



CPA ACTIVITIES: THE CANADIAN SCENE

7TH CANADIAN REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR NOVEMBER, 1981

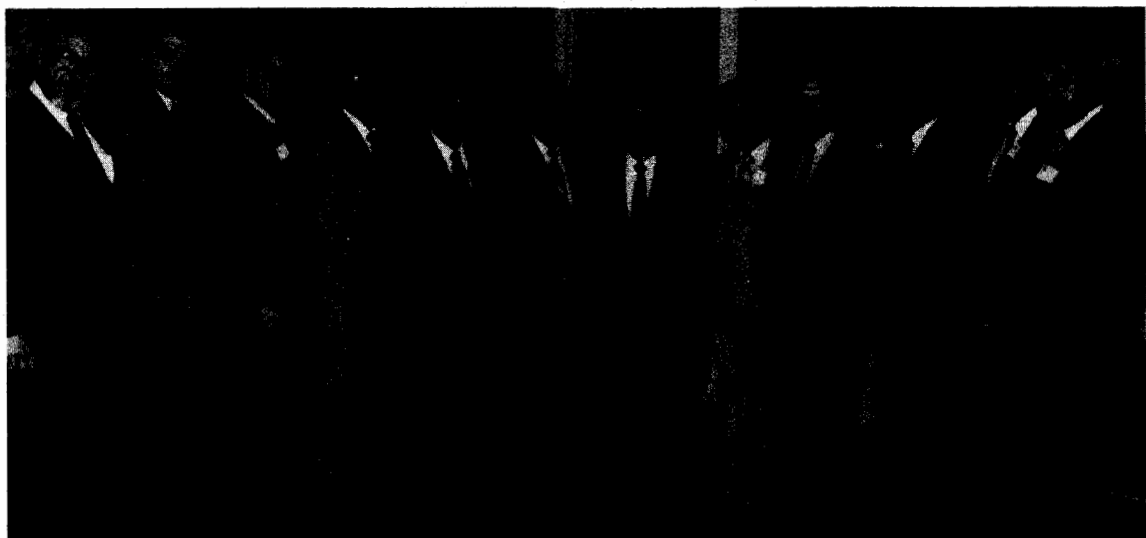
The 7th CPA Canadian Regional Seminar on "Improving the Parliamentary System" was held in Nova Scotia from November 2-5, 1981. The seminar was divided into four parts each of which dealt with one function of parliament. The critical function, introduced by **Denis Vaugeois** of Quebec, focussed on question period and whether or not a specific time should be reserved for government backbenchers. This proved to be a most controversial issue with a number of interesting arguments advanced on both sides. The financial function, introduced by **Bruce Strachan** of British Columbia, concentrated on the problem of parliamentary scrutiny of crown corporations. Ontario opened

the discussion on the legislative function with **Allan McLean**, **Bernard Newman**, and **James Renwick**, each dealing with a specific aspect of the subject. The session on the investigative function was opened by **Ken Robinson** of the House of Commons. He concentrated on the committee system and how it could be improved. The last session was a summary and evaluation of the entire seminar. The panelists were **Lloyd Johnson** of Saskatchewan and **William Purdy** of Alberta. The chairman for the last session was **Maximilien Pollak** of Quebec.

