
CPA Activities: The Canadian Scene

The Council of the Canadian Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is composed of the Speakers and Clerks of all 14 Canadian Legislatures. There have been a number of changes in these offices recently.

Northwest Territories

On December 13, 1993, **Jeannie Marie-Jewell** was elected Speaker of the 12th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. She replaced **Michael Ballantyne** who resigned. Mrs. Marie-Jewell was born in Fort Smith, NWT and first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1987. She has served as a member of the 12th Legislative Assembly's Management and Services Board, the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions, and the Standing Committee on Legislation. Mrs. Marie-Jewell also sat on the Special Committee on Health and Social Services, and was an alternate member of the Special Committee on Constitutional Reform.

During the 11th Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Marie-Jewell served as Minister of Social Services, Minister of Personnel and Minister Responsible for the Women's Secretariat. She was also the Minister Responsible for the Highway Transport Board and Workers' Compensation Board and Minister for Youth.

Active in community affairs, Mrs. Marie-Jewell was president of the Fort Smith Metis Association and Vice-President of the NWT Metis Association from 1984 to 1985. She was a member of the Fort Smith Town Council from 1982 to 1985 and of the Native Economic Development Program board from 1985 to 1987.



Jeannie Marie-Jewell

As Speaker, Mrs. Marie-Jewell will chair the Management and Services Board which administers the Assembly support services and advises the Legislature. She will formally take the chair and assume the duties of Speaker when the 5th Session convenes on Monday, December 13, 1993.

New Brunswick

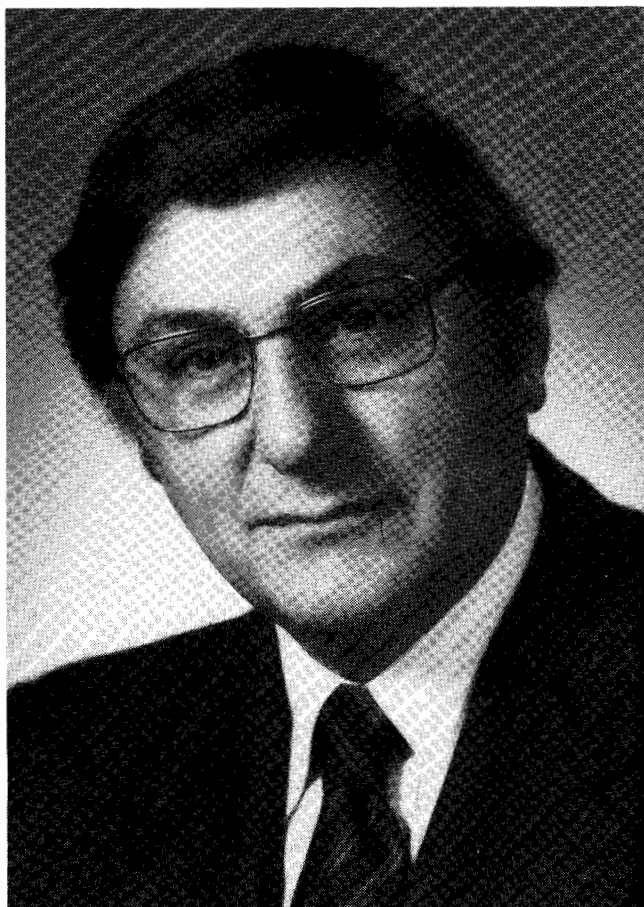
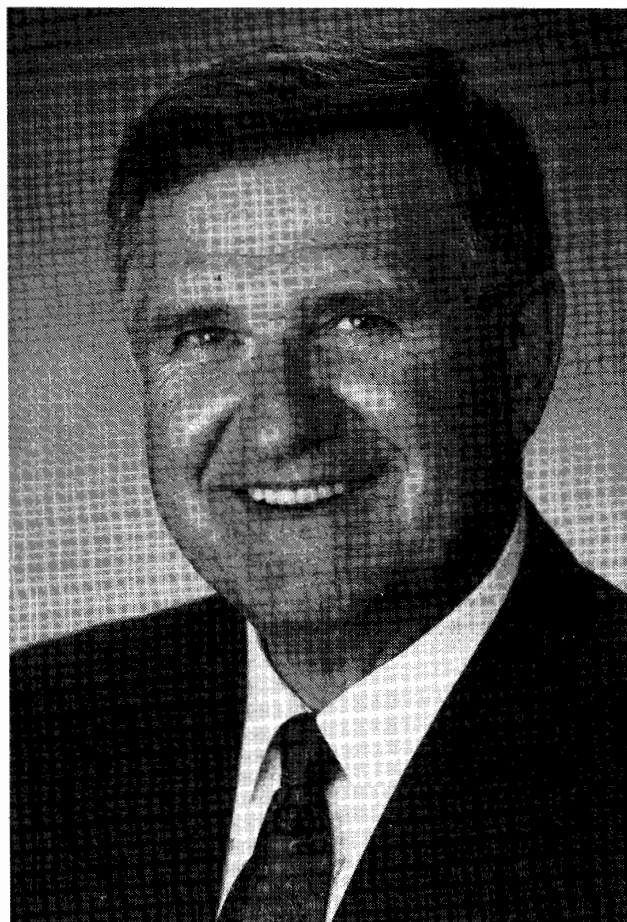
Loredana Catalli Sonier is the new Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. She was appointed on November 31, 1993 on resolution of the House and assumed her new role during this past fall sitting. Mrs. Catalli Sonier holds degree in nursing from the Université de Moncton and a degree in law from the Uni-

versity of New Brunswick. She is a member of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, the Law Society of New Brunswick and the Canadian Bar Association, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Canadian Parliamentary Review*. Prior to her appointment, she served as Clerk Assistant (Procedural) at the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly since 1985. Mrs. Catalli Sonier replaces **David L.E. Peterson**, who resigned in July 1993 after serving 13 years as Clerk. A former educator and a lawyer, he was the province's first full-time clerk. During his term he initiated a Student Legislative Seminar, an innovative program which allows high school students from every constituency to participate in a mock parliament. In addition, he supervised extensive historical renovations to the 1882 Legislative Building.

Donald J. Forestell commenced in the position of Clerk Assistant in November, 1993. A native of Fredericton, he holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick and a degree in Law from the University of New Brunswick Law School. He is a member of the Law Society of New Brunswick and the Canadian Bar Association, and has been associated in the practice of law with his mother, Margaret D. Forestell, Q.C. in Fredericton.



Gilbert Parent (right) was elected Speaker of the House of Commons on January 17, 1994. Mr. Parent defeated 10 other candidates in a secret ballot. Born in Mattawa, Ontario in 1935, Mr. Parent was first elected to the House of Commons in 1974 and re-elected in 1979, 1980 and 1988. He was named Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of Veterans Affairs 1977-1979; Labour 1979-1981 and Fitness and Amateur Sport 1981-1983. In 1988 he became the Opposition Critic for Youth and later for Labour.



Roméo-A. LeBlanc was appointed Speaker of the Senate in December 1993. Mr. LeBlanc served as press secretary to Prime Ministers Pearson and Trudeau from 1967 to 1971. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 and re-elected in 1974, 1979 and 1980. He held a number of portfolios including: Minister of Fisheries and the Environment and Minister of Public Works. He was summoned to the Senate in June 1984.