



# CPA: The Canadian Scene

## *Eighth Atlantic Provinces Parliamentary Conference*

The annual parliamentary conference of the Atlantic province does not bring together large numbers of legislators but the very fact that attendance is limited usually lends to a free-flowing exchange of ideas.

This year the conference, held in Halifax, was hosted by the Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature, **Arthur Donahoe**. The Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, **David Tonkin**, spoke to the delegates on "The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at age 75 - What of its Future?"

Other subjects on the agenda included a discussion of the role of the provinces in free trade negotiations and accountability of cabinet ministers and MLA's.



*From l-r Dr. Clarence James, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance of Bermuda, Speaker Arthur Donahoe of Nova Scotia, Michel Bissonnet of the Québec National Assembly and Dr. David Tonkin Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at the Atlantic Parliamentary Conference in Halifax. (Nova Scotia Department of Government Services)*



*Group photo of participants in 8th Atlantic Parliamentary Conference. (Nova Scotia Department of Government Services)*

## *Canadian Regional Council Meeting*

The Executive of the Canadian Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held its annual meeting in June 1986. Among other things it decided that the 1987 Conference of the Association will take place in Saskatchewan, the next Seminar in Prince Edward Island and the next Speakers' Conference in Winnipeg.

The Council approved grants for two special projects. The first, a seminar on free trade to be held in Washington in the autumn of 1986, will be organized by the Centre for Legislative Exchange. The second project is a conference on the Parliamentary Tradition in Canada. It will bring together parliamentarians, professors and legislative staff from across Canada to discuss the future of parliamentary government in this country.

## Twenty Sixth Conference in Toronto

The annual conference of the Canadian Region of CPA was held in Toronto from July 26 to August 2, 1986. Every province and territories sent delegates and there were also observers from legislatures in the United Kingdom, the United States, the Commonwealth of Australia, South Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Grenada, as well as the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The Conference was opened by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario **Lincoln Alexander** and the keynote speech was delivered by **David MacDonald**, former Member of Parliament and Co-ordinator of African Famine Relief.

One of the subjects on the agenda was: Is Canada's Water for Sale? The speakers were **Frank Quinn** of

Environment Canada, **Thomas Kierans**, **Kenneth Hare** and **Karl Morin-Strom**, MPP (Ontario). Canadian Forest policy was discussed by a panel consisting of **Joe Bird** of the Ontario Forest Industries Association, Professor **Les Reed**, and two legislators, **Floyd Laughren** (Ontario) and **Neil J. LeBlanc** (Nova Scotia).

**Richard Brown** a former Research Director of the Ontario Task Force on Employment and Technology, **Glenna Carr**, Assistant Deputy Minister of Skills Development, **Jean Joly**, MNA (Quebec) and **Thomas Hickey**, MLA (Newfoundland) were on a panel looking at Canada's workforce in transition.

A panel on the subject of the family farm and its future consisted of **Elmer Allan** of Unifarm, **Harry Pelissero** of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture,

