
CPA: The Canadian Scene

CPA Conference in Fredericton

The 30th conference of the Canadian Region of CPA took place in Fredericton, New Brunswick from August 22-27, 1990. Approximately 91 delegates from every Canadian jurisdiction attended the conference. Also attending were legislators from Zimbabwe, the Isle of Man, the British House of Commons and a representative of the Headquarter's Secretariat.

Following the official opening by the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, the delegates considered the impact of free trade on the Canadian economy and Canada's sovereignty.

The second business session featured two panels both with guest speakers. **Christopher McCormick** of the Native Council of Canada spoke on Problems in achieving a practicable native self-government in one panel. The other featured

Lorne Bozinoff, Vice President of Gallup Canada and **John Godfrey**, Editor of the *Financial Post*. They addressed the question of pollsters and the interpretation of polls in influencing public opinion.

Two other sessions also featured guest speakers. Senator **Joyce Fairbairn** and Dr. **James Downey**, President of the University of New Brunswick spoke on the subject of combatting illiteracy in the educational system. The transitional role of women in public life was addressed by three guest speakers: Judge **Gladys Young** of the Provincial Court of New Brunswick, Constable **Patricia Thibodeau** of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and **Elizabeth Weir** leader of the New Brunswick New Democratic Party.

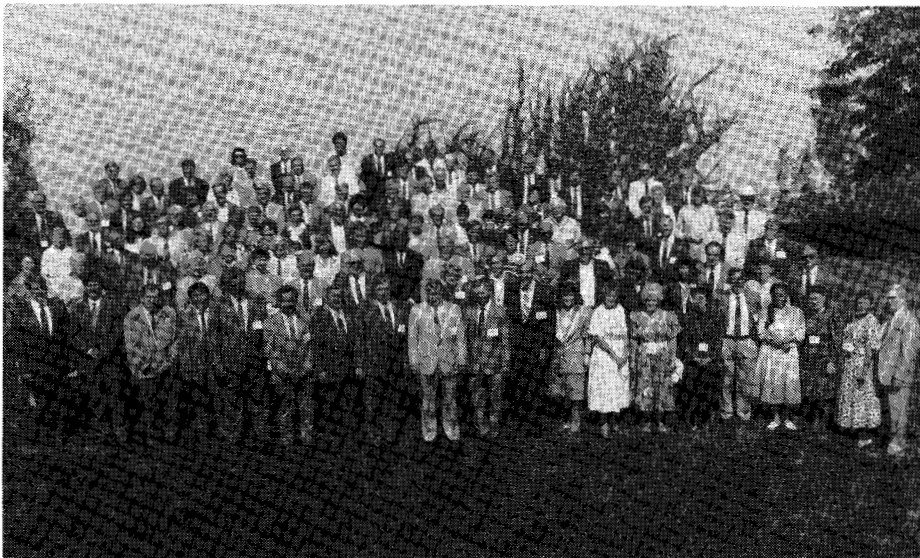
Other topics on the agenda included: The state of the fishing



From l-r - Frank McKenna, Premier of New Brunswick, Gilbert Finn, Lieutenant-Governor, Hugh Edihoffer, former Speaker of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Girve Fretz, Chairman of the federal branch of CPA and Frank Branch, Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature

industry in Canada; effective environmental management of solid, toxic and nuclear waste; the independent role of the private member within traditional party discipline; the future of Canada's health care system; teen suicides; the powers of the Senate in theory and practice; and Canadian identity, a multicultural Canada versus a common Canadian culture.

The conference featured a number of memorable social events including a lobster feast and a dinner cruise on a paddle wheeler. Delegates were unanimous in their praise for the conference host Speaker **Frank Branch** of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly and the secretariat headed by **David Peterson**, Clerk of the Legislature, for the thoughtfulness and attention to detail that went into making the conference a success. ■



Delegates and observers, 30th CPA Regional Conference

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New Lieutenant-Governors

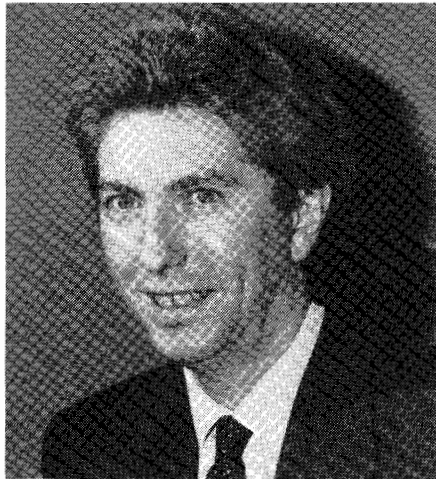
New Lieutenant-Governors have been appointed recently in Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

In Prince Edward Island the new Lieutenant-Governor is a former Speaker, **Marion Reid**. She was educated at North Rustico, Stella Maris School and Prince of Wales College where she graduated with her First Class Teacher's License at age seventeen. She taught for some twenty years on the North Shore of Prince Edward Island. During her tenure she was awarded a sabbatical to return to university (1972-73) where she earned her Teacher's Certificate.

