



CPA ACTIVITIES: THE CANADIAN SCENE

20TH CANADIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, VICTORIA, B.C.

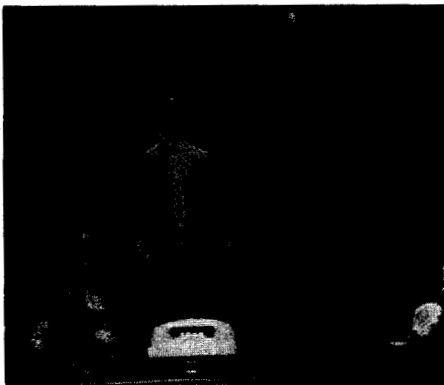
The annual Canadian Regional Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference took place in British Columbia, from September 7 to 13, 1980. All thirteen branches of the Canadian Region were represented at the conference. On the morning of September 8, some ninety delegates and observers gathered in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to hear the welcoming address of the Deputy Premier and Minister of Human Resources, the Honourable **Grace McCarthy**. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to CPA and regional affairs of the Association in Canada.

All plenary sessions of the conference were held at the Legislative

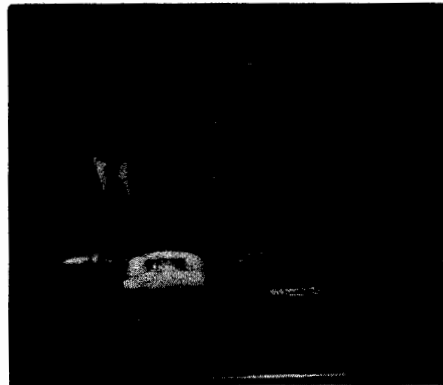
Assembly. The host of the meetings was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable **Harvey Schroeder**, who, convalescing from an illness at the time of the conference, delegated the duties of chairing the sessions to the Deputy Speaker. Mr. **Walter Davidson** conducted the debates with great ability and style. The six items entered on the agenda by the host branch were topical and of great interest to the assembled parliamentarians. The subjects included: the conservation and diversification of energy; the transportation and telecommunications revolution; regionalism and research and development in resource industries; parliamentary control of public expenditures; public opinion and pressure groups; and the subject of constitutional, electoral and parliamentary reform.

Following a practice established at the 1979 conference in New Brunswick,

the host Branch invited discussants who, because of their specialized experience and studies were able to bring different opinions on the subjects under discussion. These speakers were: Mr. Robert Bonner, Chairman of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority; Dr. Robert Stewart, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications; Mr. Gerald H.D. Hobbs, Former Chief Officer for Cominco Limited; the Hon. Robert Andras, Senior Vice-President, Teck Corporation; and Dr. Walter Young, Professor of Political Science at University of Victoria. Delegates also heard two keynote speakers, Dr. David Suzuki, of the University of British Columbia, who spoke to the participants on the challenge facing the legislators in the ever-evolving field of science and technology; and Dr. Neil Perry, of Simon Fraser



Hon. Grace McCarthy, Deputy Premier and Minister of Human Resources gives speech at the opening ceremony. *Photo courtesy of the B.C. Branch of C.P.A.*



"A funny thing happened on my way to the conference". R. to l.: Speaker Harvey Schroeder and Deputy Speaker Walter Davidson. *Photos courtesy of the B.C. Branch of C.P.A.*



Receiving line at Government House. L. to r.: Mrs. Bell-Irving, Deputy Speaker Walter Davidson, Hon. Henry P. Bell-Irving, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Senator William Petten. *Photo courtesy of the B.C. Branch of C.P.A.*

University, who addressed the participants on the subject of public policy and decision-making in this new decade.

Also following a well-established practice, the host Branch had invited the United Kingdom Branch of CPA to send two parliamentary observers. The participation of Mr. **Sydney Bidwell** and Mr. **Roger Moate** in all aspects of the conference was most appreciated by all delegates.

During their week-long visit the 170 delegates, observers, spouses and staff had an opportunity to tour many points of interest in both Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. Two salmon fishing expeditions were organized and many visitors took home proof that fishermen's tales could truly have happy endings. All those involved were grateful to the hospitality offered them by Speaker Schroeder and Deputy Speaker Davidson. A special word of thanks is also due to Conference Co-ordinator David Adams, Assistant Conference Co-ordinator Elaine Dunbar and Tour Guides Lynne McCaughey, Michael Doherty, Cliff Hewitt and Jennifer Verrall.