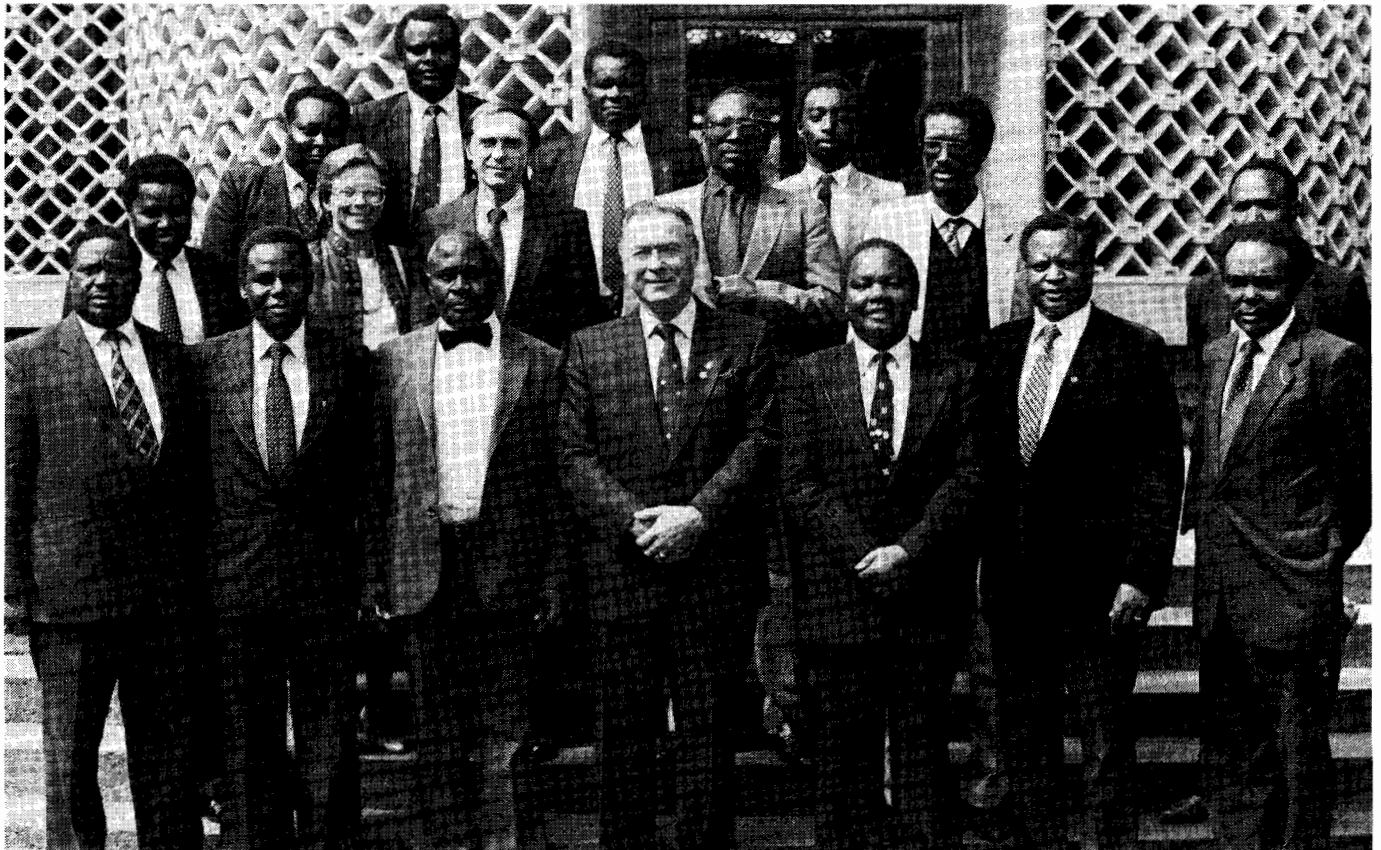
**Walter Johnson**, MLA (Saskatchewan) and Speaker **Charles Gallagher**, MLA (New Brunswick).

The question of acid rain was discussed by Professor **Harold Harvey**, **Ron Taborek** of Ontario Hydro, **Norman Rubin** of Energy Probe and **Brian Charlton**, MPP (Ontario).

Finally the subject of relations between Provinces and States was examined by **Gerald Regan** former MP, **Roy Romanow**, **Maximilien Polak**, MNA (Quebec) and **Irving J. Stolberg**, President elect of the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL).

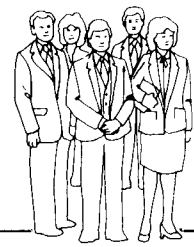
A number of social activities including dinners hosted by the Government of Ontario and by Speaker **Hugh Edighoffer** were much appreciated by all delegates and observers.

*The 17th African Regional Seminar of CPA was held in Malawi in June. For the first time a Canadian observer was in attendance. The Chairman of the federal branch, Lloyd Crouse, is shown here with Speaker Mati of Kenya and a group of Kenyan parliamentarians.*



Scenes from the 26th Canadian Regional Conference.

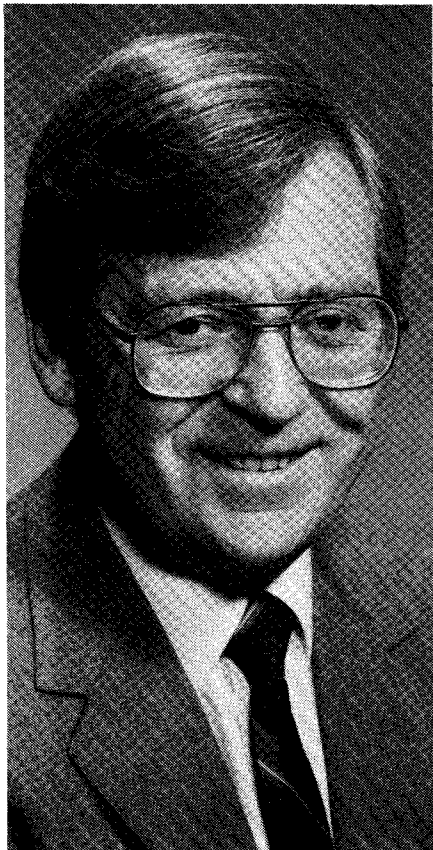




## New Speaker in Alberta

Born in Saskatchewan and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta **David Carter** graduated in 1958 from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts. He has a Licentiate in Theology, and a Doctor of Divinity from St John's College, Winnipeg as well as a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Anglican Theological College, University of British Columbia.

