



CPA ACTIVITIES: THE CANADIAN SCENE

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS, OTTAWA, APRIL 1981

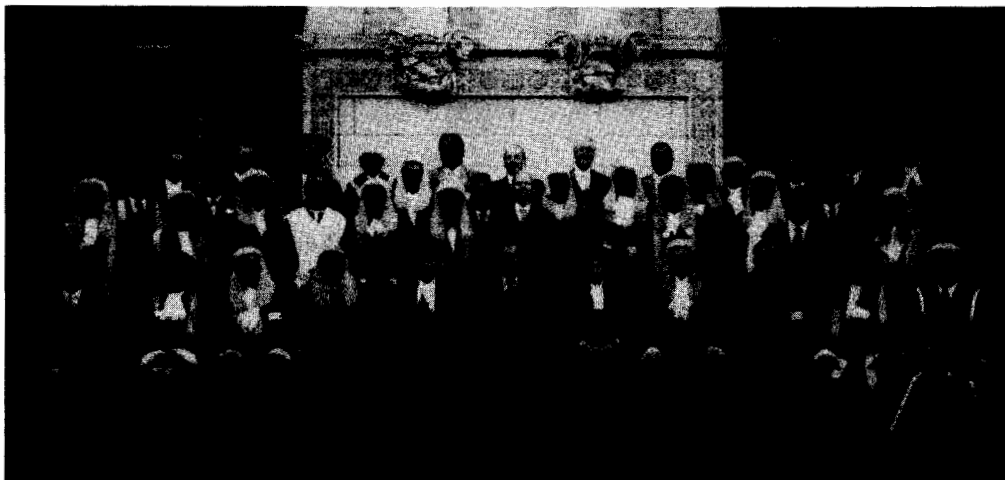
Although not formally part of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association the Commonwealth Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers is, by virtue of its membership, closely related to CPA.

The sixth conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers took place in Canada from April 20 to 28, 1981. Some 27 countries represented by their presiding officers and clerks attended the meeting. There were also speakers or clerks from most Canadian provinces in attendance as observers.

After two days in Montreal where delegates had the opportunity to become acquainted, the actual meetings began in Ottawa on April 23. A number of last minute details had to be changed since the Senate and the House of Commons were still sitting at this time. However, this gave visiting speakers an unexpected opportunity to attend question period and watch debates in both houses on the final stages of the constitutional resolution.

Following the ceremonial opening by the Governor-General, HE **Edward Schreyer**, the conference took up a

number of items relating to the role of Speaker including: "The Speaker and Party Politics", the Speaker's "Control of Debate", "The *Sub Judice* Rule", "Parliamentary Security", "Facilities of Members" and other subjects. Before adjourning delegates accepted an invitation of New Zealand to host the next conference, tentatively scheduled for January 1984. A new Standing Committee was also elected. It consists of Speakers from New Zealand, Gambia, Canada, Barbados, Malawi and Australia. They will begin preparations for the next conference at their meeting in Gambia in February 1982.



Governor General Ed Schreyer with Speakers and Presiding Officers of Commonwealth Parliaments

CANADIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 1981

The Canadian Regional Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is composed of the Speakers of all provincial and territorial assemblies, the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Chairman of the Canadian Branch of CPA and the two regional representatives on CPA's international executive committee. At the 1981 meeting all jurisdictions were represented except the Yukon. Speakers from British Columbia and Quebec were unable to attend but they were represented by officials from their legislatures.

The two regional representatives, **Maurice Foster** and **Gerald Ottenheimer** presented reports on Canada's participation in CPA and transmitted details of a Commonwealth Essay Contest that may be organized by the CPA Secretariat in London. Speaker **Len Simms** then outlined the program for the Twenty-First Canadian Regional Conference in Newfoundland. Speaker **Don Stewart** confirmed that

the Northwest Territories was prepared to host the 1982 conference. As a result of changes in their contributions both the Yukon and the Northwest Territories will henceforth be entitled to six delegates to CPA regional conferences. A motion by Speaker Stewart to provide for simultaneous translation into Inuit of future CPA regional conference proceedings was accepted.