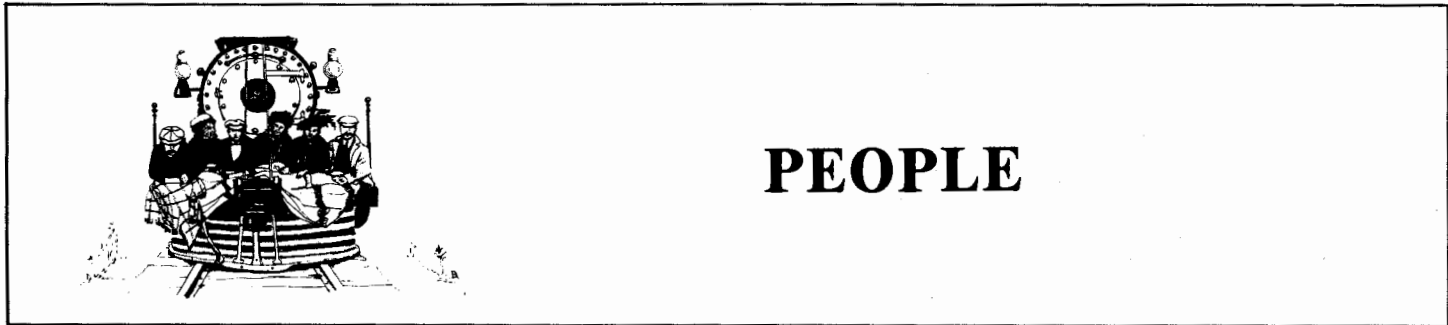
Aside from these formal sessions the host of the conference, **John Leefe**,

Deputy Speaker of Nova Scotia and his staff, organized a number of social events including a visit to Peggy's Cove, a lobster boil at the Shore Club in Hubbards and a luncheon at Government House.

Delegates were unanimous in their praise for Mr. Leefe and the conference secretariat headed by **Marilyn Gillis** for the efficient, professional and friendly manner in which they organized both the working sessions and the hospitality.



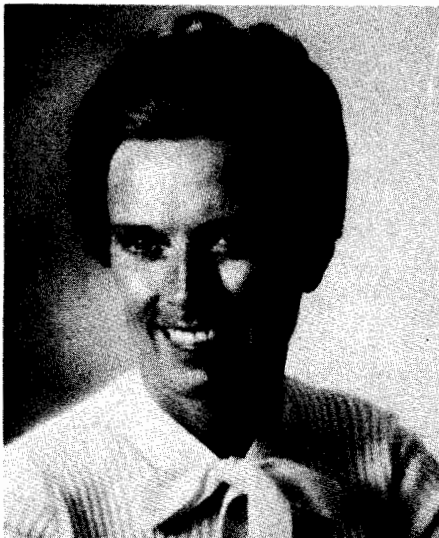
The Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. John E. Shaffner, hosted a luncheon for delegates to the 7th Canadian Regional Seminar. Seen here are Peter Fraser (NWT), Bill Purdy (Alta.), Bruce Strachan (BC), Lloyd Johnson (Sask.), Dan Compton (PEI), Hon. John Shaffner, John Leefe (NS), Len Simms (Nfld.), Keith Penner (Ottawa), Denis Vaugeois (Que.), Doug Moore (NB) and Allan Mclean (Ont.).



PEOPLE

APPOINTMENTS, ELECTIONS

The new Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba is **Pearl McGonigal**. Following a successful business career, Mrs. McGonigal entered public life in 1969 when she became the first woman elected to the St. James-Assiniboia City Council. She was subsequently elected four times to the Greater Winnipeg City Council and at the time of her appointment Mrs. McGonigal was Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Executive Policy Committee. Her contribution to civic life has been recognized by a number of awards and appointments. She was also the author of a weekly column published in suburban newspapers between 1970 and 1980, as well as author of the *Frankly Feminine Cookbook*, published in 1975.



Pearl McGonigal

In the Yukon, **Roger Kimmerly**, running for the New Democratic Party, defeated three opponents in winning the October 13, 1981 by-election in the electoral district of Whitehorse South Centre. The seat had been vacated by Jack Hibberd, Progressive Conservative, on April 15, 1981. A lawyer, Mr. Kimmerly, 33, had a majority of 76 votes over the Progressive Conservative candidate and 87 votes over the Liberal candidate. The standings in the Yukon Legislative Assembly as of October 26 were: 10 Progressive Conservatives, 3 New Democrats, 2 Liberals and 1 Independent.



Roger Kimmerly

GERALD OTTENHEIMER CHAIRMAN OF CPA

A new chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was elected at the Twenty-Seventh CPA Conference held in Fiji. The Executive Committee consists of eighteen members comprising the officers of the Association and two members chosen from each of the regions. The chairman is elected for a three year term.



