

Mrs. Donald Gordon, wife of the president of Canadian National Railways, was among beautifully gowned guests who attended last night's opening of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival's 1964 season. A brisk breeze swirled evening gowns as Stratford residents watched first-nighters arrive.



The high commissioner for Ghana, C. T. Nylander, right, was a guest at the home of J. Waldo Mon-

teith, MP for Perth. From left, Mr. and Mrs. Mon-teith and Mrs. Nylander and the commissioner.

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STRATFORD — A shaggy Dutch keys hound put on his own show last night and was probably "shot" by more photographers than the VIP's who attended the Shakespearean Festival's opening night performance.

The dog "Fella," with his youthful owner Bob Brown of 41 James St., Stratford, was unimpressed by the colorful display of women's costumes as they swept by him into the theatre.

"Fella" even turned his head disdainfully away and looked at the crowd's feet and was obviously not the least bit impressed by the spectacle which his owner and young friends seemed to be enjoying.

Bob Brown and "Fella" were among the several hundreds of spectators who gathered to watch first nighters enter the theatre.

A few little girls standing near Bob and his dog were sufficiently thrilled at some of the ladies' colorful costumes, that they almost squealed — almost.

But the dog sat on his haunches and treated the whole thing as routine.

Before the gun signalled the start of the performance, dozens of news photographers who spotted the dog were training their cameras on him.

Even being more - photographed than the distinguished visitors did not impress him.

He sat calmly while photographers tried to catch him and the occasional visitor.

He wasn't even sufficiently impressed to try an occasional sniff as the strangers passed by within inches of his nose.



A gentleman from Germany arrives for the opening. Paul Scheu was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Horst Mysk of Stratford. They were among the first-nighters.



Dignitaries from the diplomatic field were among first-nighters. Grouped here are Swiss Ambassador Hans W. Gasser; Madame Franz Leitner, wife of Austrian Ambassador to Canada, centre, and Madame Dimce Belovski, wife of Yugoslavia's Ambassador to Canada.