From 1965 to 1969 Dr. Carter was Chaplain for the University of Calgary, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and Mount Royal College,



*David Carter*

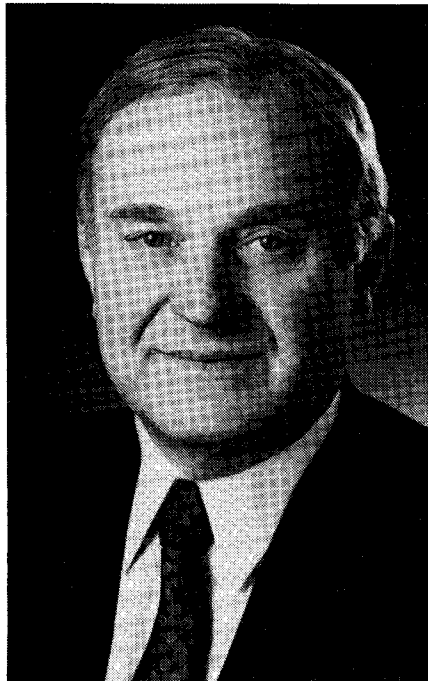
where he had a special interest in the development of student housing. His appointments include Rector, Cathedral Church of the Redeemer; Dean, Anglican Diocese of Calgary; and Senator, University of Calgary. He has

written seven books on Western Canadian history and poetry.

Dr. Carter was employed by NOVA, an Alberta Corporation from 1982-1986 and is active in many community activities in Calgary. First elected to the Alberta Legislature in 1979 and re-elected in 1982 and 1986, he became Speaker of the Assembly in June 1986.

## Appointments

On July 2 the Prime Minister announced that **Norman K. Atkins** had been appointed to the Senate for Ontario. Mr. Atkins has been a senior campaign advisor to the Progressive Conservative Party for a number of years at both the federal and provincial level.

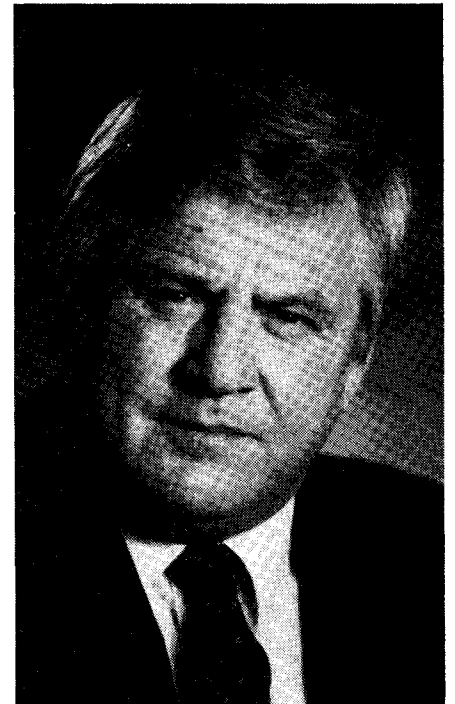


*Senator Norman K. Atkins*

A graduate of Acadia University, President of Camp Associates Advertising Limited, and Chairman of Advance Planning, Mr. Atkins, 52, is the co-ordinating chairman of Diabetes Canada and an Honourary Member of the Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation - Canada.

## By-elections

The new member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly for Cochrane North is the same as the old member. On August 14 **René Fontaine** won the seat he had vacated on June 26 in the midst of allegations of having broken conflict-of-interest guidelines by failing to declare ownership of shares in a mining exploration company. Unlike other recent cases at both the federal and provincial level where ministers have resigned their cabinet portfolios but remained as members of the legislature pending a parliamentary or judicial investigation, Mr. Fontaine said he would present his case to the court



*René Fontaine*

of public opinion. The Conservative and New Democratic Parties declined to run candidates claiming that this would short circuit the legislative investigation taking place into the matter.

## New Lieutenant-Governor in Newfoundland

**James McGrath** longtime Conservative Member of Parliament for St. John's was named Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland by the Prime Minister on July 18.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1957 and re-elected at every subsequent election except 1963, Mr. McGrath was Minister of Fisheries



*James McGrath (Ted Grant)*

in the Joe Clark government in 1979. In 1984 he was named Chairman of a Special Committee on Reform of the House of Commons. Its reports led to numerous changes in the rules and procedures of the House. He was also chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and an active participant in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association throughout his career.

