

**Party Leaders in British Columbia  
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## LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

### INTRODUCTION

Party government was not introduced into British Columbia until June 1, 1903 when Richard McBride announced the formation of a Conservative administration. The general election held later that year was the first to be fought along formal party lines.

Prior to 1903, elections were fought and governments were formed by groups, or factions. Allegiances were often more personal than political and were not fixed\*. Candidates were designated as Government, Opposition, or Independent. It should be noted that labour groups or parties contested (sometimes successfully) elections prior to 1903, and the 1900 general election saw a socialist candidate. The 1900 general election was also the precursor to the 1903 general election in that various "parties" appeared in opposition to the Government, rather than as general opposition candidates. The Conservatives (then known as the Liberal-Conservatives) had already elected a provincial leader in March 1900 and at their 1902 convention called for the next election to be fought along party lines. The Liberals were somewhat slower in getting organized but had a provincial leader by 1902.

In addition to the Liberals and Conservatives, other parties have been included here such as the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, later the New Democratic Party, and Social Credit. Although both started out as "third parties", or movements, they have been two of the major political forces in British Columbia since 1952. Leaders for parties whose names changed have been kept together (Conservative/Progressive Conservative, CCF/NDP). The Reform Party of British Columbia was included in 1994 when they received official party status in the Legislature, having four members.

Several parties that are included have failed to continue to elect members to the Legislative Assembly and have not maintained official party status in the Legislature so their list of party leaders is not being updated. The Conservative/Progressive Conservative, Social Credit and Reform fall in to this category.

Other parties - and there have been many in the province's history - have been omitted. Their existence was brief or they never elected members to the Legislature or they did not have leaders as such.

Dates given for the start and end of a leader's term are sometimes approximate. There are few official sources and newspaper stories are frequently vague about the effective dates of resignations, elections, etc. Also, individuals are sometimes referred to as "leaders" in the press when they are merely party president or something less official.

There were often times when a party was without an official leader. In this document, a gap of more than a few days is marked with "\*\*\*\*\*".

\* For more information about this period see Edith Dobie, "Some aspects of party history in British Columbia, 1871-1903", Pacific Historical Review I (1932), pp. 235-251 and Walter N. Sage, "Federal parties and provincial political groups in British Columbia, 1871-1903", British Columbia Historical Quarterly XII (1948), pp. 151-169.