Delegates and their children eye the succulent prizes being prepared for the West Coast salmon barbecue. Photo courtesy of the B.C. Branch of C.P.A.

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN ZAMBIA

The 26th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference took place in Zambia from 21 September to 4 October 1980. It was attended by some 180 delegates and a number of secretaries and observers representing 45 countries and 93 branches of the C.P.A. The only branches unrepresented were those of Guyana, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Orissa, St Helena, St Lucia, Solomon Islands, and Tanzania. For the first time in many years delegations attended from Bangladesh, Ghana, Nigeria and Swaziland. Sikkim was represented for the first time. Xavier Deniau and Robert Moinet attended as observers representing *l'Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française*.

A notable event of the Conference was the admission to the C.P.A. of Zimbabwe which was represented by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, Mervyn Van Ryneveld who attended in an observer capacity. Zimbabwe's application was enthusiastically endorsed and the new Branch was warmly welcomed following Zimbabwe's years of isolation from the Commonwealth community.

On the 20th September the delegates were addressed by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Shridath Ramphal. On Monday, 22 September the delegates and those accompanying them set off on tours which covered the Copper Belt, a game reserve and the Victoria Falls. The Conference was opened in Lusaka on 27 September by President **Kaunda** at the Mulungushi Hall. The plenary sessions were ably chaired by the President of the Association, Mr. Speaker **Nabulyato** of Zambia and the Vice-President, Mr. Speaker **Qionibaravi** of Fiji. A number of panel sessions also took place in which debate was more informal.

The agenda of the Conference included a number of items of international concern, such as current threats to international peace and security, the significance and implications of the Brandt Report, international collaboration in combatting drug addiction and trafficking, and the law of the sea. Some of the other matters discussed bore more directly on the affairs of Parliament such as the Role of Parliament in relation to public enterprises, Parliament and the Scrutiny of Public Finance, and the Functions and Responsibilities of the MP.

Twenty-eight Canadians were present at the Conference as delegates, secretaries and observers, several of whom were accompanied by their spouses. The Federal Delegation consisted of **Keith Penner**, the Leader of the Delegation, Senator **Sidney Buckwold**, Senator **Duff Roblin**, and MPs **Lloyd Crouse**, **Rosaire Gendron**, **Steve Papproski** and **Mark Rose**. The Provincial and Territorial delegates were: **Henry Baker** (Saskatchewan), **Bennett Campbell** (Prince Edward Island), **William Campbell** (Nova Scotia), **Jacques Couture** (Quebec), **Donald Craik** (Manitoba), **Walter Davidson** (British Columbia), **Norman Doyle** (Newfoundland), **Bud Gregory** (Ontario), **Robert McCready** (New Brunswick), Mrs. **Lynda Sorensen** (Northwest Territories), and **Gordon Stromberg** (Alberta). Dr. **Maurice Foster** and **Gerald Ottenheimer** of Newfoundland attended as the Canadian Regional representatives on the Executive. Senator **Allister Grosart** and **Maurice Dupras** received special invitations as former members of the Executive. Mrs. **Lillian May**, **Gordon Barnhart**, **Ian Izard**, **David Petersen**, **Joe Maingot** and **Philip Laundry** were the officials attached to the Canadian contingent. The five last named all attended the one-day meeting of the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table which was chaired by the Clerk of the National Assembly of Zambia, Mr. **Mwelwa Chibesakunda**.