## Thirty Years of Parliamentary Activity

On June 17 partisan debates were suspended as the Quebec National Assembly marked the thirty years of parliamentary activity by **Gérard D. Levesque**, Minister of Finance and member for Bonaventure.

Elected for the first time on June 20, 1956 as an opposition member under the regime of Maurice Duplessis, Mr. Levesque has participated in nine consecutive general elections and known ten premiers. The current premier, **Robert Bourassa**, summed up



*Gérard D. Lévesque (Allard)*

Mr. Levesque's career in one word: loyalty – to his family, to the voters, to his party (which he has served as interim leader on two occasions), to Quebec, and to his country. "Gérard D. Levesque has had an exemplary career," Mr. Bourassa said. "He has never stooped to mud-slinging.. And he has steadfastly adhered to the strictures of parliamentary life." Opposition leader **Pierre-Marc Johnson**, emphasized Gérard D. Levesque's enthusiasm, wisdom, courtesy, and generosity.

Mr. Levesque, in thanking his colleagues, reminded them that his legislative career has spanned thirteen years in power and seventeen in the Opposition, an imbalance that he proposed to correct over the next four years.

## Legislative Librarian in New Brunswick

The new Legislative Librarian for New Brunswick is **Eric L. Swanik**. A graduate of the universities of Carleton, McGill and Leeds, he was formerly in charge of the government section of the library.



*Erik Swanik*

## Address by Bishop Tutu

A special event in the history of the Ontario Legislature was the May 30 address by the Right Reverend **Desmond Tutu**, Bishop of Johannesburg. In words passionate and eloquent, Bishop Tutu prayed for a transfigured South Africa free of apartheid. Lamenting that "our country is burning, our children are dying" he pleaded with Ontario legislators to be "part of of God's glorious enterprise to set free all of his people, black and white, in South Africa." The Bishop's address to the specially convened sitting of the Assembly was only the seventh by such a distinguished visitor, and the first in 34 years delivered by a guest from outside Canada.

## Resignations

A vacancy in the Prince Edward Island Legislature occurred when veteran Tory member **George McMahon** was named to the Bench. First elected in 1976 Mr. McMahon held several portfolios, including Justice between 1979 and 1985. No date has been announced for a by-election in Summerside.

Two members of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly have resigned recently. **Paul Rousseau** accepted the position of Agent General for Saskatchewan. The former Minister of Highways **James Garner** resigned his seat in order to establish a ranch in the Waterton area of southern Alberta.

**Tom Waterland** MLA for Yale-Lillooet resigned his seat in the British Columbia Legislative Assembly in order to become president of the BC Mining Association.

## Roderick Lewis Retires

On July 2, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, **Roderick Lewis**, announced his retirement as Clerk of the House. He joined the Assembly as Assistant Clerk in 1946, and succeeded his father, Major Alex C. Lewis, as Clerk in 1955. In tribute, the Legislature adopted a

motion "to express its appreciation to Roderick Lewis for his dedication and years of service as Clerk of the Ontario Legislative Assembly and [ordered] that, notwithstanding the customs of Parliament, the Clerk be invited to address the House." With the mace on the Table indicating the House was still in session, Mr. Lewis expressed his appreciation for this honour and for the friendships he had formed with members on all sides of the House. He concluded by thanking all Members "for their kindness, their patience and their words."

## Elsie Inman 1890-1986

Canada's oldest Senator, **Elsie Inman** of Prince Edward Island, died at the age of 95. Born when Sir John A. Macdonald was still Prime Minister, she was named to the Senate by Louis St. Laurent in 1955.

Although never elected to public office she was active in Prince Edward Island politics for many years before starting her Senate career at an age when most people are thinking of retiring. **Senator David Croll** was one of many Senators to recall her years in the Senate. He described his last meeting with Senator Inman. "There were tears. I was sad, and yet I was

glad that I had come to know this kind and gentle woman with humanitarian instincts . . . Throughout all her life she was able to maintain a sense of proportion, to rise above failure and handle success."

## Bernard Boutin 1953-1986

The member for Kinistino in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly was killed in an accident on his farm during spring seeding. First elected in 1982 Mr. Boutin leaves behind a wife and four young children.

## Paul Yuzyk 1913-1986

Senator **Paul Yuzyk**, of Manitoba, one of the most prominent individuals in Canada's Ukrainian community, died at age 73. Before his appointment to the Upper House by John Diefenbaker in 1963 he had been an associate professor of Slavic studies and professor of history at the University of Manitoba. Senator Yuzyk was the founder and first president of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation and a founder of the Canadian Association of Slavists and the Ukrainian Canadian University Students Union.