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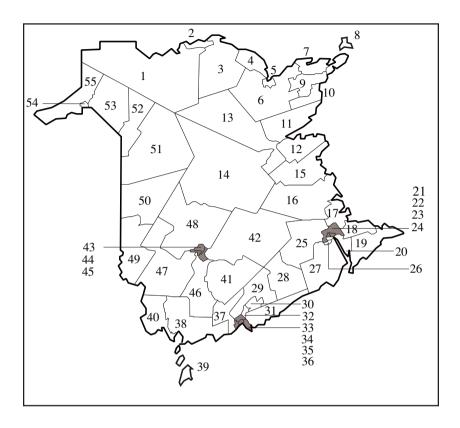
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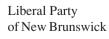


## **Political Parties Represented** in the Legislative Assembly



LIBERAL

Progressive **Conservative Party** of New Brunswick





New Democratic Party of New Brunswick

### Preface

The provincial general election held June 7, 1999, elected 55 Members to make up the 54th Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick: forty-four Progressive Conservatives; ten Liberals and one New Democrat. This publication contains a brief biography of each of those elected Members.

Bernard Lord, first elected to the Legislative Assembly October 19, 1998 to represent the electoral district of Moncton East, became at 33, the country's youngest and New Brunswick's 30th Premier. The results of the election were almost a complete reversal of the previous composition of the House: forty-five Liberals; nine Progressive Conservatives and one New Democrat. In the final analysis, thirty-seven new Members were elected and the two major party offices experienced significant staff turnover.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the staff of the various offices within the Legislative Assembly, for their support in the publication of this edition of **Biographies of Members 54th Legislature**. In particular, appreciation is once again expressed to Legislative Researcher Diane Taylor Myles for her continued commitment to this project, and to the staff of Debates Translation.

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October 2000



Wayne Steeves

### Albert

**O. Wayne Steeves** was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the general election held June 7,1999, as a Progressive Conservative Member for the constituency of Albert.

He serves on the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. He is also the Government Whip.

He was born December 12, 1944, in Lower Coverdale, N.B., the son of Noel and Vera (Downing) Steeves. He was

educated in local schools in the Moncton area.

Mr. Steeves has worked for the government and for the Progressive Conservative Party for more than 30 years. He is a former special assistant to the Member of Parliament for the riding of Fundy-Royal (1978-1981) and a former executive assistant to the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources in New Brunswick (1981-1987). He was the campaign organizer in Albert County for Joe Clark in his bid for the leadership of the federal PC Party, and he organized campaigns for several provincial PC Party leadership candidates. He is also the past president of the Albert PC Association.

A businessman, Mr. Steeves has owned and operated Way-Mac Ventures Ltd., a small promotional product sales company, since 1982.

He is also active in his community on a volunteer basis. He is a member of the Lower Coverdale Community Cemetery Committee, former director and vice-president of Steeves Family Incorporated, former trustee of the Lower Coverdale Baptist Church, and past president of the Moncton Industrial Fast Ball League.

He enjoys music, reading, and golf in his spare time.

Mr. Steeves and his wife Tanya reside in Lower Coverdale, N.B. They have two daughters, Krista and Melissa.

### **Bathurst**

Marcelle Mersereau was born in Pointe-Verte, New Brunswick, and is the daughter of Marie-Anne Comeau and Placide Chiasson. She received a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1970 from the Université de Moncton, where she also pursued postgraduate studies in community development and consumer education.

She subsequently worked as a regional director with the Department of Health and Community Services, as well as with the Department of Income Assistance. She also served as a consultant to the New Brunswick Housing Corporation.



Marcelle Mersereau

Active in her community, she was a Bathurst city councillor, a member of the Chaleur Regional Ambulance Commission, and a member of the regional hospital board. She is a member of several professional organizations, including le Conseil économique du Nouveau-Brunswick, the N.B. Home Economics Association, and the Canadian Home Economics Association.

A Liberal Member, she was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held September 23, 1991, as the Member for Bathurst, and she was sworn in as the Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing on October 9, 1991. She was appointed Minister of the Environment, Deputy Premier, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women on April 27, 1994.