## ALPHABETICAL LIST

NAME OF LEADER	PARTY	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)
Anderson, David Alexander	Liberal	May 1972 - Sep. 1975	29-30
Anscomb, Herbert	Progressive Conservative/ Coalition	Apr. 1946 - Nov. 1952	21-23 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Barrett, David	NDP	Sep. 1969 - May 1984	29-33 See CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH...
Bennett, William Andrew	Social Credit	July 1952 - Nov. 1973	23-30
Bennett, William Richards	Social Credit	Nov. 1973 - July 1986	30-33
Berger, Thomas	NDP	Apr. 1969 - Sep. 1969	28-29 See CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH...
Black, Dawn	NDP	Jan. 2011	39
Bowser, William John	[Liberal-]Conservative	Dec. 1915 - Aug. 1924	13-16 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Buckley, Eric	Social Credit	Apr. 2000 - Oct. 2000	36
Brewster, Harlan Carey	Liberal	Mar. 1912 - Mar. 1918	13*-14
Campbell, Gordon	Liberal	Sep. 1993 -	35-
Clark, Glen David	NDP	Feb. 1996 - Aug. 1999	35-36
Connell, Robert	CCF	Dec. 1933 - Aug. 1936	18
Culos, Mike	Social Credit	Apr. 1997 - Apr. 2000	36
Dosanjh, Ujjal	NDP	Feb. 2000 - June 2001	36
DeWolfe, John Anthony St. Etienne	Progressive Conservative	Jun. 1969 - Nov. 1971	28-29 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Endean, Ken	Social Credit	May 1996 - Mar. 1997	35-36
Finlayson, Douglas Deane	Progressive Conservative	Nov. 1952 - Apr. 1961	23-26 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Fulton, Edmund Davie	Progressive Conservative	Jan. 1963 - Apr. 1965	26-27 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Gamble, Ronald K.	Reform Party of B.C.	Sep. 1993 - Jan. 1995	35
Gibson, Gordon Fulerton Jr.	Liberal	Sep. 1975 - Jan. 1979	30-31
Gillanders, Larry	Social Credit	Nov. 1994 - May 1996	35
Hanni, Wilf	Reform Party of B.C.	Aug. 1997 - June 1998	36
Hanson, Lyall Franklin	Social Credit	May 1994	35
Harcourt, Michael Franklin	NDP	Apr. 1987 - Feb. 1996	34-35 See CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH
Hart, John	Liberal/Coalition	Dec. 1941 - Dec. 1947	20-21 See LIBERAL
James, Carole	NDP	Nov. 2003 - Jan. 2011	37-39
Johnson, Byron Ingemar	Liberal/Coalition	Dec. 1947 - Apr. 1953	21-23 See LIBERAL
Johnston, Rita Margaret	Social Credit	Apr. 1991 - Mar. 1992	34-35
Laing, Arthur	Liberal	Apr. 1953 - Apr. 1959	23-25
Lee, Arthur John	Liberal	May 1984 - Feb. 1987	33-34
Macdonald, James Alexander	Liberal	Oct. 1903 - Oct. 1909	10-11
Macdonald, Peter	Progressive Conservative	July 1991 - Aug. 1996	34-36 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
MacLean, John Duncan	Liberal	Aug. 1927 - Oct. 1928	16-17
Maitland, Royal Lethington	Conservative/Progressive	Sep. 1938 - Mar. 1946	19-21 Conservative/Coalition
Martin, Joseph	Liberal	Feb. 1902 - June 1903	9
McBride, Richard	[Liberal-]Conservative	1903 - Dec. 1915	9-13 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
McCarthy, Grace Mary	Social Credit	Nov. 1993 - May 1994	35
McGeer, Patrick Lucey	Liberal	Oct. 1968 - May 1972	28-29
McLoughlin, Shirley	Liberal	May 1981 - Aug. 1983	32-33
McNeil, James Alexander	Progressive Conservative	Aug. 1986 - Feb. 1987	33-34 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
MacPhail, Joy	NDP	June 2001 - Nov. 2003	37
Mercier, David Maurice	Progressive Conservative	Mar. 1997 - Jan. 2001	36 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Miller, Arthur Daniel	NDP	Aug. 1999 - Feb. 2000	36
Oliver, John	Liberal	Oct. 1909 - Mar. 1912	11-12
Oliver, John	Liberal	Mar. 1918 - Aug. 1927	14-16
Patterson, Frank Porter	Conservative	July 1936 - Feb. 1938	18-19
Patullo, Thomas Dufferin	Liberal	Jan. 1929 - Dec. 1941	17-20
Perrault, Raymond Joseph	Liberal	May 1959 - May 1968	25-28
Pollen, George <u>Peter</u>	Progressive Conservative	Mar. 1985 - Aug. 1986	33 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Pooley, Robert Henry	[Liberal-]Conservative	Aug. 1924 - Nov. 1926	16 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Power, Susan	Conservative	Jan. 2001 -	36 See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE

Serwa, Clifford Jack                      Social Credit                      May 1994 – Nov. 1994                      35

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Skelly, Robert Evans	NDP	May 1984 - Apr. 1987	33-34	See CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH.
Stephens, Victor Albert	Progressive Conservative	Oct. 1977 - Feb. 1980	31-32	See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Strachan, Robert Martin	CCF/NDP	Apr. 1956 - Apr. 1969	24-28	
Tolmie, Simon Fraser	Conservative	Nov. 1926 - [May] 1936	16-18	
Tothill, Jevington Blair	Liberal	Feb. 1979 - Apr. 1981	31-32	
Vander Zalm, William	Social Credit	July 1986 - Apr. 1991	33-34	
Vander Zalm, William	Reform Party of B.C.	June 1998- Mar 2001	36	
Wallace, George Scott	Progressive Conservative	Dec. 1973 - July 1977	30-31	See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Warren, Derril Thomas	Progressive Conservative	Nov. 1971 - Sep. 1973	29-30	See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Webster, Arnold Alexander	CCF	Apr. 1953 - Apr. 1956	23*-24	
Westwood, Brian Kent	Progressive Conservative	Nov. 1980 - Aug. 1982	32	See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Weisgerber, Jack	Reform Party of B.C.	Mar. 1994 - Feb. 1997	35-36	
Weisgerber, Jack	Social Credit	Mar. 1992 - Mar. 1994	35	
Wilson, Charles	[Liberal-]Conservative	Mar. 1900 - 1903	9	See CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
Wilson, Gordon Frederick David	Liberal	Oct. 1987 - Sep. 1993	34-35	
Winch, Harold Edward	CCF	June 1939 - Mar. 1953	19-23	