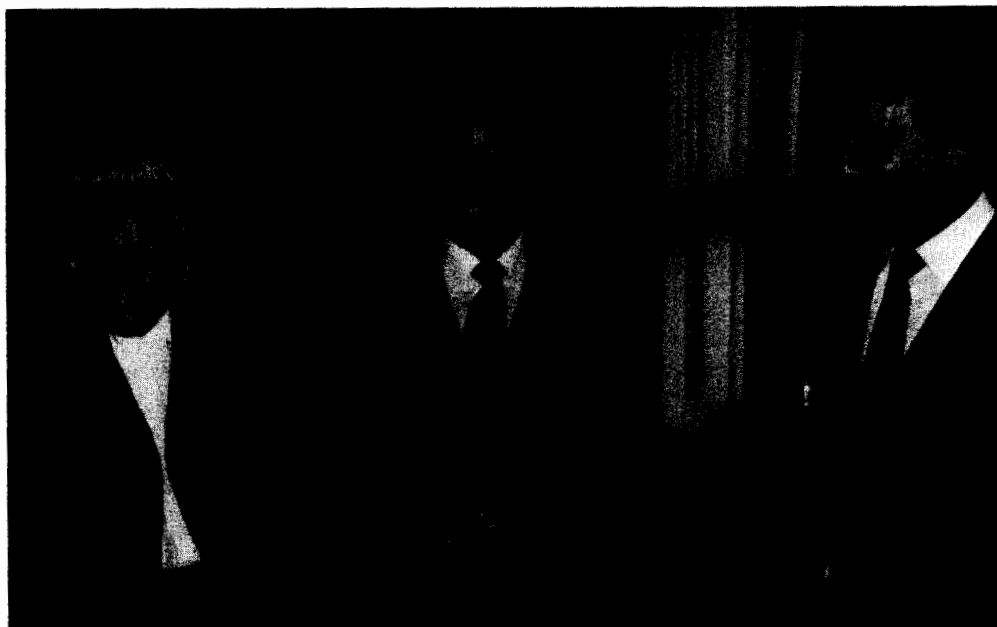
Keith Penner, Chairman of the Canadian Branch, reported on the Sixth Canadian Regional Seminar on Parliamentary Procedure held in Ottawa in November 1980. Speaker **Arthur Donahoe** proposed that the 1981 seminar be held in Nova Scotia, also in November. Reports on past and upcoming Atlantic Parliamentary Conferences were also presented by Speakers **James Tucker** of New Brunswick and **Daniel Compton** of Prince Edward Island.

Finally the Speaker of the House of Commons, **Jeanne Sauvé**, informed the Council of steps she had taken to see that the federal list of precedence was revised so that provincial Speakers come before provincial cabinet

ministers. She also confirmed that henceforth special green passports will be available from the Department of External Affairs for provincial Speakers travelling abroad.

TWENTY-FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 1981

The Newfoundland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will host the 1981 Canadian Regional Conference from August 2-8. Subjects on the agenda will deal with electoral reform, constitutional reform, transportation problems, recent developments in the committee system and the protection of confidential communications of members. As usual the conference will provide an opportunity for legislators from Ottawa, the provinces and the territories to get together to discuss matters of common interest. Delegates will also have ample opportunity to sample traditional Newfoundland hospitality including a ride on the famous "Newfie Bullet" railway, cod-jigging and a lobster boil.



Mr. Keith Penner (centre) and Speakers Jeanne Sauvé and Len Simms discuss plans for the Canadian Regional Conference to be held in Newfoundland in August 1981.

development projects for social assistance recipients, a 10% increase in social assistance rates effective May 1st, and a 15% increase in foster home rates and child welfare allowances.

The select committee to study resource management, under the chairmanship of **Tom Rideout**, has commenced hearings and has visited several areas of the province. On May 4th **Freeman White**, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled the Committee's report for the financial year ended March 31st, 1979. The commit-

tees considering Estimates of Expenditure have also reported to the House.