Gerald Ottenheimer

Mr. Gerald Ottenheimer, presently Justice Minister in the Newfoundland Government, was Speaker of the Newfoundland House of Assembly from 1975-1979. He served as Regional Representative on the Executive Committee from 1978-1981. He is the second Canadian to serve as its chairman since CPA was reorganized in 1967.

RESIGNATIONS

On October 31, Senator **John Connolly** retired from the Senate after some twenty-eight years of service. He acted as leader of the Government in the Senate through most of the Pearson government.

Senator Connolly was an active member of the Commonwealth Parlia-

mentary Association. In 1967 he was named to a small CPA "working group" whose recommendations completely altered the organization of the association. Senator Connolly later served on CPA's Executive Committee.

Among many tributes paid to him was one by Senator Flynn who said "John Connolly brought substance, style and grace to the upper chamber.

Those of us who have known him best and longest appreciate with great sadness what a significant loss this chamber and the body politic suffer as a result of this retirement".

Following his retirement the standings in the Senate were as follows: Liberals 63, Progressive Conservatives 25, Independent 2, Independent-Liberal 1, Social Credit 1, Vacancies 12.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION IN NOVA SCOTIA OCTOBER 6, 1981

*Indicates new member of the Legislature					
Roger Bacon	PC	Harold Huskison	LIB	Donald McInnes	PC
Cumberland East		Shelburne		Pictou West	
Ronald Barkhouse	PC	Greg Kerr	PC	Thomas McInnis	PC
Lunenburg East		Annapolis West		Halifax Eastern Shore	
Guy Brown	LIB	* Michael Laffin	PC	* Chester Melanson	LIB
Cumberland Centre		Cape Breton Centre		Clare	
John Buchanan	PC	Jarry Lawrence	PC	George Moody	PC
Halifax Atlantic		Halifax St. Margarets		Kings West	
A.M. (Sandy) Cameron	LIB	John Leefe	PC	Fraser Mooney	LIB
Guysborough		Queens		Yarmouth	
Donald Cameron	PC	* Ed Lorraine	LIB	Edmund Morris	PC
Pictou East		Colchester North		Halifax Needham	
Joseph Casey	LIB	Paul MacEwan	IND	David Nantes	PC
Digby		Cape Breton Nova		Cole Harbour	
Bruce Cochran	PC	John MacIsaac	PC	Milne Pickings	PC
Lunenburg Centre		Pictou Centre		Lunenburg West	
Arthur Donahoe	PC	* Greg MacIsaac	PC	Ronald Russell	PC
Halifax Citadel		Richmond		Hants West	
Terence Donahoe	PC	Malcolm Mackay	PC	Gerald Sheehy	PC
Halifax Cornwallis		Sackville		Annapolis East	
Osborne Fraser	LIB	John Mackenzie	LIB	Colln Stewart	PC
Cape Breton The Lakes		Inverness North		Colchester South	
Ronald Giffin	PC	* Billy MacLean	PC	Laird Stirling	PC
Truro-Bible Hill		Inverness South		Dartmouth North	
William Gillis	LIB	Vincent MacLean	LIB	Kenneth Streach	PC
Antigonish		Cape Breton South		Bedford-Musquodoboit Valley	
* Jack Hawkins	LIB	Donald MacLeod	PC	Roland Thornhill	PC
Hants East		Cape Breton East		Dartmouth South	
George Henley	PC	* Donnie MacLeod	PC	Hugh Tinkham	LIB
Cumberland West		Cape Breton West		Argyle	
Harry How	PC	Joel Matheson	PC	Edward Twhlg	PC
Kings South		Halifax Bedford Basin		Kings North	
Fisher Hudson	PC	* Alexa McDonough	NDP	Richard Weldon	PC
Victoria		Halifax Chebucto		Dartmouth East	
				* Brian Young	PC
				Cape Breton North	