## CONSERVATIVE/PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY\*

LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE			NEVER SAT	NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Wilson, Charles	Mar. 1900 - 1903	9					Held seat but not as leader. Wilson was still leader of the B.C. Conservative Party when McBride became Premier in June 1903. He was made a member of the Cabinet but held no seat until the October 1903 general election by which time McBride had probably been made party leader. Presumably <b>resigned</b> .
McBride, Richard	1903 - Dec. 1915	9-13	X	X	X		Chosen leader of the opposition group in the Legislature February 1902. <b>Premier</b> June 1903-December 1915 (see notes under Charles Wilson). <b>Resigned</b> to become Agent-General.
Bowser, William John	Dec. 1915 - Aug. 1924	13-16	X	X	X		<b>Premier</b> December 1915-November 1916. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> November 1916-August 1924. Defeated in June 1924 general election. <b>Resigned</b> . Also ran in 1933 as NPIG.
Pooley, Robert Henry	Aug. 1924 - Nov. 1926	16	[X]				Chosen as House or caucus leader only until a new leader could be found. Continued as House leader until Tolmie's election in July 1928. Also ran in 1933 for Unionist Party of British Columbia.
Tolmie, Simon Fraser	Nov. 1926 - [May] 1936	16-18	X	X			Not elected until July 1928. <b>Premier</b> August 1928-November 1933. Defeated in November 1933 general election but did not <b>resign</b> until 1936 when he ran in a federal by-election. Also ran in 1933 for Unionist Party of British Columbia.
Patterson, Frank Porter	July 1936 - Feb. 1938	18-19	X			X	Not elected until June 1937. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> June 1937-February 1938. <b>Died</b> .
Maitland, Royal Lethington	Sep. 1938 - Mar. 1946	19-21	X			X	<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> September 1938-October 1941. Conservative leader in Coalition government (as Attorney-General) December 1941-March 1946. <b>Died</b> .
Anscomb, Herbert	Apr. 1946 - Nov. 1952	21-23	X			X	Chosen as House leader of the PC members of the Coalition government April 1946. Elected party leader at June 1946 convention. PC leader in Coalition government (as Finance Minister) until January 1952. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> February-June 1952. Defeated June 1952 general election. <b>Resigned</b> .
Finlayson, Douglas Deane	Nov. 1952 - Apr. 1961	23-26				X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1953 (twice), 1956 and 1960. <b>Resigned</b> .
Fulton, Edmund Davie	Jan. 1963 - Apr. 1965	26-27				X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1963. <b>Resigned</b> .

