

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

At the close of the 24th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Jamaica last year, the Honourable John R. Harrison, M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, took office as President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Recently, President Harrison undertook a goodwill CPA tour that took him to numerous Branches of the Association and the Canadian Region of the CPA was among his points of visit.

President Harrison and Mrs. Harrison arrived in Montreal on May 6 for a week-long tour as guests of the Speakers of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments and Branches of the Canadian CPA Region. As there was a general federal election in process at the time of his visit, Speaker Harrison set out principally to call on Provincial Parliaments and his visit, therefore, included such provincial capitals as Quebec City, Halifax,



Speaker and Mrs. Harrison at their arrival at Mirabel Airport, Montreal. Left to right: Speaker Gerald Ottenheimer (Newfoundland), Canadian Regional Representative on CPA Executive; Deputy Speaker Louise Cuerrier (Quebec); Speaker Harrison, Speaker Renaude Lapointe (Senate); and Mrs. Harrison.

Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton. This cross-country tour gave Speaker Harrison an excellent opportunity to meet the provincial Speakers and a large number of his Canadian parliamentary counterparts in the provincial Legislatures. A provincial election was also taking place in British Columbia; however, the Hon. Grace McCarthy, Deputy Premier and Minister of Human Resources of British Columbia was able to attend the Farewell Dinner offered in Vancouver by representatives of the Canadian Parliament.

Speaker Harrison who was born in 1921, is a member of the National Party of New Zealand and was first elected to Parliament in 1963. He served as an officer during World War II in various postings at home and abroad. Since elected to Parliament he has served as Government Whip, Opposition Whip, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees. Speaker Harrison has attended several CPA Conferences and other Commonwealth Parliamentary meetings.

As President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Speaker Harrison will be the host to some 200 parliamentary delegates and observers who will attend CPA's 25th Annual Conference in New Zealand next November. The October issue of this Review will carry an article on the host Country and Parliament of the Conference.

RETURN TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT

GHANA:

On June 18, Ghanaians voted to elect a president and a 140-Member Parliament. For the election of their President, the people of Ghana will return to the polls in a runoff election as none of the 10 presidential candidates obtained a clear majority. In the parliamentary election, Ghanaians have given half of the 140 seats to the People's National Party.

NIGERIA:

Throughout the month of July Nigerians will elect the Members of their future Senate, House of Representatives and State Houses of Assembly. On July 28, each of the 19 States will elect its Governor, and on August 11, there will be an election to elect the President of Nigeria.

TYNWALD COURT-1000 YEARS OF UNBROKEN TRADITIONS

For the Isle of Man, 1979 is a year to remember as it celebrates a unique milestone - the marking of the Millennium of its Parliament of Tynwald. One thousand years ago, the Island came under the domination of the invading Norsemen from Scandinavia - the Vikings; they set up their kingdom of Mann and the Isles with a form of government based on the principle of freemen knowing the law and observing it. The proclamation of this law took place on occasions like the pagan feast of the Summer Solstice, usually to an assembly in an open field. The tradition is upheld and according to custom, on July 5 there is an open-air assembly at the meeting place of the Vikings, the parliament field (in old Norse, Thing Vollr) on Tynwald Hill.

To celebrate the Millennium Year, the Government of the Isle of Man has set up a year-long program of festivals, cultural exhibitions and ceremonial occasions. The main ceremony will, of course, be the open-air assembly on July 5.

The Canadian Branches of the CPA will be represented by a small parliamentary delegation during the period of the official Tynwald ceremonies. On July 4, the Canadian delegation will plant a Canadian red maple tree on Tynwald Hill to commemorate the founding of this thousand-year-old parliamentary institution.

THE COUNTRY (Capital: Douglas)

The Isle of Man, which has an area of approximately 572 sq. km, is located in the northern part of the Irish Sea, just below Scotland; in 1976, the population was estimated at 66,496. "Manx" is the old Norse name for the Isle and there is a "Manx" language still being spoken. In 1901, the number of Manx-speaking people was under 5,000; this number decreased over the decades and was reduced to 165 in 1961; in 1971, however, it had increased to 284.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The sovereignty of the isle was for many centuries vested in grantees of the Crown called "Lords of Man and the Isles" but the sovereignty was purchased by George III of England in 1765. (1)

THE CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT

The Isle of Man is still a possession of the Crown but has a very large degree of autonomy.

