



People

New Senators Appointed

On December 21, Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney** announced the appointments of three new Senators, **Finlay MacDonald**, Dr. **Efstathos Barootes** and **Brenda Robertson**.

Senator MacDonald, 62, was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia and attended St. Francis Xavier and Dalhousie Universities. He served in the Canadian Army from 1942 to 1945 in Canada, the United States and Northwest Europe. For 25 years Mr. MacDonald was President of CJCH Limited, a radio and television company in the Maritimes. In 1955 he was elected President of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters and was a founding director of the CTV Television Network in 1962.



Finlay MacDonald (Andrew Newton Ltd.)

Senator MacDonald is a Past President of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Association, a Conservative candidate in the 1963 general election and past

Chairman of the Board of the PC Canada Fund. He was Principal Assistant to Opposition Leader **Robert Stanfield** and later, Senior Advisor to Prime Minister **Joe Clark**. During 1983-84 Mr. MacDonald was Chairman of the Committee on Government Planning, reporting to Mr. Mulroney.

Senator Robertson was born in Sussex, Kings County, New Brunswick. She is a graduate of Mount Allison University. First



Brenda Robertson

elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in 1967 she was re-elected four times and in 1970 became the first woman cabinet minister in the history of the province following her appointment as Minister of Youth. Mrs. Robertson subsequently served as Minister of Health and in 1982 took on the new position of Minister Responsible for Social Reform.

Dr. Barootes, 66, was born in Manitoba but raised in Saskatchewan. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan (B.A.) and the University of Toronto (M.D.).

He served in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1942-1945 and was a Regimental Medical Officer with the Toronto Scottish Regiment until 1950.

A member of various professional societies and associations he was President of the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1964.



Efstathos Barootes

Other Appointments

In Quebec Premier René Levesque went outside the National Assembly to choose a new minister for the first time since the Parti Québécois came to power in 1976.

The new Minister Responsible for the Status of Women is **Francine Lalonde**. A graduate in history from the University of Montreal, she taught history at the Colleges Basile-Moreau and Saint-Laurent. In 1970 she became the first woman president of Nationale Federation of Teachers of Quebec (FNEQ) and later vice president of the CSN.



Francine Lalonde (*Des Images Plus*)

by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, **Arthur Donahoe**.

In Alberta the new editor of Hansard is **Gary Garrison**. A graduate of the University of Alberta (Ph.D.). He was a sessional editor of Hansard from 1978-1981 and has been Executive Assistant to Speaker **Gerard Amerongen** since 1983.

New Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta

Another appointment announced by Prime Minister Mulroney was that of **Helen Hunley** as Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.



Margaret Murphy (*N.S. Department Government Services*)



Hon. Helen Hunley (*Canapress Photo Service*)

The new Legislative Librarian in Nova Scotia is **Margaret F. Murphy**. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario (B.A.) and Dalhousie University (M.L.S.) she had been librarian with the Nova Scotia Department of the Attorney General and represented that Department on the Canadian Law Information Council. The appointment, effective January 2, 1985, was announced

Born in Acme, northeast of Calgary she grew up in Rocky Mountain House and eventually became councillor and mayor of the town. After serving in the Canadian Women's Army Corps during the Second World War she went into business and eventually founded Helen Hunley Insurance.

She served as mayor from 1966 to 1971, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1971 and became Solicitor General in 1973. Re-elected in 1975 she became Minister of Social Services, a position she held until her retirement from the Assembly in 1978.

Since then she has held a number of community and political positions including membership on the Alberta 75th Anniversary Commission, Chairman of the Alberta Mental Health Advisory Council, and President of the provincial Conservative Party.

As lieutenant-governor she succeeds **Frank Lynch-Staunton** whose five year term has expired.

Provincial by-elections in Alberta and Ontario

On January 23 Alberta Premier **Peter Lougheed** called a by-election for the riding of Spirit-River-Fairview held formerly by the Leader of the New Democratic Party and Opposition Leader **Grant Notley** who was killed in an airplane crash. The election held on February 21, 1985 was won by **Jim Gurnett** who held onto the seat for the NDP. A record seven candidates contested the by-election.

