

# CPA: The Canadian Scene

## 28th Canadian Regional Conference



The Twenty-Eighth Parliamentary Conference of the Canadian Region, CPA took place in Charlottetown from July 13-19, 1988.

All fourteen legislatures in the Canadian Region sent delegates and there were also observers from the House of Commons in Westminster, Bermuda and the Turks and Caicos.

One of the subjects on the agenda was the idea of an association between Canada and the Turks and Caicos. **Dan McKenzie** outlined some of the advantages from a Canadian perspective. Speaker **Larry Coalburne** spoke about recent developments on the Islands which could lead to discussions along the lines suggested by Mr. McKenzie. The third member of the panel, **Tom Pendry**, a Member of Parliament

from Westminster thought that any such association would require a clear expression of opinion by the Islanders before Great Britain would support the idea. He suggested a plebiscite as one way of determining opinion on the Island.

The topic of plebiscites in a parliamentary democracy was also discussed in another session. A paper prepared by **Patrick Boyer**, MP was presented on Mr. Boyer's behalf by **Lloyd Crouse**. The discussion openers were **Denis Rocan** of Manitoba and **Richard Nerysoo** of the Northwest Territories.

**Sue Findlay** formerly with the Woman's Bureau of the Department of the Secretary of State presented a paper on the status of women in Canada. **Tom Sigurdson** of Alberta and **Jim McLachlan** of the Yukon were the opening speakers.

Three other sessions were held on: Free Trade: The Cultural Dimension with **Mavor Moore** as the feature speaker; Regional Development in Atlantic Canada with **Don S. McPhail**, president of Atlantic Canada; and Marketing Initiatives for Agricultural products with **Tim Carroll**, PEI, Minister of Agriculture.

Among the legislators to lead off the discussion of these issues were **Jean Joly**, (MNA Quebec); **Doug Reycraft**, (MPP Ontario); **Glen Greening**, (MLA Newfoundland); **Jane Barry**, (MLA New Brunswick) **Fred McCain**, MP and **Ted Gleim**, (MLA Saskatchewan).

The conference was hosted by Speaker **Edward Clark** on behalf of the PEI Branch of the Canadian Region. The business program and leisure events were equally well organized and drew unqualified praise from the delegates and observers – even those who failed to catch anything on a deepsea fishing trip offered by the organizing committee.

## 13th Canadian Regional Seminar

The Thirteenth Canadian Regional Seminar will be hosted by the Hon. **John Reynolds**, Speaker of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the British Columbia Branch, from Thursday, November 17 to Sunday, November 20, 1988, in Vancouver at the Westin Bayshore.

Speaker Reynolds encourages each Canadian Branch to participate in this seminar and welcomes the opportunity to provide delegates with the usual British Columbia hospitality.



**Ted Gleim**, MLA (Saskatchewan) speaking during one of the working sessions.

# People

## New Speaker in Manitoba

The new Speaker of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly is **Denis Rocan** MLA for Turtle Mountain. Mr. Rocan, 39, has served in the Legislature since 1986.

Born in Somerset to French-Canadian parents he spent his early years in the north end of Winnipeg, returning to Somerset at age 12. He is bilingual and received his education at Sacré Coeur in Winnipeg, Somerset Collegiate and Otterburne College.

Mr. Rocan has held supervisory positions with Inco in Thompson and Eaton's in Winnipeg. He has also owned and operated both a building and moving company and a grain and fertilizer hauling business. He has been active in the community, is an avid curler and a member of the Lions Club.

## New Lieutenant Governors

On July 28 Prime Minister Mulroney announced the appointment of two new Lieutenant Governors.

In British Columbia, **David See-Chai Lam** replaces the Hon. **Robert Gordon Rogers** whose term has expired. Born in Hong Kong, Mr. Lam came to Canada in 1967 and became a Canadian citizen five years later. He has a B.A. from Longam University in Canton, China and an MBA from Temple University in Philadelphia.

A businessman, Dr. Lam is Chairman and President of Canadian International Enterprises Ltd., Vancouver. He is also President of the Hong Kong Merchant's Association, an organization he founded, in 1967, to assist

immigrants from Hong Kong in settling in Canada. Since 1955, he has maintained an association with Hong Kong Baptist College, serving as Chairman of its Medical Board until 1967 and remaining a member of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Lam is founder and President of the Floribunda Philanthropic Society and the David and Dorothy Lam Foundation. He was a major contributor to the building of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver, the only authentic Chinese-Style garden built outside of China.

Dr. Lam has also been a principal supporter of the Chinese Cultural Centre in Vancouver and the United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society, service agencies dedicated to bringing together the Chinese community and other communities in Canada.

In Saskatchewan the new Lieutenant Governor is **Sylvia Fedoruk**,



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currently chancellor at the University of Saskatchewan. She has served as director of physical services, Saskatchewan Cancer Foundation and as professor of Oncology at the College of Medicine.

She has been a member of the Atomic Energy Control Board since 1973 and is Vice-Chairman of the National Forum on Post Secondary Education.