VANUATU, NEW REPUBLIC AND NEW MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The newest member of the Commonwealth and a country that Canadian parliamentarians may one day have an opportunity to visit is the group of islands in the South West area of the Pacific known as the New Hebrides. This condominium administered jointly by Britain and France since 1906, became independent on 30th of July, under the new name of VANUATU. It is the forty-fourth member of the Commonwealth. Some 70 islands make up the archipelago. The population of 120,000 is mostly of Melanesian origin, and the capital of Vanuatu is Port Vila on Efate Island. Copra and fish are the main exports but cattle farming is being expanded. The Parliament is unicameral and the Cabinet is led by 38-year old **Prime Minister Father Walter Lini**, an Anglican priest. He has been in the Assembly since 1975 and Chief Minister since 1979. The Head of State of Vanuatu is **President Ati George Sokomanu**.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS-AT-THE TABLE

From September 21 to 24 the Association of Clerks-at-the-Table held its annual meeting in Prince Edward Island. Delegates were treated to the traditional island hospitality which this time seemed in inverse proportion to the nasty weather which lasted throughout the conference.

The agenda contained several subjects, all of which gave rise to lively discussion. Among the topics were: The Senate — A Vital but Unknown Element of Parliament; The Alberta *Heritage Savings Fund Act* and the Standing Committee pertaining thereto; the Symbols of Sovereignty in Legislative Assemblies; Unparliamentary language; Wiretapping as a Breach of Privilege; New Developments in the

Administrative Reorganization of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly; and The Motion of Censure against the Speaker in Saskatchewan.

In addition to representatives from Parliament, the Territories, and most provincial legislatures several special guests were invited and took part in the proceedings including former Clerks from the British and Canadian Houses of Commons, Sir Richard Barlas and Allistair Fraser. Patrick Flahaven, Secretary of the Minnesota Senate and Vice-President of the National Conference of State Legislatures was also in attendance.

The meeting ended with the election of a new executive consisting of Pierre Duchesne, Deputy Secretary-General of the Quebec National Assembly, who was elected President for a second term; Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk Assistant in Saskatchewan, who was elected Vice President, also for a second term and Elizabeth Duff, Clerk of the Newfoundland House of Assembly who was elected secretary.

SIXTH CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH SPEAKERS & PRESIDING OFFICERS — APRIL 1981

Next year, from April 23 to April 25, the Canadian Parliament will be host to the Sixth Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers. Although this Conference is a fairly recent innovation — the first conference took place in 1971 in New Delhi — it will not be the first time Canada receives the Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers. In 1969, an organizing conference took place in Ottawa on the initiative of the then Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. Lucien Lamoureux, which set the rules for future such meetings. These high officials of Parliaments of the Commonwealth meet biennially to discuss various matters of purely parliamentary interest with a particular accent on the speakership and other related aspects of parliamentary responsibili-

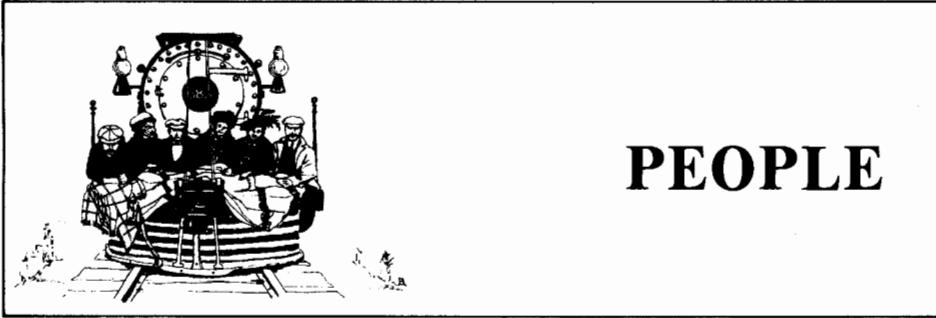
ties. Next year's agenda will include such topics as the Speaker's control of debate and question period, the security within Parliament, procedural innovations, facilities for Members, the *sub judice* rule, the parliamentary committees and their relations with the public and witnesses, and the Speaker and party politics.

It is expected that some 120 participants will attend this important parliamentary event, including the Speakers and Clerks of the Canadian Provincial Legislatures and the Clerks of the various Commonwealth Parliaments who have been invited to attend as observers. The Official Opening will take place in the morning of Thursday, April 23, and as is customary all the parliamentary participants will attend dressed in their ceremonial robes. The agenda items will be discussed over five half-day sessions, the last one being held on Saturday afternoon, April 25. The two following days will be spent in Toronto and Niagara Falls.

