

CPA Activities: The Canadian Scene

New Chairman, Canadian Branch, CPA

On Tuesday, May 16, 1989 **Girve Fretz** the Member of Parliament for Erie was elected Chairman of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Mr. Fretz was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979 and re-elected in 1980, 1984, and 1988.

He served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian and Northern Development in 1984 and in 1985 was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State (Mines).

He has been a member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs as well as the External Affairs and International Trade Standing Committee.

Mr. Fretz, a former Mayor of Fort Erie is a very active member in the community. He is married with three children.



Girve Fretz

Regional Council Meeting

On Saturday June 3, 1989 the Canadian Regional Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association met in Ottawa for its annual meeting. As noted by Speaker **John Fraser** of the House of Commons in his opening remarks the Council not only transacts the annual business of the Association but provides one of several opportunities for presiding officers and parliamentary staff to get together and exchange views about matters of

commons interest. He welcomed the newest Speaker and member of the Council, **Tom Lush** of Newfoundland.

Among other things the Council chose Speaker **David Carter** of Alberta as President for the coming year. Speaker **John Reynolds** of British Columbia was chosen to replace **Herb Swan** as one of the three Canadian members of the international committee of CPA.

Speaker **Carter** outlined the program for the forthcoming Canadian Regional Conference to be held in Calgary and Edmonton from July 12 to 17, 1989. Topics on the agenda include: Oil and Gas Industry: Energy Self-Sufficiency in Canada - Myth or Reality? Substance Abuse a Challenge to Governments in the 1990s; Water Management - Development of the Resource, National Parks Policy - Achieving a

Balance Between Development and Preservation; Special Waste Management - The Role of Government; and The Viability of Energy Mega Projects.

Speaker **Edward Clark** announced that Prince Edward Island would host the next Atlantic Parliamentary Conference in Prince Edward Island and Speaker **Red Pedersen** of the NWT confirmed that the next

Regional Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure would take place in the Northwest Territories in November 1989. The following year it will be held in Manitoba and in 1992 the Yukon will host this event. It was also agreed that the Northwest Territories would be the venue of the next Conference of Presiding Officers.

Two other proposals for conferences were considered and accepted by the

Council. The Centre for Legislative Exchange will organize a Seminar on Bilateral/Global Environmental Issues to be held in Washington from September 26-28, 1989. A Commonwealth-wide parliamentary seminar was tentatively scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Regional Council Meeting next May or June.

New Publication on Provincial and Territorial Legislatures in Canada

In 1987 a conference on the parliamentary tradition in Canada was held in Quebec City thanks to support from the Canadian Region of CPA as well as the Social Sciences and Humanities Council and the Canadian Study of Parliament Group.

Leading experts from academia and legislative institutions were commissioned to prepare studies of each of the legislative assemblies in Canada.

These papers have been updated and published by the University of Toronto Press under the title *Provincial and Territorial Legislatures in Canada*. The authors include:

- ✉ Ian Stewart (Prince Edward Island)
- ✉ Graham White (Ontario)
- ✉ Louis Massicotte (Quebec)
- ✉ David Peterson (New Brunswick)
- ✉ Fred Englemann (Alberta)
- ✉ Jeremy Wilson (British Columbia)
- ✉ Susan McCorquodale (Newfoundland)
- ✉ David Smith (Saskatchewan)
- ✉ Agar Adamson (Nova Scotia)
- ✉ Paul Thomas and Andy Anstett (Manitoba)
- ✉ Patrick Michael (Yukon)
- ✉ Kevin O'Keefe (Northwest Territories)

Copies of *Provincial and Territorial Legislatures in Canada* may be obtained from the University of Toronto Press. The cost is \$35.00 (cloth) and \$16.95 (paperback). Orders should be sent to:

Manager, Direct Mail Marketing,
University of Toronto Press,
Toronto, Canada M5S 1A6.

Please add \$2.00 for postage and handling.

Also available from the same publisher is a new book entitled *The Ontario Legislative Assembly* by Professor Graham White. The cost is \$40.00 (cloth) or \$16.95 (paperback).

People

New Speaker in Newfoundland and Labrador

Following the change in government as a result of the recent election **Tom Lush** was elected speaker of the Newfoundland House of Assembly.

Born in Gambo, Newfoundland, Mr. Lush was educated at Memorial University and subsequently became a teacher. He was first elected to the House in 1975 and re-elected in 1979 and 1982. He left politics in 1983 but returned to the House in 1985. As Speaker he replaces **Patrick McNicholas** who was defeated in the election.



Hon. Tom Lush



Deborah Grey

Federal By-election

Deborah C. Grey, won the federal by-election in Beaver River for the Reform party on March 13, 1989. The by-election was held due to the death of **John Dahmer** who was elected in the November 21, 1988 federal election.