The Isle of Man is administered in accordance with its own laws by the Court of Tynwald, consisting of the Governor, appointed by the Crown; the Legislative Council, composed of the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Attorney-General and 8 members selected by the House of Keys; and the House of Keys, a representative assembly of 24 members chosen on adult suffrage. Bills after having passed both Houses are signed by the members, and then sent for the Royal Assent. After receiving the Royal Assent, a Bill does not become law unless promulgated within the ensuing twelve months, and on the first "Tynwald Day" (July 5) following it is announced in the English and Manx languages on the Tynwald Hill. On the promulgation taking place a certificate thereof is signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

FINANCE AND ECONOMY

Revenue is derived mainly from income tax and customs duties. A special relationship exists between the Isle of Man and the European Economic Community providing for free trade and adoption by the Isle of Man of the EEC's external trade policies with third countries. The Island remains free to levy its own system of rates and taxes.

The principal agricultural produce of the island consists of oats, wheat, barley, potatoes and dairy products.

Another important sector of the Isle's economy is tourism.

The Parliament of the Isle of Man is a member of the CPA and is represented in the Association by an auxiliary branch.

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PEOPLE

OTTAWA -

NEW PRIME MINISTER ELECTED

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOE CLARK, P.C., M.P.

Member for Yellowhead, Alberta.

On June 4, 1979, Prime Minister Clark was officially sworn in, after the victory of his Progressive Conservative Party in the May 22 General Election.



Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Mr. Clark was educated at the University of Alberta where he received a B.A. degree in History in 1960 and his M.A. in Political Science in 1973.

Career:

- 1965-67, Lecturer in political science at the University of Alberta;
Journalist for CBC radio and TV, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal;
- 1959, Private secretary to then Alberta PC Leader W.J.C. Kirby;
- 1962-64, National President, PC Student Federation;

- 1966-67, Director of provincial organization for Alberta PC Leader Peter Lougheed;
- 1967, Special Assistant to Hon. Davie Fulton, Ottawa;
- 1967-70, Executive Assistant to national PC Leader, Hon. Robert Stanfield;
- 1967, PC candidate in Alberta provincial general election;
- 1972, October 30. First elected to House of Commons for Rocky Mountain, Alberta;
- 1974, July 8. Re-elected for Rocky Mountain;
- 1972-74, Chairman, PC caucus committee on youth;
- 1974-76, Chairman, PC caucus committee on the environment;
- 1976, February 22. Elected National Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada at its convention in Ottawa;

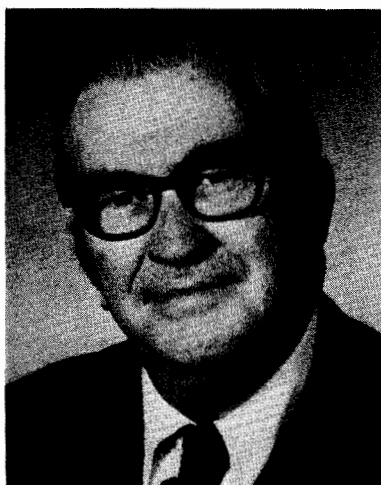
Married Maureen Anne McTeer on June 30, 1973. One daughter, Catherine Jane.

Award: Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of New Brunswick, May 13, 1976.

Religion: Roman Catholic.

NEW PREMIERS ELECTEDPRINCE EDWARD ISLANDHONOURABLE J. ANGUS MacLEAN, P.C., M.L.A.

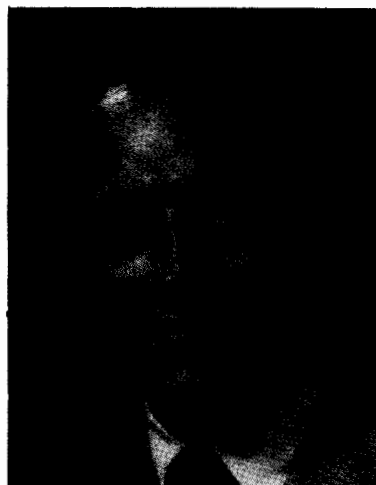
Mr. MacLean was sworn in as Premier of the Province of Prince Edward Island on May 3, 1979, following the victory of the Progressive Conservative Party in the provincial election of April 23.



Premier MacLean was born in Prince Edward Island on May 15, 1914, of Scottish ancestry, and educated at British Columbia and Mount Allison Universities (B.Sc. 1939, LL.D. 1958). Mr. MacLean served in World War II and Overseas after the war (1939-1947) obtaining rank of Wing Commander. First elected to House of Commons in by-election (Queens) in 1951, Mr. MacLean served in the Federal Parliament for 25 years, was Minister of Fisheries, 1957 to 1963 and resigned in June 1976. He has been leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of P.E.I. since September, 1976. Premier MacLean has served abroad on numerous Canadian delegations to both ministerial and parliamentary conferences, including CPA Conferences. Premier MacLean was married in 1952 and has two daughters.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADORHONOURABLE ALFRED BRIAN PECKFORD, M.H.A.