QUEBEC-SASKATCHEWAN VISIT TO NEWFOUNDLAND

During the week of August 17-24 the Newfoundland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association hosted a joint parliamentary delegation from Saskatchewan and Quebec. The Quebec delegation was headed by **Adrien Ouellette** MNA and included MNA's **Mme Thérèse-Lavoie Roux**, **John O'Gallagher**, **Yvon Brochu** and **Paul Trotier**. Speaker **John Brockelbank** led the Saskatchewan delegation which consisted of MLA's **Gerald Muirhead**, **John Skoberg**, **Graham Taylor**, **Fred Thompson**, **John Kowalchuk** and **Mr. Gordon Barnhart**.

The parliamentarians began their tour of the Province in Corner Brook where they spent two days. They then continued on to Grand Falls, Gander and St. John's. During the week they had the opportunity to meet with several of their Newfoundland counterparts and were able to experience many facets of Newfoundland life. In August 1981 the Newfoundland Branch will host the CPA Regional Conference.

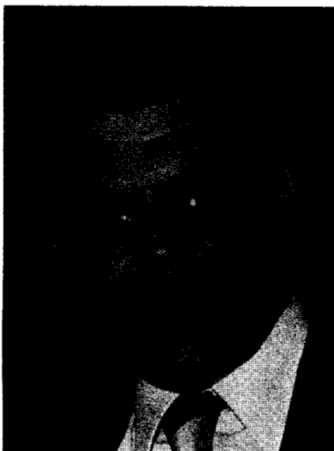


PEOPLE

The federal by-election of September 8 in Hamilton West gave the Liberal government one more seat when the voters elected Dr. STANLEY HUDECKI with a comfortable majority over the runner-up Conservative candidate. The federal riding of Hamilton West had been a Conservative stronghold with the former Member, Lincoln Alexander, holding the seat for 12 years. Mr. Alexander resigned last May to become President of the Ontario

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ELECTIONS

On October 22, the legislature of the Northwest Territories elected Hon. DONALD MORTON STEWART as its new Speaker. Born in 1923, Speaker Stewart worked for various airlines in the radio operations field and has been a district supervisor for the Department of Fisheries for a number of years. He became Mayor of Hay River in 1964 and served in this capacity to the present, except between 1967 and 1970. Speaker Stewart is in the building supplies business and a director of the Northern Canada Power Commission and the Freshwater Fish Marketing Board. A member of the legislature since 1967, except for the period from 1970 to 1975, he was Deputy Speaker between 1975 and 1979. Mr. Speaker Stewart replaces former Speaker ROBERT MacQUARRIE who resigned last summer, indicating he wished to participate actively in debates of the legislature.



Donald Stewart

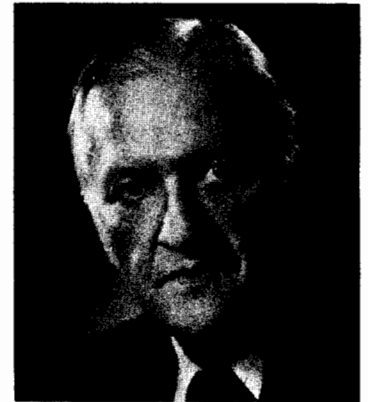
The Premier of Nova Scotia announced, on July 4, the appointment of Mr. Speaker RONALD RUSSELL, as Minister for Consumers' Affairs. The administrative duties of the Speakership are presently being carried out by Deputy Speaker ARTHUR RICHARD DONAHOE, who is also the Speaker designate. The formal election of a new Speaker will take place when the Nova Scotia Legislature reconvenes.

On November 1 the Liberal Party of Newfoundland chose a new leader, LEN STIRLING, a Member of the House of Assembly for Bonavista North. His main opposition came from another member of the legislature, LES THOMS. A third candidate DAVID ROONEY MP withdrew before the balloting and two other candidates had little support. Mr. Stirling defeated Mr.



Len Stirling

Thoms on the first ballot gaining 669 votes from the 996 delegates from 52 electoral districts. Mr. Stirling, 43, is an insurance company executive who was first elected to the legislature in 1979. He replaced DON JAMIESON, a former Minister of External Affairs who had been Liberal Party Leader in Newfoundland since May 1979.



