DAVID ALEXANDER COLVILLE

Born in Ontario, David Alexander Colville grew up in the Maritimes and studied Fine Arts at Mount Allison University, teaching there for 17 years. During the war, he was official artist for the Canadian Army. His works have been exhibited widely in Italy, West Germany, Great Britain, United States and at the 1968 Canadian Biennial. He has been a member of the Canada Council, and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. He has been a Visiting Artist at the University of California and in Berlin, West Germany. Many famous galleries and museums throughout the world are proud to have his art as part of their collections. However, each of us has his art as part of our own collections for Alex Colville designed Canada's Centennial Coins issued in 1967.

Alex Colville is a Canadian artist whose "magic realism" has become a vehicle for thought and contemplation. Through his windows of order and determined calm, he invites us to share with him, his special vision of the simple, distilled events which surround us all. His representations of man, animal and machine in nature give us a clarity and comprehension we did not have. He has, with extreme care and exquisite quality, imposed order upon a disordered world.

Mr. Chancellor, I present to you, for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, David Alexander Colville.