On December 13, by-elections were held in five ridings for seats in the Ontario Legislative Assembly which became vacant when their incumbents resigned to run in the September 4, federal election. In two of the ridings, former members were re-elected to serve in the House. **Evelyn Gigantes**, of the New Democratic Party and an MLA member from 1975 to 1981, was elected in Ottawa Centre. In Hamilton Centre, **Michael Davison**, New Democratic Party member for the riding from 1975 to 1981, was elected. New members were elected in the other three constituencies: Liberal **Jean Poirier** in Prescott and Russell, Liberal **Bernard Grandmaître** in Ottawa East and Conservative **Ann Sloat** in Wentworth North.

Resignations

Several vacancies have been created recently due to resignations by members of the Ontario Legislative Assembly and the Quebec National Assembly.

In Quebec most of the resignations were related to the decision by Premier **René Lévesque**, (subsequently endorsed by the majority of members at a Party Convention) that the next election should not be fought on the issue of Quebec's independence. The Finance Minister, **Jacques Parizeau**, was the first to resign, even before Mr. Levesque's statement of November 19. He was followed shortly afterwards by **De-**



Evelyn Gigantes (Ashley & Crippen)



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nis Lazure of Bertrand. **Denis Vaugeois** of Three Rivers resigned on January 21 and **Camille Laurin** four days later. The standings in the National Assembly as of February 1, 1985 were Parti québécois 61, Liberals 49, Independent 8 and 4 vacancies. (See Legislative Report Section)

In Ontario three members of the Legislature have received appointments which require their resignation from the Legislature. The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, **Thomas Wells** was appointed as Ontario's Agent-General in London effective April 1. **Margaret Scrivener** who served in government services and revenue portfolios under Premier **William Davis** was named Chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board effective May 1. Finally Attorney-General, **Roy McMurtry**, decided to leave politics following his unsuccessful attempt to win leadership of his party at the Progressive Conservative Convention held on January 25-26, 1985. A few days later Mr. McMurtry was named Canada's High Commissioner to London, England.

William Moore Benidickson (1911-1985)

On January 22, 1985 the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, **Allan MacEachen**, called attention of the Senate to the passing of Senator William Benidickson.

Senator Benidickson was first elected to the House of Commons in 1945 and re-elected on five occasions as the Liberal-Labour member for Kenora-Rainy River. He was appointed to the Senate in 1965. Among the Senators paying tribute to Senator Benidickson was Senator **Douglas Everett** who said, Senator Benidickson had the greatest attribute of all politicians, compassion for people.

H. Wallace House (1929-1985)

A member of the Newfoundland House of Assembly, H. Wallace House, passed away on February 3, 1985. A former school teacher and superintendent, Mr. House was Mayor of Deer Lake from 1969-1978 and had been a member of the House since 1975 including four years as Minister of Education.

George Stephen (1888-1985)

A former Clerk of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, George Stephen, died in February at age 97.

Born and educated in Scotland he came to Canada in 1912 to work for John W. Dafoe of the *Winnipeg Free Press*. As a reporter he covered the Manitoba Legislative Assembly and occasionally the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. In 1927 he began to work for the Saskatchewan

Legislative Assembly as Clerk Assistant, shorthand reporter, editor and speech writer. He was appointed Clerk of the Assembly in 1949 and retired in 1960.

George Stephen was instrumental in establishing the Crown Corporations committee structure and initiated many close ties between Saskatchewan and Westminster through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

He was a competitive athlete, a frequent contributor to *The Table* and other journals.

Retirement of Paul Trotier

The Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association retired on December 31, 1984. A teacher by training, he spent the past eight years as an advisor in the Protocol and Parliamentary Relations division of the Quebec National Assembly where he organized parliamentary exchanges with other provinces, the United States and the Commonwealth. He served on the Editorial Board of the *Canadian Parliamentary Review*.

While leaving the public service Mr. Trotier will continue to work as a consultant specializing in organizing conferences and seminars. His many friends in legislatures across Canada will miss him at future CPA activities but wish him success in his undertaking.