Mr. Peckford was sworn in as Premier of the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador on March 26, 1979, following a Leadership Convention held earlier that month, and his Progressive Party received a new mandate from the people of the province on June 18.



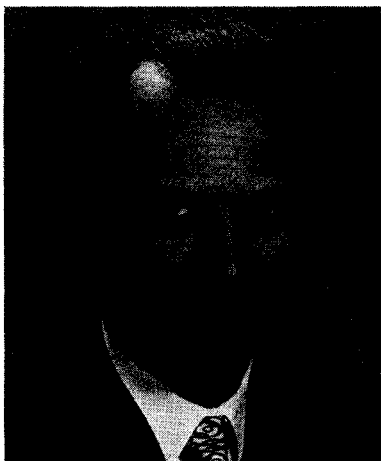
Premier Peckford is the Member of the House of Assembly for Green Bay. Born in 1942, the Premier was educated at the Memorial University of Newfoundland and received a B.A. (Ed.) in 1966. Taught school in Lewisporte for one year (1962-63) and six years (1966-72) as high school teacher at Grant Collegiate in Springdale. Appointed head of the English Department at Grant Collegiate in 1971. First elected to the House of Assembly in March 1972. Re-elected in September, 1975. Special Assistant to Premier Frank D. Moores; 1973. Appointed Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 1974; Minister of Mines and Energy in 1976; Minister of Rural Development in 1978. Premier Peckford was married in 1969 and has two daughters.

MORE OF PEOPLE ...

SPEAKERS RE-ELECTEDALBERTA

HONOURABLE GERARD J. AMERONGEN, Q.C.,
M.L.A.

Re-elected Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly on May 24, 1979. M.L.A. for Edmonton Meadowlark.

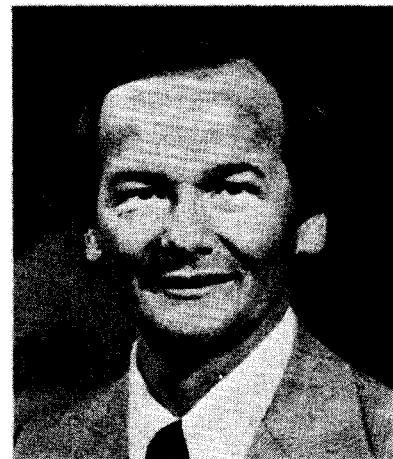


Graduate of the University of Alberta; Arts and Law. Member of Edmonton law firm of Amerongen, Burger, Spencer & Ross; named Q.C. in 1966. Has been a member of advisory boards of Misericordia, General and St. Joseph's hospitals; participated in establishment of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton. Has served as president of Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta and national vice-president for Alberta of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada; first president of Edmonton Centre Federal Progressive Conservative Association. First elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1971; re-elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1975 and in 1979. First elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1972 and re-elected in 1975.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

HONOURABLE HARVEY WILFRED SCHROEDER,
M.L.A.

Re-elected Speaker of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly on June 6, 1979. M.L.A. for Chilliwack.



Social Credit Party. Former Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. First elected to Legislature 1972. First elected Speaker in 1978. Born 1933. Married, three children. Graduated in Theology in Saskatchewan, 1958. Cost accounting with Canada Packers; Retail merchandising; established Palm Interiors of Chilliwack, 1954; Television and Stage production; public relations.

NEW BRUNSWICK

HONOURABLE ROBERT McREADY, M.L.A.

Elected Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly on March 12, 1979.

(Speaker McCready)

Speaker McCready was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in 1967 and re-elected in 1970. Was Speaker of the same Assembly between 1968 and 1970.

APPOINTMENTSNORTHWEST TERRITORIESMR. JOHN HAVELOCK PARKER

In January 1979, the former Prime Minister of Canada named Mr. Parker Commissioner of Northwest Territories. Mr. Parker took office on April 15, 1979.

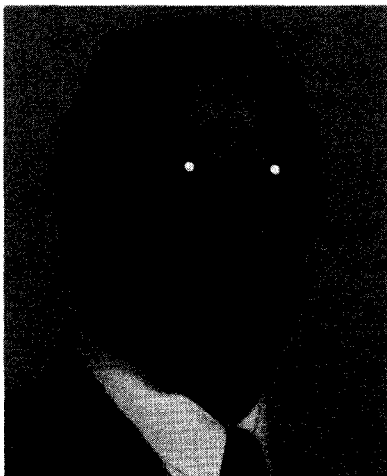


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(Commissioner Parker)

Mr. Parker was born in 1929 in Didsbury, Alberta. While attending the University of Alberta where he graduated with a B.Sc in Engineering, he was employed by Eldorado Mining Co. Following graduation in 1951, Mr. Parker was employed as geologist and mining engineer (Saskatchewan), engineer and manager of a mine (Yellowknife). From 1956 to 1964 he was engaged in mining exploration and with a partner formed Pucambrian Mining Services, in 1964, and established a consulting and exploration service in Yellowknife. In December, 1958, Mr. Parker was elected to the Yellowknife Town Council and was later Mayor of Yellowknife for two terms (1963 and 1965). In June of 1966 Mr. Parker was appointed to the Carrothers Commission, which was established to study and to report on the problems of the NWT. On March 2, 1967, John Parker was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the NWT. Mr. Parker and his wife, Helen, reside in Yellowknife with their two children Sharon and Gordon.