She was re-elected September 11, 1995, and subsequently appointed Minister of Human Resources Development. She was sworn in as the Minister of Municipalities and Housing on May 14, 1998. She served as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women until June 21, 1999. She was re-elected as M.L.A. for Bathurst in the general election held June 7, 1999.

She is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Law Amendments and the Select Committee on Education. She is the Opposition critic for topics relating to education, the Regional Development Corporation, Service New Brunswick, and the status of women.

Mrs. Mersereau and her husband, Terry G. Mersereau, have two children and reside in Bathurst.



Edmond Blanchard, Q.C.

### Campbellton

Edmond P. Blanchard was born May 31, 1954, in Campbellton, N.B. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1975 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1978 from Dalhousie University in Halifax. A member of the Law Society of New Brunswick and the Canadian Bar Association, he was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar in 1979 and practised law in Campbellton.

A Liberal Member, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as M.L.A. for Campbellton in the provincial general election of 1987. He was re-elected in 1991, 1995, and 1999.

On June 15, 1989, he was appointed

Minister of State for Mines. Following the September 23, 1991, election, he was appointed Attorney General, Minister of Justice, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister Responsible for the Regional Development Corporation. After April 27, 1994, he continued to serve as Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Following the September 11, 1995, election, he was until June 21, 1999, Minister of Finance, chairman of Board of Management, Minister Responsible for the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation, and Minister of State for Quality. He served on several Cabinet committees, including Policy and Priorities, Aboriginal Affairs, the Official Languages Committee (chairman), the Ad Hoc Committee on Income Assistance, the Ad Hoc Joint Committee of Ministers and Indian Chiefs, the Committee on the Economic Situation in the Restigouche Region, Communications, Economic Development, and the Ministers Committee on Human Rights. He also served on many Legislative committees. He co-chaired the Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord. From 1991 to 1995 he chaired the Standing Committee on Law Amendments. He was a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, the Standing Committee on Privileges, and the Standing Committee on Procedure.

He is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges, the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and the Select Committee on Health Care. He also serves as the Opposition critic for topics relating to Native Issues and the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

Mr. Blanchard has served on the boards of many community and nonprofit groups in the Campbellton region, where he resides.

### Caraquet

**Bernard Thériault** was born November 12, 1955. A graduate of Louis-Mailloux High School in Caraquet, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Université de Moncton. In 1982 he was awarded a certificate in Museum Administration from the École Internationale de Bordeaux.

From 1978 until he was elected to the Legislative Assembly on October 13, 1987, as the Liberal Member for Caraquet, he was chief curator and historian at the Village historique acadien in Caraquet. Active in many community organizations, he was a member of the board and president of the Festival acadien and Théâtre populaire d'Acadie,



Bernard Thériault

a member of the Caraquet library committee and chamber of commerce, secretary of the Caraquet board of commerce and industry, and a member of the board of *L'Acadie Nouvelle*.

During the 51st Legislature, he served on the Special Committee on Social Policy Development, the Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord, and the Standing Committees on Estimates and on the Ombudsman, among others.

Following his re-election in the 1991 general election, he was appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Representation and Electoral Boundaries. For several years during the 52nd Legislature, he was president of the Assemblée internationale des parlementaires de langue française, New Brunswick Branch. In 1993, he was appointed Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Health and Community Services. He was appointed Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture on April 27, 1994.

Re-elected in the September 11, 1995, general election, he served as Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture until July 21, 1997, when he was appointed Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. From February to May 1998 he was Acting Minister of Education.

Re-elected in the June 7, 1999, general election as the M.L.A. for Caraquet, he is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, and the Select Committee on Education. He is the official Opposition critic for the Department of Human Resources and areas of interest pertaining to the Acadian Peninsula and the Francophonie.

Bernard Thériault and his wife, Denise Bouchard, reside in Caraquet.



Hon. Dale Graham

Centreville, New Brunswick.

#### Carleton

**Dale Allison Graham** was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the Progressive Conservative Party Member for Carleton North in a by-election held June 28, 1993. After redistribution, he was re-elected in the general election held September 11, 1995, to represent the new riding of Carleton.

He was re-elected June 7, 1999, and sworn in as Minister of Supply and Services June 21, 1999. He is also the Deputy Premier of the province.