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			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/ OPPOSITION LEADER/		
*****						No leader for 28th general election (1966).
DeWolfe, John Anthony St. Etienne	Jun. 1969 - Nov. 1971	28-29			X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1969. <b>Defeated in convention vote.</b>
Warren, Derril Thomas	Nov. 1971 - Sep. 1973	29-30			X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1972 and 1973. <b>Resigned.</b>
Wallace, George Scott	Dec. 1973 - July 1977	30-31	X			<b>Interim</b> leader September-November 1973. Also sat as Social Credit.
Stephens, Victor Albert	Oct. 1977 - Feb. 1980	31-32	X			Elected March 1978 by-election; defeated May 1979 general election. <b>Resigned.</b> Also ran unsuccessfully as Independent in 1983.
Westwood, Brian Kent	Nov. 1980 - Aug. 1982	32			X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1979. Nephew of Earle Westwood, a W.A.C. Bennett cabinet minister. <b>Resigned</b> to join Western Canada Concept.
Pollen, George Peter Alexander	Mar. 1985 - Aug. 1986	33			X	<b>Resigned.</b> Ran as Social Credit in 1968 by-election.
McNeil, James Alexander	Aug. 1986 - Feb. 1987	33-34			X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1983 and 1986. <b>Resigned.</b>  In July 1989 former Alberta MLA Cal Lee was drafted as "official spokesman" to boost the party's profile and explore the chances for a Conservative revival. He presented a report in November of 1989 but was not the leader although some newspaper stories referred to him as such. Bill Smith was provincial president during at least part of this time.
Macdonald, Peter	July 1991 - Aug. 1996	34-36			X	Elected by party executive July 30, 1991. Position announced August 12, 1991. Resignation announced August 7, 1996 - Vancouver Sun, p. B2.
Mercier, David Maurice	March 1997- Jan. 2001	36			X	Acclamation as leader was announced March 12, 1997, Vancouver Sun, p.B4.
Power, Susan	Jan. 2001 – 2002?	36-			X	Announced in January 16, 2001 party news release. <a href="#">Party website</a> listed her term as ending in 2002, exact date unconfirmed.

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## CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION/NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY\*

LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE			NEVER SAT	NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Connell, Robert	Dec. 1933 - Aug. 1936	18	X				Chosen House leader by CCF caucus; endorsed by CCF executive. <b>Expelled</b> by Provincial Executive. Formed own party, the Social Constructives, later renamed the B.C. Constructive Party.  For various reasons no House leader was chosen to replace Connell and although the issue was raised at the 1937 and 1938 conventions it was tabled both times.
Winch, Harold Edward	June 1939 - Mar. 1953	19-23	X			X	1939 convention created position of House leader as a party official and endorsed Winch who had been acting as party whip. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> October 1941-February 1952; June 1952-March 1953. <b>Resigned.</b>
Webster, Arnold Alexander	Apr. 1953 - Apr. 1956	23** - 24	X			X	**The 23rd Parliament was dissolved March 27, 1953. Elected June 1953 general election. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> April 1953-March 1956. <b>Resigned.</b>
Strachan, Robert Martin	Apr. 1956 - Apr. 1969	24-28	X			X	<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> April 1956-April 1969. <b>Resigned.</b>
Berger, Thomas	Apr. 1969 - Sep. 1969	28-29					Elected as MLA in 1966. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> April-September 1969 but never in Legislature as such because the House did not sit during that time. Defeated in August 1969 general election. <b>Resigned.</b>
Barrett, David	Sep. 1969 - May 1984	29-33	X	X		X	<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> September 1969-August 1972; <b>Premier</b> September 1972-December 1975. Defeated December 1975 general election; William S. (Bill) King acted as House leader until Barrett's re-election (June 1976). <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> June 1976-May 1984. <b>Resigned.</b> Elected to House of Commons.
Skelly, Robert Evans	May 1984 - Apr. 1987	33-34	X			X	<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> June 1984-April 1987. <b>Resigned.</b> Elected to House of Commons.
Harcourt, Michael	Apr. 1987 - Feb. 1996	34-35	X	X		X	<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> April 1987-October 1991. <b>Premier</b> November 1991-February 1996. Announced resignation November 15, 1995.

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LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE			NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/ NEVER SAT	
Clark, Glen David	Feb. 1996 - Aug. 1999	35-36	X	X		<b>Premier</b> February 1996 - August 1999. Announced resignation August 21, 1999.
Miller, Arthur Daniel	Aug. 1999 - Feb. 2000	36	X	X		Sworn in as <b>Premier</b> August 25, 1999.
Dosanjh, Ujjal	Feb. 2000 – June 2001	36	X	X		Sworn in as <b>Premier</b> February 24 , 2000 Defeated May 2001. Remained leader until June 16, 2001.
MacPhail, Joy	June 2001 – Nov. 2003	37	X		X	Named interim leader June 16, 2001 Official Opposition status denied in Speaker's Statement dated July 12, 2001. Termed Leader of the Opposition by Speaker beginning July 25, 2001 in Debates.
James, Carole	Nov. 2003 – Jan. 2011	37-39	X		X	Elected leader November 23, 2003. Elected as MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill in the 38th General Election on May 17, 2005 and sworn in as an MLA on June 15, 2005. Dec 6, 2010 announced she would step down as Leader after an interim leader is found in January 2011.
Black, Dawn	Jan. 2011-	39	X			Jan. 19, 2011 selected interim leader.