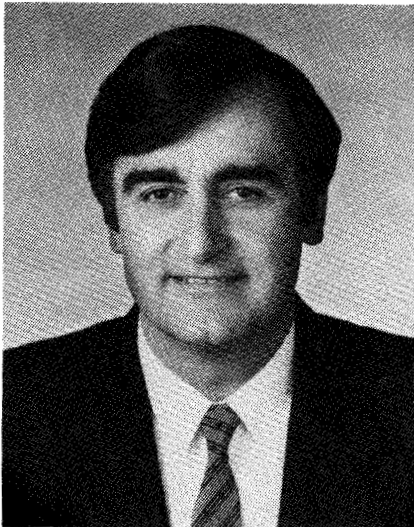
Sylvia Fedoruk was one of Saskatchewan's outstanding female athletes having competed in a number of sports including basketball, track and field, volleyball, golf and curling. She was inducted into Saskatchewan's Sport Hall of Fame last year.

## By-elections

There have been both federal and provincial by-elections recently.

The federal by-election of June 20, 1988, was one of the most fiercely contested in recent memory. The Conservative candidate was **Lucien Bouchard** the former Ambassador to France and recently appointed Secretary of State.

A vacancy was created for Mr. Bouchard by the resignation of **Clément Côté** member for Lac-St-Jean. Prime Minister Mulroney made the election of his new cabinet minister a matter of high priority. He visited the riding several times and announced job creation and other programs for the region. The Liberal candidate was the former MP **Pierre Gimaiel**. When the votes were counted Mr. Bouchard had nearly 17,000 votes compared to 10,700 for the Liberals and 3,000 for the NDP candidate.



**Lucien Bouchard**

While losing a federal by-election the provincial Liberal Party in Quebec picked up two seats in the provincial by-elections held the same day. **Gaston Blackburn** took Roberval and **René-Serge Larouche** won Anjou.

Mr. Larouche, a native of Alma, has studied at the Universities of Montreal, North Carolina, the *École nationale d'administration publique* and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts-Harvard). He also has a diploma from the International Marketing Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

From 1971 to 1975 he was Secretary of Academic Studies at Sherbrooke University and Director General of the Federation of University Professors of Quebec from 1975 to 1980. Mr. Larouche has been a member of the policy committee of the Liberal Party of Quebec and the sub-committee on external trade.

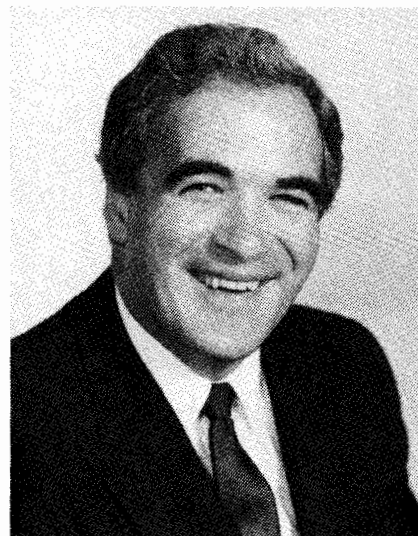
Mr. Blackburn, a businessman, was born and educated in Chicoutimi. From 1970 to 1973 he was a supervisor for Provigo in the region of Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean and subsequently established his own chain of supermarkets in Dolbeau, St-Félicien and Mettabetchouan.



**Rosemarie MacDonald**

In British Columbia **Bill Barlee** of the New Democratic Party won the seat of Boundary-Similkameen. It had been considered a stronghold of the governing Social Credit Party. Educated in Kelowna, the Vancouver Normal School and at the University of British Columbia Mr. Barlee was a teacher for sixteen years. He then founded a quarterly magazine called *Canada West* and wrote two best selling books about British Columbia.

He has been a long time placer miner and presently is a partner in Old Cascade Mining Co. Ltd., a gold and platinum mine in the Similkameen District.

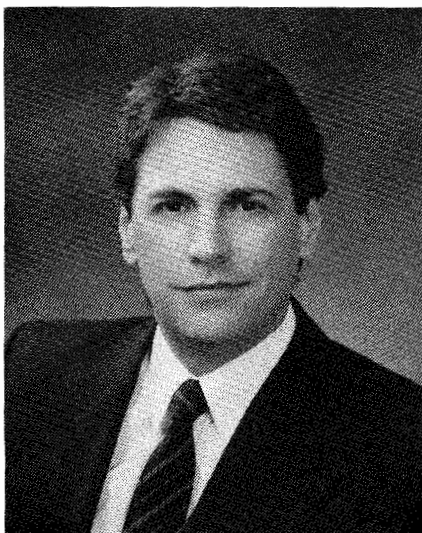


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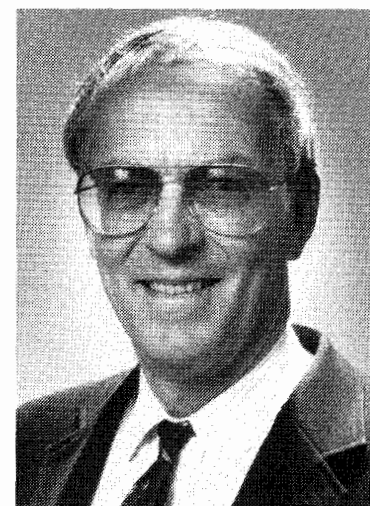
He has been a member of various business and professional groups including the Kiwanis Club, the Zoological Society of St-Félicien, and is a former chairman of finance for the Red Cross

Mr. Blackburn was named parliamentary secretary to Premier Bourassa in July 1988.

The Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island retained the seat of Kings Fifth when **Rosemarie MacDonald** became the first King's County woman elected to the provincial assembly. Her margin of victory, 152 votes, would seem narrow in most provinces but several times the seat has been won by a handful of votes.



**René Serge Larouche**



**Bill Barlee**

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