Born in Woodstock, New Brunswick, Mr. Graham attended local schools in

A restaurant and bake shop owner for the past 15 years, he was vice-president of the Carleton North Progressive Conservative Association and offered as the Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1991 provincial general election.

Mr. Graham has a long history of contribution to his community. He served for several years as a school trustee in Districts 30 and 13, as a member of the steering committee of Centreville's Project Splash, as director of Carleton-York Community Futures, and as vice-president of the Centreville Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member and former deacon of the Centreville United Baptist Church.

As a member of the Opposition, Mr. Graham served on the Legislature's Select Committee on Land Use and the Rural Environment. He was a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Privileges, Law Amendments, and Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Gasoline Pricing. He chaired the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. He served as the PC Whip and as the critic for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, and Supply and Services.

Mr. Graham and his wife, the former Shelley McDougall, are the parents of four children.

### Centre-Péninsule

Louis-Philippe McGraw, a lawyer, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. A Progressive Conservative, he represents the constituency of Centre-Péninsule and is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Procedure and Law Amendments and the Select Committee on Health Care. He also chairs the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

He was born on October 26, 1971, in Sainte-Rose, the son of Réjean and Réjeanne McGraw.



Louis-Philippe McGraw

Mr. McGraw holds Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees from the Université de Moncton. He attended an English immersion course at the University of New Brunswick. While attending the Université de Moncton, he was awarded an extracurricular award of excellence in 1996 and was a member of Team MBA-Moncton at the 15th Concordia University International Case Competition in 1996.

In August, 1997, he was admitted to the Law Society of New Brunswick. In 1997, he opened a general law office in Saint-Isidore, N.B.

Mr. McGraw has been very active in his community. From 1998 until his election to the Legislative Assembly, he was a municipal councillor in Saint-Isidore, where he was responsible for the village finance committee. He was a board member and treasurer for Les media acadiens universitaires Inc., which runs CKUM-FM at the Université de Moncton.

Mr. McGraw was a member of the Université de Moncton cross-country team for three years, a member of the provincial swimming team representing New Brunswick at the 1991 Atlantic Games, and the Acadian Peninsula champion at the 8th, 10th, and 11th editions of the Tracadie-Sheila Triathlon.

Mr. McGraw currently resides in Saint-Isidore.



Sheldon Lee

#### **Charlotte**

**Sheldon Lee** was born at Bonny River, Charlotte County, N.B., the son of Arthur Frederick Lee and Helen Blanche Justeson.

A former realtor and businessman, he was educated in local Charlotte County public schools. He played an active role in his community, where he was a director of the St. George Rotary Club and the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the St. George Legion, Saint George Curling Club, St. George Masonic Lodge, and the local Shriners Club.

A Liberal, Mr. Lee was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on October 23, 1978, to represent the constituency of Charlotte Centre. He was re-elected in 1982, 1987, and 1991. In a by-election held October 16, 1995, he was elected M.L.A. for the new riding of Charlotte. He has served on numerous legislative committees, including the Standing Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Fisheries, Crown Corporations, Estimates, Municipalities and Corporations, the Ombudsman, Private Bills, and Social Development and Energy, and the Select Committees on Fisheries, Agriculture and Renewable Resources, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Mr. Lee was appointed Minister of Transportation on October 27, 1987. He was re-appointed to the post in 1991 and 1995 and served in that capacity until June 21, 1999.

Re-elected as M.L.A. for Charlotte in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, he currently chairs the Public Accounts Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on the Ombudsman and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. He is also Opposition critic for the Departments of Supply and Services and Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Mr. Lee and his wife Elinor Joan have a son and two daughters.

## Dalhousie-Restigouche East

**Dr. Dennis J. Furlong** was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1945. A resident of Dalhousie, New Brunswick, he has been a family physician for 23 years. He holds four university degrees, including a Bachelor of Physical Education from the University of New Brunswick, a Master of Science degree from the University of Oregon, and an M.D. from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

From 1977 to 1997 he worked as a family physician at the Dalhousie Medical Clinic in Dalhousie. In



Hon. Dennis Furlong

addition to his work, Dr. Furlong has been involved in a number of professional societies. From 1980 to1986 he served as Restigouche representative of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick, and he served as president of the college from 1985 to1986. From 1977 to1980 and 1986 to 1987 he represented Restigouche at the New Brunswick Medical Society, and he served as president of the society from 1988 to1989. In 1992 he joined the board of directors of the Campbellton Regional Hospital, and from 1990 to 1993 he served as a physician member, Premier's Council on Health Strategy.