During this Session a unique program to enable selected Members to participate in a french language course was initiated by the Speaker, Hon. **Len Simms**, with the cooperation of the Department of Education. The program, which commenced on March 4th consists of an introductory french course of 40 hours duration. An excellent response was received and interest is high. Twenty-two members from both sides indicated they would be partici-

pating in the bi-weekly two and one half hour sessions.

Speaker Simms, who is also a participant, has indicated his hope that this course will enable members of the Legislature to obtain a better understanding of the french language which is very important to those who live in a bilingual country.

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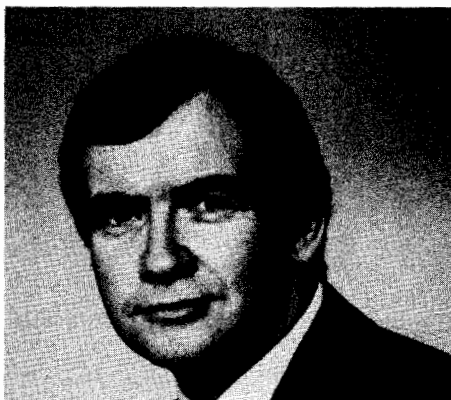


PEOPLE

NEW SPEAKERS ELECTED

Since February three new Speakers of provincial legislatures have been elected. In two cases the former Speakers resigned, **Ronald Russell** to become a cabinet minister in Nova Scotia and **Robert McCready** to sit as a private member in New Brunswick. In Ontario a new Speaker was named following the provincial general election although the former Speaker, **Jack Stokes**, continues to sit as a member of the legislature. In Quebec, where there was also an election, the former Speaker, **Claude Vaillancourt** was once again elected as Speaker of the National Assembly.

The new Speaker in Nova Scotia is **Arthur Donahoe**. Speaker Donahoe is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School. In 1967 he served as Executive Assistant to the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. He is a former lecturer in commercial law at St. Mary's University and has been active in many com-



Arthur Donahoe

munity organizations in the city of Halifax. A president of the Nova Scotia Young Progressive Conservatives from 1970-1972 Mr. Donahoe was first elected to the House of Assembly in 1978. He was elected Deputy Speaker in December of that year and became Speaker on February 19, 1981.

In New Brunswick the new Speaker is **James N. Tucker**, member

for the electoral district of Charlotte-Fundy. Mr. Tucker is a former teacher and principal. He is a past president of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association. Mr. Speaker Tucker has been a member of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly since 1972. He has

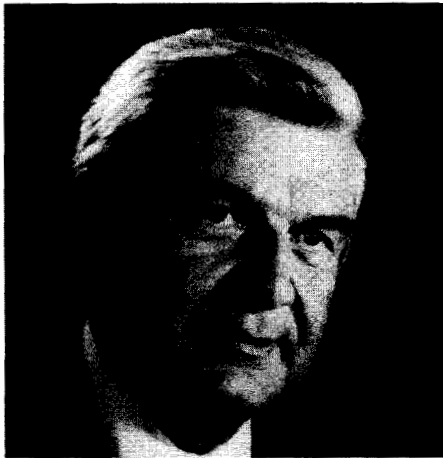


James Tucker

served on numerous committees of the legislature and was chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules and Privileges, and the Select Committee on Fisheries. The election of Mr. Tucker left the Conservatives with a working majority of one in the 58 seat Legislative Assembly.

The new Speaker in Ontario is **John M. Turner**, member for Peterborough. A businessman and former alderman in Peterborough, Mr. Speaker Turner was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1971. He was defeated in the 1975 election but was re-elected in 1977 and 1981. As in the other provinces the Speaker's nomination was

moved by the Premier and seconded by the Leader of the Official Opposition. In Ontario, however, the Leader of the New Democratic Party opposed the nomination because he claimed he was not consulted about the choice of Speaker. He said this was a breach of a resolution of the Legislature which had been unanimously adopted in April 1980. Premier **William Davis** rejected the idea that the nomination differed in any way from the customary practice in the Assembly. Mr. Speaker Turner was then elected without a recorded division.