Dr. Stan Hudecki

Workmen's Compensation Board. For Dr. Hudecki the third time was lucky as he had lost to Mr. Alexander in the last two federal elections.

In Quebec M. SERGE FONTAINE, MNA for Nicolet-Yamaska, became parliamentary leader of the Union Nationale Party replacing M. YVON BROCHU who resigned as leader but will keep his seat in the legislature until the next election. M. Fontaine is a member of the Quebec bar and has been in the National Assembly since 1976. He is also president of the Union Nationale.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Two vacancies were created in the Senate as a result of retirements during the past few months. In September Senator MICHEL FOURNIER retired from the Senate after over 45 years of public service at all levels of government. Senator Fournier began his political career as a municipal council-

lor in 1935. Ten years later he was elected to the New Brunswick Legislature where he remained a member until 1963. He finished his provincial political career as Minister of Industry and Development, from 1960 to 1963. Michel Fournier was Vice-President of the New Brunswick Labour Accident Commission from 1963 to 1968. He was summoned to the Senate in 1971.

On October 16, Senator MARGARET NORRIE officially retired from the Senate. She had been summoned to the Senate in April 1972 to fill one of the ten positions for Nova Scotia. She served on a number of administrative boards, including the National Capital Commission. Many tributes were paid to her in the Senate including one by Senator Rowe who called her "an indomitable fighter for eastern Canada especially; but more than that... a dedicated Canadian".

Two Members of the House of Commons also retired during the summer recess. On August 13, 51-year-old former minister JUDD BUCHANAN announced his intention to return to private life. Mr. Buchanan had been the Liberal representative for London West for 12 years and had held several ministerial portfolios during the last half of his political career. On August 30, 47-year-old lawyer RAYNALD GUAY resigned after serving the Quebec riding of Levis for some seventeen years. Mr. Guay had been a parliamentary secretary on several occasions. As of November 1, 1980 standings in the House of Commons were Liberals 145, Progressive Conservative 102, NDP 32 and 3 vacancies.

In Saskatchewan, over a period of two weeks, 3 MLA's resigned their seats. On October 15, Saskatchewan Minister of Highways, and MLA for the Battlefords, Hon. EILING KRAMER, announced his resignation. Mr. Kramer, 66, was first elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1952 and was re-elected seven times. He was the MLA with the longest period of service in the current legislature. Mr. Kramer plans to spend more time with his family and do the travelling his duties had

prevented him from undertaking. Two days later Mr. ROBERT LARTER, 55, Conservative MLA for Estevan, announced he was resigning for medical reasons. Mr. Larter was elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1975 as one of eight Progressive Conservative opposition members. The third Member to resign was the Minister of Mineral Resources, JOHN MESSER. At age 39 Mr. Messer said he decided to leave politics while he was still young enough to pursue another career. Mr. Messer had been the MLA for Kelsey-Tisdale since 1967 and held the portfolios of Agriculture from 1971 to 1975 and Industry and Commerce from 1975 to 1976. He became Minister of Mineral Resources in 1976. The standings in the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan as of November 1 were: New Democrats 42, Progressive Conservatives 14, Unionist Party 2 and vacancies 3.

In Nova Scotia JEREMY AKERMAN resigned his seat in the legislature on October 2. Mr. Akerman had been leader of the New Democratic Party since 1968 had resigned as party leader last May. He has since accepted the appointment as Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs reporting directly to the Minister, EDMUND MORRIS. The member for Cape Breton Centre, JAMES McEACHERN was named interim leader of the party pending the leadership convention held in mid November.

OBITUARIES

During the summer recess three federal parliamentarians passed away, including the Minister of Veterans Affairs, DANIEL MacDONALD. Born at Bothwell, Prince Edward Island in 1918, Dan MacDonald spent 5 years of active duty overseas during World War II and had come back to Bothwell a double amputee. Despite his handicaps, Mr. MacDonald led a very active farming life. In 1962, he went on to become a Member of the Prince Edward Island Legislature where he remained until 1970. During the last four years he held the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. In 1972 Mr. MacDonald

was elected to the House of Commons and appointed Minister of Veterans' Affairs at the end of that same year. Except for a short period during the Conservative administration, Mr. MacDonald held the Veterans' Affairs portfolio until his death on September 30th. On July 17, Mr. MacDonald witnessed the giving of royal assent to legislation to improve veterans' pensions and allowances, legislative measures he had initiated in cabinet, guided through Parliament and an accomplishment of which he was justly proud. In the words of Prime Minister Trudeau, Mr. MacDonald "gave all Canadians an example of the fortitude that enabled him to overcome his physical limitations... We have lost a friend whose life gave expression to the highest ideals of public service, in war and in peace".

