all Canadians, while at the same time making every effort to sustain and encourage the very warm and complimentary relationship we in Canada share with Britain.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jeanne Sauvé

The Right Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, F.R.S., M.P.  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

30 December 1983

My dear Madame Sauvé

I was absolutely delighted to hear of your appointment as Governor-General of Canada. I know that you will enjoy in this important task the outstanding success which has marked all your previous posts, and I am sure that you will love the work.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Stelter

The Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, P.C., M.P.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Mrs JEANNE SAUVÉ

I wonder whether you spotted  
the attached in Saturday's  
← Times.

Would you like to write  
to Mrs Sauvé?

Dms  
28/12





# A woman governor for Canada

From John Best  
Ottawa

Mrs Jeanne Sauvé, petite and vivacious Speaker of the House of Commons, has been named Canada's new Governor-General. She is the first woman to hold the post. The appointment, was made yesterday by the Queen on the advice of Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, and announced by Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Sauvé, who is 61, succeeds Mr Edward Schreyer, former Premier of Manitoba, who had held the post for the normal five-year period.

Mrs Sauvé has been Speaker since 1980, and is generally credited with doing a workman-like job of presiding over a frequently fractitious House.

A former journalist, she has been a Liberal MP since 1972.

She is married to Mr Maurice Suvé, also a former Liberal Cabinet Minister, and they have one son, Jean-Francois, also a journalist.