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## LIBERAL PARTY\*

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			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Martin, Joseph	Feb. 1902 - June 1903	9	X	X			<b>Resigned.</b> Also ran unsuccessfully as Independent in 1920.
Macdonald, James Alexander	Oct. 1903 - Oct. 1909	10-11	X		X		Chosen after the October 1903 general election. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> October 1903-October 1909. <b>Resigned.</b>
Oliver, John	Oct. 1909 - Mar. 1912	11-12				*	*Did not hold seat during this term as party leader. Ran and lost in 1909 and 1912 elections. See below. <b>Resigned.</b>
Brewster, Harlan Carey	Mar. 1912 - Mar. 1918	13** -14	X	X	X		** <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> in the 12th Parliament, January 1911-March 1912 (Oliver had not been elected). Defeated March 1912 general election (no Liberals elected and so there was no House leader). Re-elected in March 1916 by-election. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> March-September 1916; <b>Premier</b> November 1916-March 1918. <b>Died.</b>
Oliver, John	Mar. 1918 - Aug. 1927	14-16	X	X			<b>Premier</b> March 1918-August 1927. Defeated June 1924 general election but re-elected August 1924 by-election. <b>Died.</b>
MacLean, John Duncan	Aug. 1927 - Oct. 1928	16-17	X	X			<b>Premier</b> August 1927-August 1928. Defeated July 1928 general election. <b>Resigned.</b>
Patullo, Thomas Dufferin	Jan. 1929 - Dec. 1941	17-20	X	X	X		House leader January 1929-May 1930; then became party leader. <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> January 1929-November 1933. <b>Premier</b> November 1933-December 1941. <b>Resigned</b> in opposition to Coalition government. Ran unsuccessfully as Independent in 1945.
Hart, John	Dec. 1941 - Dec. 1947	20-21	X	X			<b>Premier</b> December 1941-December 1947 in Coalition government. <b>Resigned.</b>
Johnson, Byron Ingemar	Dec. 1947 - Apr. 1953	21-23	X	X			<b>Premier</b> December 1947-August 1952 (in Coalition government to January 1952; thereafter in Liberal government). Defeated in June 1952 general election. E.T. Kenney chosen as House leader September 1952. <b>Resigned.</b>
Laing, Arthur	Apr. 1953 - Apr. 1959	23-25	X				Elected June 1953 general election; defeated September 1956 general election. <b>Resigned.</b>

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LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE			NEVER SAT	NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Perrault, Raymond Joseph	May 1959 - May 1968	25-28	X				Elected September 1960 general election. <b>Resigned.</b>
McGeer, Patrick Lucey	Oct. 1968 - May 1972	28-29	X				<b>Resigned.</b> Continued to sit but crossed over to Social Credit in 1975.
Anderson, David Alexander	May 1972 - Sep. 1975	29-30	X				<b>Resigned.</b>
Gibson, Gordon Fulerton Jr.	Sep. 1975 - Jan. 1979	30-31	X				<b>Resigned.</b>
Tohill, Jevington Blair	Feb. 1979 - Apr. 1981	31-32				X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1975 and 1979. <b>Resigned.</b>
McLoughlin, Shirley	May 1981 - Aug. 1983	32-33				X	Ran unsuccessfully in 1983. <b>Resigned.</b>
Lee, Arthur John	May 1984 - Feb. 1987	33-34				X	<b>Resigned.</b>
Wilson, Gordon Frederick David	Oct. 1987 - Sep. 1993	34-35	X		X		Ran unsuccessfully 1986, 1989. Elected October 1991. Resigned as opposition leader Feb. 1993. Ran unsuccessfully for party leadership Sep. 1993.
Campbell, Gordon	Sep. 1993 -	35-	X	X	X		Elected party leader Sep. 1993. Elected Feb. 1994 by-election, 1996, 2001. Premier June 2001-

