

CJVI BIRTHDAY INTERVIEWS RE MAJOR GENERAL G.R. PEARKES

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- Q. Ma'am how long have you lived in Victoria?
- A: Thirteen years.
- Q. In answer to the question "What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?" what would you say?
- A. I think he's a very fine gentleman.
- Q. Thank you. Sir, if you were asked "What do you think of General Pearkes?" what would be your answer?
- A. I would say that to the best of my knowledge he's a very fine gentleman and one of the best Lieutenant-Governors that B. C. has had.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Sir, where in British Columbia is your home?
- A. In the Peace River country in Dawson Creek.
- Q. What do you think of General Pearkes, our Lieutenant-Governor?
- A. We like him very much up there. He's been up in the area before on several occasions and we think that he thinks the Peace River is good and we think he is good.
- Q. Thank you very much Sir. Ma'am, where is your home in British Columbia?
- A. In Victoria.
- Q. What do you think of General Pearkes?
- A. I think he's terrific.
- Q. Thank you Ma'am. Ma'am, where is home for you?
- A. In Victoria.
- Q. How long have you lived in Victoria?
- A. Three years.
- Q. Where did you come from?
- A. Beaver Lodge, Alberta.
- Q. Well, as an ex-Albertan, what do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a wonderful dedicated man.
- Q. Sir, where's home for you?
- A. Victoria, B.C.
- Q. What do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

- A. I think he's a great man in B. C. He always has been but it's about time that - well, I feel he should be up for retirement soon.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Ma'am where do you live?
- A. Victoria.
- Q. Do you have a cold?
- A. Yes, very much so.
- Q. I'm sure a cold won't affect your thinking ability though. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a wonderful man. I like him very much. He's done very much for B.C. and I hope he stays on and will do more.
- Q. Thank you very much. What do you think of General Pearkes?
- A. I think he's doing a very fine job. I think he's a suitable person for the position and he's given it a great deal of charm and kept in close touch with the people. I think that the people really appreciate his term in office.
- Q. Thank you Ma'am. Where is home for you, fair lady?
- A. Home is Victoria right now.
- Q. How long have you lived in Victoria?
- A. Only two years.
- Q. As a comparative newcomer to our city, where did you come from?
- A. I came from the east and before that from England.
- Q. Tell me, have you had time, and if you have had time, what do you think of General Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a wonderful man and I think he's greatly respected and admired by the majority of people.
- Q. Thank you Ma'am. Let's try you, fair lady. Where's home for you?
- A. In Victoria.
- Q. How long have you been in Victoria?
- A. Four months.
- Q. Oh, where did you come from?
- A. Before that I lived in Richmond and then also before that in Fort Nelson, you see.
- Q. Well, ex-Richmondite, ex-Fort Nelsonite is pretty well-

travelled in British Columbia. Ma'am what do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. I also think he's doing a wonderful job and he's just the right kind of person for the job.

Q. Thank you very much. Sir, where is home for you?

A. Well, Victoria.

Q. Have you been in Victoria long?

A. Since 1924.

Q. What do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. I don't know the man personally.

Q. What do you think about the job he's done as Lieutenant-Governor?

A. Well, I have a limited understanding of all his responsibilities but I think he's a very dignified man and that he's done quite a good job.

Q. Thank you Sir. Sir, where is home for you?

A. Lillooet.

Q. How long have you lived in Lillooet?

A. Oh, I've lived off and on there for about twenty-years.

Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. I think he's one of the finest men I've ever met.

Q. Thank you Sir. Young man, where is home for you?

A. Well, it's in Vancouver.

Q. May I ask you, what do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. Well I think Lieutenant Governor Pearkes is a fine man but as with any Lieutenant-Governor it's a political appointment of the day. Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes, I think, is a fine representative of the Queen in British Columbia and I do hope that he's re-appointed for another term. However, we all must realize I think, the political significance of any Lieutenant-Governor's appointment.

Q. Thank you Sir. Young man, where is your home?

A. Victoria.

Q. What do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. I don't know him.

Q. Have you any observation on the way he has conducted himself

in office or about the office of Lieutenant-Governor at all?

A. I don't believe in the office of Lieutenant-Governor.

Q. How about General Pearkes' function in that office, any opinion?

A. No.

Q. Thank you very much. Where do you come from?

A. Vancouver.

Q. What do you think about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. Well, he's fulfilling his duties. Apart from that I don't know too much.

Q. Have you any observations on the office of Lieutenant-Governor in general?

A. I don't think it's necessary any more.

Q. What would you suggest as a substitution, or do we do without it altogether?

A. I don't think we need it. I think the idea of ceremonies and rituals are out of date and we need just a good business-like government.

Q. Thank you very much. Ma'am where do you live?

A. In Victoria, in Oak Bay.

Q. Have you lived here long?

A. For about eleven years.

Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?

A. I think he's utterly charming.

Q. Thank you very much Ma'am. Now about you, fair lady, where do you come from?

A. Victoria.

Q. Have you been here long?

A. My lifetime.

Q. What, if anything, do you think about our present Lieutenant-Governor, General Pearkes?

A. Oh, I think he's a remarkable person.

Q. Have you any observations on the way he's performed in office or the office of Lieutenant-governor in general?

A. Oh dear.

Q. You haven't. Sir, where is home for you?

- A. British Columbia.
- Q. In what part of the province do you live?
- A. North Vancouver.
- Q. Have you lived there long?
- A. Twenty years.
- Q. What opinion if any, have you about Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I happen to be one of the fortunate men that know him personally over the last ten years. He's a great gentleman and the record that has brought him to where he is makes him into one of the greatest men I know and we're very fortunate to have him as our lieutenant-governor.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Where is your home Sir?
- A. At Quesnel in the Cariboo.
- Q. Have you lived there long?
- A. Oh yes, since 1946.
- Q. Have you any opinion on Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. A fine person, both he and Mrs. Pearkes. They're well-known to the Cariboo. They were in the Chilkotan last year - very very fine people.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Sir, where is your home?
- A. Invermere, B.C.
- Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a wonderful man. I think he's made a great contribution to Canada. He's one of the outstanding lieutenant-governors this province has ever had.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Where is your home Sir?
- A. Fort St. John.
- Q. How long have you lived up in the Fort?
- A. Since 1948.
- Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a remarkable man and I hope we'll retain him for another term.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Sir, where is home for you?
- A. Vancouver.
- Q. Have you lived there long?
- A. Yes, almost all my life.

- Q. Have you visited or lived in other parts of British Columbia?
- A. Oh, not really, no, though I have travelled extensively.
- Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's doing an excellent job and I like the way he's running his position.
- Q. Thank you Sir. Ma'am, where do you live?
- A. 1114 Rockland Avenue.
- Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think he's a marvellous person, in fact, one of the best that we have ever had as our lieutenant-governor.
- Q. Thank you very much. Sir, where is your home?
- A. 1094 Willow Street.
- Q. Have you lived in Victoria long?
- A. About twelve years.
- Q. What do you think of Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes?
- A. I think him a very fine person.
- Q. Thank you very much Sir.