Dr. Furlong also has a distinguished record of community service. From 1986 to 1992 he served as the representative for Restigouche on the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, New Brunswick, and he chaired the council from 1991 to 1994. In 1992 he joined the board of the New Brunswick Lung Association, and in 1998 served as president. He also chaired the committee which successfully bid to hold the 2003 Canada Winter Games in the Chaleur region.

Dr. Furlong was elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly on June 7, 1999, as M.L.A., Dalhousie-Restigouche East, and was sworn in as Health and Community Services Minister on June 21, 1999. He was named Minister of Health and Wellness on March 23, 2000.



Richard (Cy) LeBlanc

### Dieppe-Memramcook

**Richard** (*Cy*) **LeBlanc** was born March 18, 1955, in Dieppe, N.B., the son of Willie LeBlanc and Lorraine Belliveau. He graduated from the Université de Moncton with a Bachelor's degree in Leisure Studies, and he has taken other courses and seminars in the areas of professional sales, negotiations, time management, customer service, and personnel management.

He has a strong background in sales management. He has worked in the areas of sales and promotions for Moosehead Breweries, Limited, covering the province of New

Brunswick, the Maritime provinces, the Moncton area, and the Acadian Peninsula. He is a past recreational director for the Village of Paquetville. His strong leadership and communication skills helped him to successfully promote several high-profile special events, such as the World Acadian Congress in 1994.

He participates in many community activities. He was a member of the Moncton Alpines (Québec Major Hockey League) advisory board, a board member of the Dieppe Boys and Girls Club and the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick, a member of the Acadian Games organizing committee for both Dieppe and the Université de Moncton, and a member and board member of the Club Richelieu in Tracadie and in Paquetville, to name a few.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. LeBlanc was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held on June 7, 1999. He represents the constituency of Dieppe-Memramcook and is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and Standing Committee on the Ombudsman and the Select Committee on Education.

Mr. LeBlanc and his wife Jocelyne Arseneau, a former resident of Inkerman, N.B., currently reside in Dieppe.

### **Edmundston**

Madeleine (*Mado*) Dubé was born September 26, 1961, in Edmundston, N.B., the daughter of Adrien and Huguette Dubé. She attended the Université de Moncton, where she received a Bachelor of Social Work, and has completed coursework toward a Masters of Social Work with a specialization in group intervention at Université Laval.

A social worker, she has worked for the Department of Health and Community Services (Edmundston and Grand Falls) and the Region 4 Hospital Corporation Drug Addiction Service and was coowner and president of a human



Madeleine Dubé

development agency named Priorité Santé Inc. She also taught introductory courses leading to a certificate in drug addiction studies at the Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus, and has completed several courses in the fields of family mediation, grievance mediation, defusing/debriefing, suicide prevention, and toxicology.

Ms. Dubé is an active member of her community. She is the co-founder and treasurer of the Association des programmes d'aide aux employés du Nouveau-Brunswick, a member of the Edmundston Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Conseil de développement économique du Nouveau-Brunswick, a director of the Association des Foyers de Groupe du Madawaska, a referral agent for the school district and Region 4 Hospital Corporation EFAPs, and is involved with the Dames ambassadrices d'Edmundston and the Club optimiste.

A Progressive Conservative, Ms. Dubé was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Edmundston. She is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Private Bills and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. She chairs the Select Committee on Health Care. She is past president of the Edmundston Progressive Conservative Association and is involved in policy development for the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party.

Ms. Dubé currently lives in Edmundston.



Eric MacKenzie

### Fredericton -Fort Nashwaak

Eric MacKenzie was born in Moncton, N.B., in 1938, the son of Daniel and Vivian MacKenzie. After graduating from Moncton High School, he served in Canada's Regular Armed Forces (navy). He then attended the University of New Brunswick, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history, a Bachelor of Education, and a Masters of Educational Administration. He also pursued bilingual proficiency studies at St. Thomas University.