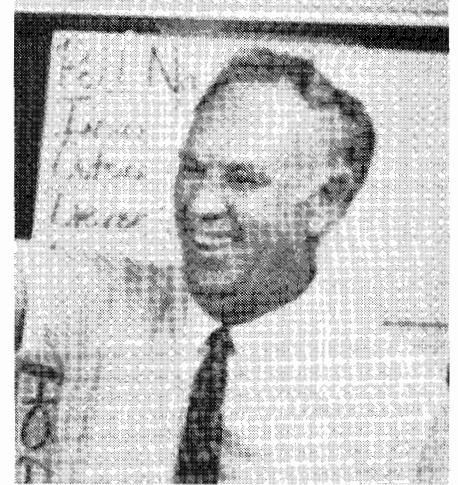
She was first elected in a 1979 by-election and re-elected in 1982. After serving as Deputy Speaker from 1979 to 1982 she was elected Speaker at the opening of the 56th Legislature on March 8, 1983. She held that position until 1986.

The new Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec is **Martial Asselin**. A

lawyer, he was born in La Malbaie, where he later became Mayor from 1957-1963. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1958 and, although defeated in 1963 was re-elected in 1965 and 1968. Mr. Asselin was appointed to the Senate in 1972. He was Deputy Speaker of the Senate from 1984 to 1988 and played an active role in the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians.



Gilles Duceppe
(Canapress Photo Service)



Russell MacNeil
(Sydney Cape Breton Post)

Commons. The other new member is **Gilles Duceppe** who captured Laurier Ste-Marie for the *Bloc Québécois* party. He thus became the first federal member elected on a platform of independence for Quebec.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly **Russell MacNeil** won the Cape Breton Centre seat for the Liberals.

New Senators

Just before Parliament resumed for the fall Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney** appointed 15 new Senators including two former Premiers, two former federal cabinet ministers and several former provincial politicians.

Pat Carney from British Columbia was first elected to the Commons in 1980 in the riding of Vancouver Centre. She was named to cabinet in 1984 and served in the portfolios of Energy, International



Mike Breough
(Toronto Star)

By-elections

Three recent by-elections were held to fill vacancies in the House of Commons and the Nova Scotia House of Assembly.

Mike Breough of the New Democratic party took the Oshawa seat held formerly by **Ed Broadbent**. A teacher, Mr. Breough had been a Member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly since 1975. He resigned in order to run for the House of

Trade and Treasury Board. She retired from politics prior to the 1988 election. **James Kelleher** sat in the House of Commons from 1984-88 and served as Solicitor General for two years.

The two former Premiers are **Richard Hatfield** who held office in New Brunswick from 1970 to 1987 and **John Buchanan** who resigned as Premier of Nova Scotia, an office he held since 1978 to accept the appointment to the Senate.

Among the former provincial politicians are **Nancy Tweed**, Minister of Social Services in the Hatfield Government, **Mario Beaulieu** former Quebec cabinet minister and federal Conservative party organizer; **Claude Castonguay**, former Minister of Health and Minister of Social Affairs in Quebec and presently President of the Laurentian Group Corporation; **Mabel DeWare**, former Minister of Community Colleges and Advanced Education in New Brunswick

Also named to the Senate were **Gerald Comeau** a former Conservative Member of Parliament from Nova Scotia and an

Associate Professor at Université Ste-Anne in Nova Scotia; **Consiglio Di Nino**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cabot Trust Company in Toronto; **John Trevor Eyton**, President of Brascan Limited; **John Lynch-Staunton**, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of de Kuyper Canada Inc.; **Dr. Noel Kinsella** former President of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and Deputy Minister (designate) of the new Department of Multiculturalism; **Donald Oliver**, a Halifax lawyer and former Atlantic Vice-President of the federal Conservative Party and **John Sylvain**, a Montreal insurance executive.

Four of the new Senators were from Quebec, four from New Brunswick, three from Nova Scotia, three from Ontario and one from British Columbia.

Once all the vacancies were filled standings in the Senate on September 26 was 52 Liberals, 46 Conservatives, four Independents, 1 Independent Liberal and 1 member of the Reform Party.

The following day Senator **Martha Bielish** retired and the Prime Minister named **Walter Twinn**, a business man and Chief of the Sawridge Indian Band to fill the Alberta vacancy. He also announced the appointment of an additional eight senators as provided under Section 26 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*.

The new Senators are **Thérèse Lavoie-Roux**, former Health and Social Services Minister in the Quebec government; **Normand Grimard**, a lawyer from Quebec City; **Michael Meighen**, a former National President of the Progressive Conservative party. **Dr. Wilbert Keon**, from Ottawa; **Janis Johnson** of Winnipeg, a professor and a national director of the Progressive Conservative party; **Eric Berntson** of Saskatchewan, a former Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture; **James Ross** of Fredericton, Chairman of Ross Ventures Limited; and **Michael Forrestall** of Halifax a former Member of Parliament, currently a Member of the Veterans' Appeal Board.

Meeting of Canadian Study of Parliament Group

The fall seminar of the Canadian Study of Parliament Group will be held on November 9-10, 1990 in Ottawa on "The Future of Canadian Federalism". Guest speaker will be Gordon Robertson. Other participants include Alan Cairns, Garth Stevenson, J.R. Mallory, and Richard Simeon.

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