Mr. Parker succeeds Mr. Stuart Hodgson in the office of Commissioner.

NEW BRUNSWICKMR. DAVID L. E. PETERSON

was appointed Clerk of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in March 1979, to replace Mr. Charles Blake Lynch. (See People, October 1978 Issue)

(Mr. Peterson)



Born at Fredericton in 1942. Educated at New Brunswick Teachers College, University of New Brunswick (B.P.E. 1965) and (LL.B. 1969). Admitted to the Bar of N.B. 1969. Elected to municipal council 1974. Member Canadian Bar Association. Address: 170 Surrey Crescent, Fredericton, N.B.

RESIGNATIONS

QUEBEC - MR. FABIEN ROY

No one was surprised to hear, last April 5, that the member of the National Assembly for Beauce-Sud, Mr. Fabien Roy, was resigning from his position in Quebec City to take over the leadership of the Canada Social Credit party. Mr. Roy was first elected at the Assembly in 1970 as a representative of the Ralliement cr ditiste and reelected in 1973 when he became Parliamentary Leader of his party. In 1975, along with Mr. Jer me Choquette, former Liberal Minister, he founded the Parti national populaire for which he was the sole representative at the National Assembly following the 1976 elections. Mr. Roy was an active member of the Quebec Branch Office of the International

Association of French-speaking parliamentarians. The parties represented at the National Assembly unanimously honored Mr. Roy for his integrity and as a man who left his mark at the Quebec Parliament.

Mr. Roy is now the elected Member of Parliament for the Social Credit Party in the Beauce federal riding following the May 22 General Election.

OTTAWA:

HONOURABLE DON JAMIESON, P.C., M.H.A.

Shortly after winning in the riding of Burin-St. George's in the general election of May 22, Mr. Jamieson announced that he was resigning his seat to lead the Liberal Party in the Newfoundland provincial election of June 18. Mr. Jamieson is now the Member of the Newfoundland House of Assembly for Bellevue.

MANITOBA

Three Members in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly have resigned their seat since the last provincial election.

FORT ROUGE: Mr. Lloyd AXWORTHY resigned on April 6, 1979. Mr. Axworthy is now the Liberal federal Member of Parliament for Winnipeg-Fort Garry since the general election of May 22.

ROSSMERE: The Right Honourable Edward SCHREYER resigned on December 7, 1978 to become Governor General of Canada.

RIVER HEIGHTS: Mr. Sidney SPIVAK resigned on April 12, 1979 to become the Progressive Conservative candidate for Winnipeg-Fort Garry in the May 22 general election.

A date for by-election in the above three Manitoba vacant ridings has not yet been announced.

INFORMATION PLEASE

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CURRENT AND COMING EVENTS

PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS IN CANADA

Newfoundland & Labrador:
July 5 - 1st Session,
38th General Assembly

Prince Edward Island:
June 29 - 1st Session,
55th General Assembly

Nova Scotia - Adjourned
May 15 - 1st Session,
52nd Parliament

New Brunswick - Prorogued
June 14 - 1st Session,
49th Legislature

Quebec: Adjourned June 22
to October 9 - 4th Session,
31st Parliament

Ontario: Adjourned June 22
to October 11 - 3rd Session,
31st Parliament

Ottawa: No official date
set for Opening of 31st
Parliament

Manitoba: Prorogued June 15,
3rd Session, 31st Legislature

Saskatchewan: Prorogued May 3,
1st Session, 19th Legislature

CURRENT AND COMING EVENTS

Alberta: Official Opening May 24,
1st Session, 19th Legislature

British Columbia: Official Opening
June 6 - 1st Session,
32nd Parliament

Northwest Territories:
Legislature dissolved.
Probable date of election,
October 3

Yukon: Adjourned April 4,
2nd Session, 24th Legislature

JULY

12 - Independence of
KIRIBATI (formerly
Gilbert Islands)

AUGUST

1 - 8, Lusaka, Zambia:
Commonwealth Heads of
Government Meeting.

13-17, New Brunswick:
19th Canadian Regional
Conference of the CPA.