

A TRADITION OF HOSTING GOVERNOR GENERALS OF CANADA

In 1907, Governor General of Canada, Sir Albert Henry George Grey, 4th Earl Grey, became a member of Caisse populaire de Lévis while visiting its head office. In 1911, Caisse populaire de Lévis paid homage to the advocate of cooperation who had supported Alphonse Desjardins in his attempts to get legal recognition for the caisses, by naming him “Honorary President”.

Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis renewed the practice of welcoming as members those who serve as head of state of Canada many times. After the visit of the very honourable Vincent Massey in 1953, Jules Léger in 1977, Edward Richard Schreyer in 1979, Jeanne Sauvé in 1987, Adrienne Clarkson in 2002, Michaëlle Jean in 2007 and David Johnston in 2011, it can now even be considered a tradition.

Since being opened to the public in 1982, a visit to the first head office of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis, Maison Alphonse-Desjardins, is now almost a requirement for these distinguished visitors. On September 21, 2011, the very honourable David Johnston became the eighth governor general to become a member of the Caisse and the fourth to visit Maison Alphonse-Desjardins.