He taught math at Fredericton High

School for 31 years. He also taught in Bagotville, Québec; Saint Andrews, N.B.; and at Devon Junior High School in Fredericton.

He was a founder of several FHS committees and co-chaired the FHS reorganization committee for five years. He was a director of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association (NBTA) and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation (NBTF) for six years and was vice-chair of the Minister of Education's Advisory Committee on Testing and Evaluation. He participated in the following NBTA provincial committees: finance, public affairs, conduct and standards, and external testing. He was a member of the NBTF negotiating team.

He has a strong background of community service: chair of the 1999 and 2000 March Drives for Greater Fredericton for the Kidney Foundation; chair of the schools' section of the Greater Fredericton United Way; president and vice-president of the Fredericton Direct Charge Co-operative; and chair of the Fredericton Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

In addition, he has been published in the *Educational Review* and the *UNB Law Journal*.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial general election of June 7, 1999, as Member for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Select Committee on Education, and he chairs the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Mr. MacKenzie currently lives in Fredericton, N.B.

## Fredericton North

#### D. Peter Forbes was born in

Edmundston, N.B. His father being a career Air Force officer, Mr. Forbes moved frequently, attending schools throughout Canada. At Fettes College in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he studied while his father was Canadian Air Attaché with NATO in London, England, he achieved an Oxford and Cambridge GCE. He returned to Canada to study electrical engineering at UNB, where he graduated in 1968.

After working in the engineering field in Montreal, he returned to UNB and



Peter Forbes

graduated with his LLB in 1974. He practised law full time until 1988, when he started a company providing computer hardware and networking services. He also founded a company specializing in electronic mapping and geographical information communications over networks. He resumed the practice of law in 1997.

He has been involved with recreational and international shooting competitions and Canoe New Brunswick. He holds a black belt in karate and was a club and youth instructor for several years. Active in his community as a volunteer, he has spent the last 11 years assisting DVA residents at the old Victoria Public Hospital. He was secretary-treasurer of the Saint John River Salmon Anglers Association and worked throughout the province for the enhancement and conservation of salmon stocks. A member of the New Brunswick Rifle Association, he was instrumental in the promotion and instruction of firearms safety and handling courses. He has also been active in attempting to persuade the federal government to modify the new *Firearms Act* with a view to better administration of the Act.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly on June 7, 1999. He is a member of the Standing Committees on Private Bills, Procedure, and Law Amendments. Politically active for many years, Mr. Forbes has assisted the PC Party in federal elections, in the PC leadership convention in 1997, and in the Brad Green campaign in 1999.

Mr. Forbes currently lives in Fredericton with his partner of 17 years, Dr. Deborah Johnston, a professor of history at UNB.



Hon. Bradley Green, Q.C.

### **Fredericton South**

**Bradley Green** was born in Fredericton on January 29, 1965. After graduating from Fredericton High School with an award for academic achievement, Mr. Green earned an honours degree in political science from the University of New Brunswick in 1987. He went on to study law at UNB and graduated in 1990. He was admitted to the practice of law in New Brunswick in 1991.

From 1991 to 1998, Mr. Green occupied several senior positions with both the Office of the Opposition and the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick. He has worked as the

executive assistant to former PC leader Dennis Cochrane, director of administration for the Office of the Opposition, and chief of staff to the leader of the Opposition.

His posts with the PC Party have included president of the PC youth wing, member of the Provincial Executive Council, representing New Brunswick on the party's national executive, and executive director of the provincial party.

Mr. Green's community involvement has taken a variety of forms. He is an active member of the Epsilon Y's Men's Club, a senior service club of the YMCA, and has held numerous executive positions with that organization. Mr. Green presently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Fredericton Y. He is also extensively involved with his church, Saint Paul's United, where he has served as a Sunday School superintendent, youth group program director, scholarship committee chair, elder, and session member. Mr. Green served three terms as chair of the U.N.B. Foundation for Students. He has spent more than 10 years in various leadership roles within the Scouting movement.

Among the awards received by Mr. Green over the years have been the Birk's Medal for Leadership, the UNB Student Alumni Award of Honour, the Rotary Citizenship Scholarship, and the Chief of Scout Canada Award.