John Turner

BY-ELECTIONS

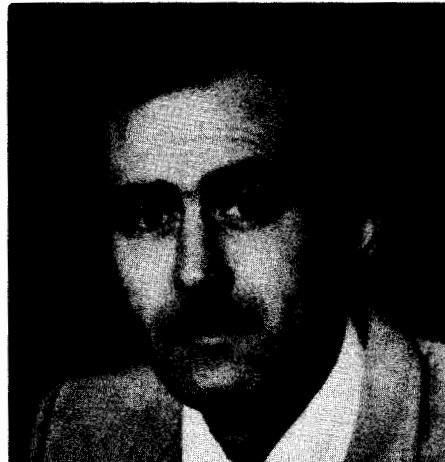
Since the last issue of the *Canadian Parliamentary Review* there have been three by-elections in the House of Commons as well as provincial by-elections in Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and a territorial by-election in the Yukon.

In Yukon the March 9, 1981 by-election in the electoral district of Whitehorse Riverdale South saw the election of **Ron Veale**, Leader of the Liberal Party. The seat had been vacated by **Iain MacKay**, former Liberal Leader, on November 13, 1980. A lawyer, Mr. Veale, 35, had a majority of 50 votes over the Progressive Conservative candidate and 235 votes over the NDP. The standings in the Yukon Legislative Assembly as of April 15 were: 10 Progressive Conservatives, 2 Liberals, 1 New Democrat, 2 Independents and 1 vacancy.



Ron Veale

In Prince Edward Island, **Keith Milligan** retained the seat for the Liberal party defeating his Conservative opponent by approximately 350 votes in a February 3 by-election. Mr. Milligan, 31, is a graduate of the University of Prince Edward Island with a degree in education. He taught for two years before becoming coordinator for West

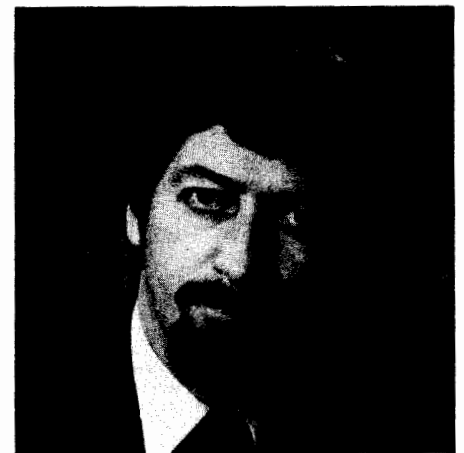


Keith Milligan

Prince Regional Services Centre. He is also a partner in Milligan's Silver Fox Ranch and publicity director of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders Association. Mr. Milligan replaced George Henderson who resigned the seat in order seek election to the House of Commons in 1980. As a result of the by-election the standings in the PEI legislature were as follows: Conservatives 21, Liberals 11.

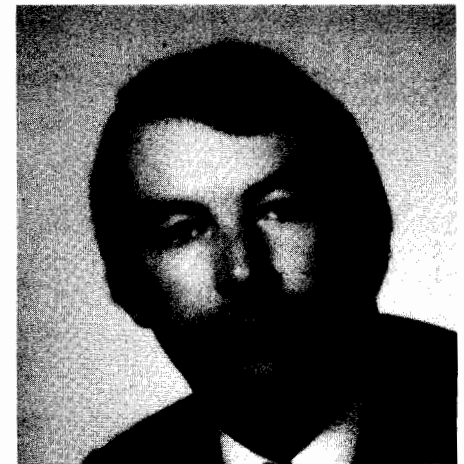
In the Newfoundland riding of Bellevue, formerly held by the Leader of the Opposition, **Don Jamieson**, the

Liberals retained the seat as a result of the victory of **Wilson Callan** on April 10, 1981. Mr. Callan, a school teacher, polled 3,201 votes while his Progressive Conservative opponent received 2,508. Mr. Callan had previously held the seat for the Liberal Reform Party after the 1975 election. He later switched to the Liberals but in 1979 stood aside to let Mr. Jamieson contest the seat. The by-election left the standings unchanged in the 52 seat legislature with 33 Progressive Conservatives and 19 Liberals.