Last July, the Senate of Canada lost one of its long-time members when SARTO FOURNIER died at age 72 after a lengthy illness. In 1935, when only 27 and still a law student, Sarto Fournier was elected to the House of Commons where he served for the next 18 years. He was summoned to the Senate in 1953. Senator Fournier presented himself as a candidate against Mayor Drapeau at several Montreal civic elections and was successful for one term in 1957, thus gaining the reputation of having been the only one to beat Mr. Drapeau during the present Mayor's 26 years in civic politics.

Another senior member of the Senate died in October. RAYMOND EUDES was first elected to the House of Commons in 1940 and re-elected seven consecutive times. In 1968 Mr. Eudes was appointed to the Senate where he was particularly interested in international affairs, including the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. His colleague, Senator McIlraith, who served in Parliament through virtually all of Senator Eudes' career noted that in addition to his vast knowledge of public affairs Senator Eudes "had the finest singing voice of anyone in Parliament in our time. He was really outstanding as a musician, and indeed, in the other arts".

HANSARD CENTENNIAL YEAR 1880-1980

The Canadian Hansard of the House of Commons is 100 years old. Throughout the year, various events have celebrated this Centennial and the latest has been a two-week exhibition displaying Hansard memorabilia of historical interest and official Hansard reports from around the world. The display was officially opened on October 22.

reporters rose to prominence in Canadian political life. One, Sir John Sparrow D. Thompson, became the fourth Prime Minister of Canada. The other, Sir John Bourinot, was appointed Clerk of the House of Commons. Alphonse Desjardins, founder of the credit union movement in North America, was a Hansard reporter for twenty-six years. George Simpson, the reporter on the floor when the cry of "Fire!" emptied the Chamber on the night of February 3rd., 1916, displayed remarkable equanimity and courage. His account of

mentary reporting in Canada and written to celebrate the centennial.

Below is the bronze plaque that was unveiled in the course of a ceremony held last May. The plaque is affixed on a wall of the Rotunda. Reproduced (below) are two photographs one showing the staff of the English Debates Reporting Service and the other, the staff of the French Debates Reporting Service. When one realizes that although 100 years separate the first picture appearing above and the two reprinted below, the casual relaxed style



The "Fathers" of Canadian Hansard

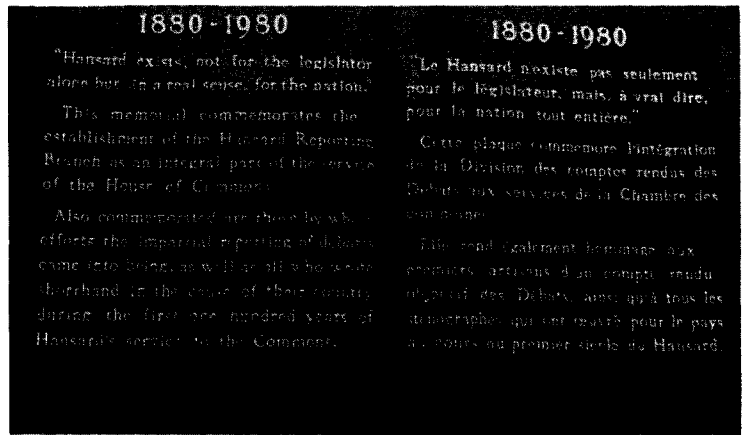


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Pictured above is the original 1880's staff. Hansard has had many notable figures in its ranks. Two Nova Scotian parliamentary debates

events that night when the House of Commons was burned to a shell is given in full in *The Hansard Chronicles*, a book setting out the history of parlia-

has not changed a great deal, but the reporting service has certainly grown in number.



English Hansard Staff. Photo: Martine Bresson



French Hansard Staff. Photo: Martine Bresson