Mr. Green was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, as the member for Fredericton South, in a by-election held on October 19, 1998. He was re-elected in the general election on June 7, 1999. On June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Attorney General, Minister of Justice and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. He is married to Margaret Gregg.

### **Fundy Isles**

**Eric Allaby** was born August 7, 1943, in Grand Manan, N.B. He graduated from Acadia University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is self-employed as a consultant and commercial diver.

First elected October 13, 1987, as the Liberal Member for Charlotte-Fundy, he served on the Ombudsman, Economic Policy Development, and 1987 Constitutional Accord committees. Re-elected September 23, 1991, he served on the Privileges, Maritime Economic Union, and Land Use and Rural Environment committees and was Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing.



Eric Allaby

An avid historian, he was curator of the Grand Manan Museum and authored several books and articles on marine history, including *Shipbuilding in the Maritime Provinces*, *The August Gale*, and *Grand Manan*. In 1970, a Ford Foundation Fellowship enabled him to travel and study in marine history on both sides of the Atlantic. He was for several years an underwater archaeologist for the National Museum of Canada, after which he developed fishing and fish processing interests.

At the local level, he was secretary to the board of trade from 1972 to 1978, served three terms on the school board and was president of the education coalition. He was founding chair of the Grand Manan Transportation Commission, member of the Airport Commission, president of Grand Manan's 1984 Bicentennial Committee, and president of the Grand Manan Chamber of Commerce. A founding director of the Grand Manan Boys' and Girls' Club, he is also active in the Seal Cove Baptist Church.

Re-elected September 11, 1995, in the new constituency of Fundy Isles, he served on the Law Amendments and Demographics Committees. He was chair of the government caucus from 1997 to 1999.

Re-elected June 7, 1999, he is a member of the Select Committee on Education, the Standing Committee on Privileges, and the Standing Committee on Procedure. He is Opposition critic for the Environment and Solicitor General departments, and he is Opposition House Leader.

He and his wife Berneta reside in Seal Cove, N.B. They have a son and a daughter.



Hon. Milton Sherwood

### Grand Bay-Westfield

**Milton A. Sherwood** was born January 28, 1939, in Upham, N.B.

He was educated in Saint John and went on to attend the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1963. Prior to his entry into provincial politics, Mr. Sherwood enjoyed a long career in the printing business.

A former deputy mayor of Westfield, he served on council in that community a total of nine years.

Mr. Sherwood has resided in Westfield, now Grand Bay-Westfield, for the past 36 years. He has served on the Planning Advisory Committee, the Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Westfield and District Recreation Commission. He is a former member of the Board of Stewards for Westfield United Church and continues to be involved with the Neighbourhood Theatre Company. He has also been a member of the Lancaster Lions Club and was a charter member of the Saint John Crime Stoppers Board. He has coached and managed hockey teams in the Lancaster Minor Hockey Association and coached Little League Ball in Westfield, where he still plays Old Timers Softball for the Westfield Kings.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on September 11, 1995, as the member for the new constituency of Grand Bay-Westfield. Following the election, Mr. Sherwood was named Deputy Opposition House Leader and served as the Opposition critic for the Environment, Solicitor General, Family, and Status of Women agencies of government. He was a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Private Bills, Crown Corporations, Public Accounts, and the Ombudsman and the Select Committees on Demographics, Electoral Reform, and Energy.

Mr. Sherwood was re-elected on June 7, 1999, and on June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. He was named Minister of Public Safety on March 23, 2000.

He and his wife Lois (Lingley) have three children: Reid, Ross, and Leanne.

### **Grand Falls Region**

**Jean-Guy Laforest** was born March 11, 1944, in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, the son of Armand and Lucia Laforest.

He attended Saint-André school, and after working in Quebec for a year, he furthered his studies by attending the Bathurst Technical School, where he graduated in 1962 after successfully completing the barbering program.

After working for two years as a barber, he moved to Connecticut where he worked for several years as a metal polisher. In 1965 he began working with Heublein Inc., a large company with a variety of business interests,



Jean-Guy Laforest

including a distillery and a food manufacturing operation. While with Heublein Inc., he worked for several years as a machine operator, participated in a company-sponsored three-year training program, and became foreman at one of the company's plants. He was also in charge of teaching employees who were potential candidates for supervisory positions.