Wilson Callan

The first federal by-elections since the 1980 general election were held recently with the Liberal Party retaining seats in Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island. On April 13 the former



Bennett Campbell

Premier of Prince Edward Island, **Bennett Campbell** 37, defeated his Conservative opponent by approximately

four hundred votes. Mr. Campbell is a teacher by profession. He was a member of the Prince Edward Island Legislature from 1970-79 and Premier from 1978-79.

On the same date, in London West, **Jack Burghardt**, a 51 year-old

former television announcer narrowly held on to the seat for the Liberals by 900 votes out of more than 45,000 cast.

In Lévis on May 4, **Gaston Gourde** a thirty-one year old lawyer defeated Conservative and New Democratic

Party candidates. Mr. Gourde is the former chief campaign organizer for Raynald Guay who held the riding for the previous 17 years. The Liberals thus continue to hold 74 of Quebec's 75 seats in the House of Commons. The other seat is vacant.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION IN ONTARIO MARCH 16, 1981

*Indicates new member of the Legislature

* Phillip Andrewes Lincoln	PC	Frank Drea Scarborough Centre	PC	* Morley Kells Humber	PC
George Ashe Durham West	PC	John Eakins Victoria-Haliburton	LIB	Douglas Kennedy Mississauga South	PC
Reuben Baetz Ottawa West	PC	Robert Eaton Middlesex	PC	George Kerr Burlington South	PC
* Bill Barlow Cambridge	PC	Hugh Edighoffer Perth	LIB	Vince Kerrio Niagara Falls	LIB
Claude Bennett Ottawa South	PC	Robert Elgie York East	PC	* Al Kolyn Lakeshore	PC
Leo Bernier Kenora	PC	* Murray Elston Huron Bruce	LIB	John Lane Algoma-Manitoulin	PC
Margaret Birch Scarborough East	PC	Herbert Epp Waterloo North	LIB	Floyd Laughren	NDP
Don Boudria Prescott-Russell	LIB	* Ernie Eves Parry Sound	PC	Nicholas Leluk York West	PC
James Bradley St. Catharines	LIB	* Susan Fish St. George	PC	Tony Lupusella Dovercourt	NDP
* Andy Brandt Sarnia	PC	Jim Foulds Port Arthur	NDP	Donald MacDonald York South	NDP
Michael Breagh Oshawa	NDP	* Phil Gillies Brantford	PC	Bob Mackenzie Hamilton East	NDP
James Brelthaupt Kitchener	LIB	* Jim Gordon Sudbury	PC	* Bob MacQuarrie Carleton East	PC
Marlon Bryden Beaches-Woodbine	NDP	Tony Grande Oakwood	NDP	Remo Mancini Essex South	LIB
Michael Cassidy Ottawa Centre	NDP	* Bud Gregory Mississauga East	PC	Elle Martel Sudbury East	NDP
Brian Charlton Hamilton Mountain	NDP	Larry Grossman St. Andrew-St. Patrick	PC	Bruce McCaffrey Armourdale	PC
Sean Conway Renfrew North	LIB	Ray Haggerty Erie	LIB	George McCague Dufferin-Simcoe	PC
Dave Cooke Windsor-Riverside	NDP	* Michael Harris Nipissing	PC	Ross McClellan Bellwoods	NDP
* Sheila Copps Hamilton Centre	LIB	Ed Havrot Timiskaming	PC	Earl McEwen Frontenac-Addington	LIB
* Don Cousens York Centre	PC	Lorne Henderson Lambton	PC	James McGuigan Kent-Elgin	LIB
Eric Cunningham Wentworth North	LIB	Mickey Hennessy Fort William	PC	Bob McKessock Grey	LIB
Sam Cureatz Durham East	PC	William Hodgson York North	PC	* Allan McLean Simcoe East	PC
William Davis Brampton	PC	Jack Johnson Wellington-Dufferin-Peel	PC	Roy McMurtry Eglington	PC
Gordon Dean Wentworth	PC	Richard Johnston Scarborough West	NDP	Ronald McNell Elgin	PC
Odoardo Di Santo Downsview	NDP	Terry Jones Mississauga North	PC	Frank Miller Muskoka	PC