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## SOCIAL CREDIT [PARTY]\*

LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE			NEVER SAT	NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/	AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Bennett, William Andrew Cecil	July 1952 - Nov. 1973	23-30	X	X	X		Chosen after the 1952 general election. <b>Premier</b> August 1952-September 1972; <b>Leader of the Opposition</b> September 1972-November 1973. <b>Resigned.</b> Elected as a Conservative in 1941. Sat with Coalition.
Bennett, William Richard	Nov. 1973 - July 1986	30-33	X	X	X		<b>Leader of the Opposition</b> November 1973-December 1975; <b>Premier</b> December 1975-August 1986. <b>Resigned.</b>
Vander Zalm, William	July 1986 - Apr. 1991	33-34	X	X			<b>Premier</b> August 1986-April 1991. Not elected to Legislature until October 1986 general election (although an MLA 1975-1983). <b>Resigned</b> as party leader but did not resign his seat. Ran unsuccessfully as a Liberal in 1972. Ran unsuccessfully as a Reform in 1999 By-election
Johnston, Rita Margaret	Apr. 1991 - Mar. 1992	34-35	X	X			Elected by the Social Credit caucus to replace Premier Vander Zalm. Confirmed in this position by vote at leadership convention July 20, 1991. Defeated October 1991. Remained as leader until March 6, 1992. <b>Resigned.</b>
Weisgerber, Jack	Mar. 1992 - Nov. 1993	35	X				Named interim leader Mar. 7, 1992. Remained as House leader until he moved to the Reform Party of B.C., Mar. 14, 1994.
McCarthy, Grace Mary	Nov. 1993 - May 1994	35					Ran successfully in party leadership convention Nov. 6, 1993. Ran unsuccessfully Feb. 1994 by-election. Resigned as party leader May 3, 1994.
Hanson, Lyall Franklin	May 1994	35	X				Named interim leader May 3, 1994. Moved to the Reform Party of B.C. May 11, 1994.
Serwa, Clifford Jack	May 1994 - Nov. 1994	35	X				Named interim leader May 17, 1994.
Gillanders, Larry	Nov. 1994 - May 1996	35				X	Named leader at party convention, November 4, 1994. Resigned May 24, 1996 as party leader and candidate in the provincial general election.
Endean, Ken	May 1996 - Mar. 1997	35-36				X	Named interim leader May 25, 1996. Resigned March 5, 1997.
Culos, Mike	Apr. 1997 - Apr. 2000	36				X	Named leader at party convention April 5, 1997.
Buckley, Eric	Apr. 2000 - Oct. 2000	36				X	Elected leader at party convention April 15, 2000. Resigned Oct. 2000 to act as interim leader of the British Columbia Party. Leader position declared vacant November 2000.

Updates for this party have ceased.

\* The 1952 general election was contested by the Social Credit League of B.C. which had been formed in 1949, but no party leader was chosen until after the election. Did not become officially known as Social Credit Party until 1974.

## REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

LEADER	DATES	PARLIAMENT(S)	SAT IN HOUSE		NEVER SAT	NOTES
			AS HOUSE/ PARTY LEADER/	AS PREMIER/LEADER/ AS OPPOSITION LEADER/		
Gamble, Ron	Sept. 1993 - Jan. 1995	35			X	Elected as party leader Sept. 8, 1993; had served as president of Reform Party since 1990.
Weisgerber, Jack	Mar. 1994 - Feb. 1997	35-36	X			Moved to Reform Party Mar. 14, 1994; named House leader. Elected party leader January 15, 1995. Resigned as party leader February 28, 1997. Resigned from Reform caucus November 28, 1997 to sit as an independent MLA.
Hanni, Wilf	Aug. 1997 - June 1998	36			X	Elected as party leader August 30, 1997. Stepped down as party leader June 7, 1998 at Reform Party of BC Convention following vote by delegates for a leadership review.
Vander Zalm, William N.	June 1998-Mar. 2001	36			X	Elected as party president at Reform Party of BC Convention, June 7, 1998. Subsequently appointed "interim leader". Acclaimed leader November 12, 1999. Ran unsuccessfully in 1999 By-election. Supported the creation of the Unity Party of British Columbia at the November 25, 2000 convention and the dissolution of the Reform Party of British Columbia. Leader position declared vacant March 2001 with Ron Gamble as party president.

Updates for this party have ceased.