In 1979, he moved to Madawaska, Maine, where he purchased a restaurant and nightclub. He sold the business in 1987 and returned to his hometown of Grand Falls.

From 1990 to 1999 he was a bus driver in School District 3.

A Progressive Conservative Member, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Grand Falls Region. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Private Bills and Select Committee on Education.

Mr. Laforest and his wife Claire have two children.



David Jordan

### Grand Lake

**David Charles Jordan** was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. He is a Progressive Conservative Member and represents the constituency of Grand Lake. He is Vice-Chairman of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts and he is a member of the Select Committee on Health Care. He has served as president of the Grand Lake Progressive Conservative Association and on the provincial council for the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick.

He was born October 4, 1949 in Minto, N.B., the son of Edna and the late Victor Jordan.

Mr. Jordan graduated from Minto Memorial High School in 1967 with a concentration in business. He has since worked primarily in the areas of sales and management. He was employed in the automobile industry for many years as both a general manager and in sales and he has also been self employed through his own business, D. Jordan & Sons Ltd.

Active in his community, he is a member of the United Baptist Church in Minto, New Brunswick, and a supporter in events for organizations such as the Holy Joes, Crime Stoppers, and the Ripples Community Centre. He also works, when required, as a jailor for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Jordan currently resides in Ripples, N.B.

### Hampton-Belleisle

First elected to the Legislative Assembly as the Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Saint John-Fundy in 1978 and reelected in 1982, **Bev Harrison** was reelected June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Hampton-Belleisle. From 1978 to 1987 he served on a variety of standing and select legislative committees, and from 1980 through 1985 he chaired the government caucus. On July 6, 1999, his fellow Members elected Mr. Harrison as Speaker of the 54th Legislature.

He was born in Saint John, N.B., on May 10, 1942, and is the son of William and Jean Harrison. Educated in local Saint John schools, he graduated from the University



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of New Brunswick with Bachelor of Arts and Education degrees and holds a Principal's Certificate and Certificate VI. After 26 years as a teacher/vice-principal of Simonds High School, he retired as principal of Saint John High School in 1997.

He is the former chair of District 6 and vice-chair of District 19 school boards and chair of numerous education-related committees. He also served in the RCAF reserve. While Commanding Officer of an air cadet squadron, he organized the first Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme for Cadets in Canada. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration in 1976 and the Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

Active in many heritage and cultural associations, he has been national vicepresident of the Royal Commonwealth Society; warden of Trinity Anglican Church, Saint John; chairman of the N.B. Youth Leadership conference; on the board of directors of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra; and president of both the St. George's Society and the N.B. Association of Student Activity Advisors. He is currently chairman of the board of directors of Camp Medley and a member of the Diocesan Council, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton; Royal United Services Institute of New Brunswick; Royal Canadian Air Force Association of Canada; St. George's Society; St. Andrew's Society; Eclectic Reading Club (1870); Kings County Historical Society; and Monarchist League of Canada.

He is a member of the following organizations in the United Kingdom: Society of the Friends of St. George's Chapel, Windsor; Royal Air Force Club, London; Constitutional Monarchy Association; and Welsh Corgi League.

Mr. Harrison and his wife, the former Marje Nunn, have one son, Nigel, and they live in Hampton, N.B.



Brenda Fowlie

### Kennebecasis

**Brenda Fowlie** was born May 15, 1953, the daughter of Olive and Walter McAllister. She graduated from Chipman High School in 1971.

A Progressive Conservative Member for the constituency of Kennebecasis, Ms. Fowlie was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. She is a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman, and the Select Committee on Education.

Ms. Fowlie's work experience indicates a strong connection to her community. She worked for many years as a school board trustee for the District 19 (now 6) school board. Through this position she was a member of several committees, including personnel, junior high school advisory, pupil disciplinary, and transportation committees. She has worked as a columnist for the *Saint John Times Globe* and is the former host of TVNB's talk shows *Hot Topic* and *This Week*.

Ms. Fowlie has also invested a great deal of time in her community as a volunteer. She has volunteered with the Rothesay Regional Police to help with community-based policing, the Alternative Measures Committee, Lakefield Elementary School, and various other organizations. She is a recipient of numerous awards including the Navy League of Canada, Second Stage Housing, Canadian Red Cross, and Rothesay Regional Police Community Service awards.