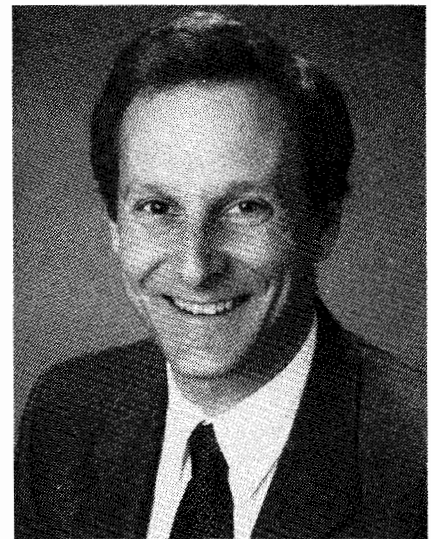
Ms. Grey, born in Vancouver, B.C. is a teacher. A graduate from the University of Alberta, she received a double B.A. in Sociology and English and later a B.Ed./A.D. (Bachelor Education/After Degree).

Provincial By-elections

On March 15, 1989 two by-elections were held for seats in the British Columbia Legislature.

Dr. Tom Perry of the New Democratic Party was elected for Vancouver-Point Grey and **Ms. Jan Pullinger**, also a New Democrat, was elected for Nanaimo.

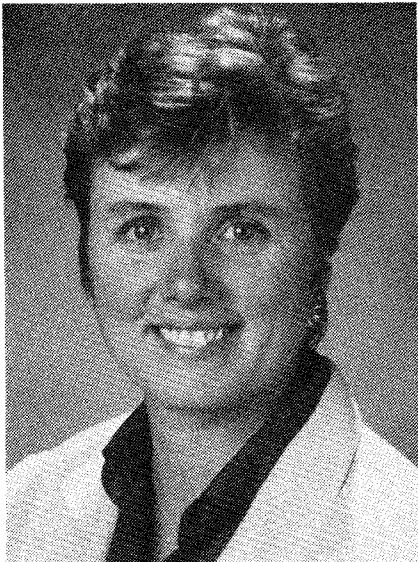
Dr. Perry is an attending physician with the Department of Medicine at Vancouver's University Hospital and a lecturer and medical researcher at the University of British Columbia. He is a national board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Born in Los Angeles, Dr. Perry, 37, is a graduate of McGill University and U.B.C. Married with two children,



Tom Perry (Visions West Photo)

Dr. Perry, the opposition critic on health matters, is fluent in French and Spanish. He replaced **Ms. Kim Campbell**, now a Member of Parliament in Ottawa.

Ms. Pullinger received her B.A. in Canadian Studies from Carleton University and is keenly interested in community work. A businesswoman with one son, she replaced **David Stupich** of the NDP who is presently a Member of the House of Commons. The current standings in the BC Legislature are: Social Credit 44, New Democrats 24, and Independent 1.



Jan Pullinger (Visions West Photo)

On May 9, 1989, Alberta Premier **Don Getty** won the by-election in Stettler. The seat, formerly held by **Brian Downey** was opened for Mr. Getty, who lost his Edmonton Whitemud seat to the Liberals. He chose Stettler, one of the province's smallest constituencies, for his comeback attempt. The Premier won 71 per cent of the popular vote

defeating Liberal and New Democrat opponents.

In Quebec the Liberals won two by-elections on May 29. Both vacancies were created by the resignation of members who subsequently won seats in the House of Commons in the November 21 general election.

In Papineau, formerly held by **Mark Assad**, the Liberal candidate **Norman MacMillan** won 52% of the vote compared to 45% for the Parti Québécois candidate.

In Hull, formerly held by **Gilles Rocheleau**, the margin of victory was much larger. **Robert LeSage** with 9000 voters had more than twice the support of the PQ candidate.

Appointments

Patricia Chaychuk-Fitzpatrick has been appointed Clerk of Committees in Manitoba effective April 17, 1989. She also serves as a procedural officer at the table. Patricia has been a legislative intern in Manitoba and was the research officer with the Clerk's Office in 1988-89. She has a B.A. Hons. and has completed her Master of Public Affairs. She replaces **Janet Summers** who has been named as the Assembly's members' benefits officer.

Resignations

A former Conservative Member of the House of Commons, **Richard Grisé**, resigned his seat in the House on May 30, one week after pleading guilty to charges of fraud and breach

of trust. Among other things he was accused of accepting kickbacks from builders who had been awarded contracts for a community centre in St. Bruno. Mr. Grisé had left the Conservative caucus to sit as an Independent after the case went to court earlier this spring.

Retirement

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, **John Parker**, announced he would be retiring in July of this year. Mr. Parker had served as Deputy Commissioner for twelve years and as Commissioner of the NWT for ten years. A new Commissioner is expected to be announced this summer. The Deputy Commissioner **Ann Hanson** and many members of the Assembly commended the retiring Commissioner and his wife, Helen, for their many years of dedication to the people of the Northwest Territories.

Alex Fraser, (1916 - 1989)

Mr. Alex Fraser, a long serving Social Credit member of the BC Legislature died this Spring after a lengthy battle with cancer. Mr. Fraser, first elected in 1969, was formerly the Minister of Highways and Transportation during the Bennett regime. The current standings in the House are Social Credit, 43, New Democrats 24, Independent 1 and 1 vacancy.