She was a member of the Quispamsis Town Council from 1995 until her election to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in 1999. While on the council she served on the following committees: Planning Advisory, Personnel, Town-Owned Properties, Emergency Measures, Municipal Plan Steering, Construction, and School Education, and she chaired the By-Law Committee.

Ms. Fowlie has lived in Quispamsis, N.B., for 22 years and currently resides there with her husband Ron and their two children, Colin and Megan.

#### Kent

Shawn Graham was born on February 22, 1968, in Kent County, N.B. He is the son of Alan and Connie Graham, and the late Sharon Crothers.

He grew up in Rexton, but completed most of his post-secondary education in Fredericton. He holds a Bachelor of Physical Education Degree from the University of New Brunswick and a Bachelor of Education Degree from St. Thomas University. He also attended the Université canadienne en France for a year of immersion studies. He is currently working toward his Master of Business Administration Degree at U.N.B.



Shawn Graham

He has worked extensively with the provincial government in New Brunswick. As the Manager of Industrial Development, he helped identify opportunities for the development of value-added products in the manufacturing sector for the Department of Natural Resources and Energy. He also spent five years as an executive assistant to Natural Resources and Energy Minister Alan Graham.

He is community minded and an active member of many organizations. He is the chairman of the Kent County Ducks Unlimited Committee, a New Brunswick Ducks Unlimited Senior Volunteer, and a member of the Fredericton Atlantic Salmon Federation Committee. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Rexton Credit Union.

A sports enthusiast, he was a member of the 1990-91 Atlantic University Athletic Association championship team in cross country and wrestling and of the New Brunswick track and field team for the Jeux Canada Games in 1985. In 1991, he was presented the Athletic Achievement Award from the University of New Brunswick.

Mr. Graham was elected to represent the riding of Kent as a Liberal M.L.A. in a by-election held on October 19, 1998, and was re-elected in the provincial general election of June 7, 1999. In the previous Legislature he was a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. He is currently a member of the Standing Committees on Procedure, Private Bills, and Crown Corporations. As well as being the Chair of the Liberal Caucus, he is the party's critic for Agriculture and Transportation.



Camille Thériault

### Kent South

**Camille Henri Thériault** was born on February 25, 1955, in Baie-Sainte-Anne, New Brunswick. He attended local schools and graduated from Baie-Sainte-Anne High School. He holds a Bachelor of Social Science degree with a major in political science from the Université de Moncton.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of ADEL-Kent-LEDA, Bouctouche Chamber of Commerce, and Bouctouche Golf Club. He was vice-president of corporate affairs for the United Maritime Fishermen Co-op and was manager of the Kent Industrial Commission.

Mr. Thériault was first elected to the Legislative Assembly on October 13, 1987, as M.L.A. for Kent South. He served as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and was a member of the Standing Committee on Estimates.

Re-elected September 23, 1991, he was appointed Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture October 9, 1991. He was a member of the Board of Management, co-chaired a ministerial committee on Creating New Options, and chaired the Legislature's Select Committee on Representation and Electoral Boundaries.

On April 27, 1994, he became Minister of Advanced Education and Labour. Following his re-election on September 11, 1995, he was appointed Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. He also assumed responsibility for the Information Highway Secretariat.

He became leader of the Liberal Party May 2, 1998, and was sworn in as the 29th Premier of New Brunswick May 14, 1998, serving in that capacity until June 21, 1999. While he was Premier, Mr. Thériault emphasized job creation policies, better health care, and excellence in education for all New Brunswickers. He received the Ordre de mérite des diplômés et des diplômées de l'Université de Moncton as well as the Paul Harris Prize from the Club Rotary Bouctouche. He was also decorated with the Ordre de la Pléiade, receiving the rank of Grand Officier.

He was re-elected June 7, 1999, and is currently the Leader of the Opposition. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Legislative Administration Committee, and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. He is Opposition Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs and Economic Development.

He and his wife Gisèle have two children, Sophie and Sébastien.

### Kings East

Douglas Ivan Cosman was born May 21, 1938, at Head of Millstream, Kings County, N.B. He is the eldest of six children born to Kenneth and Helen Riedle Cosman and was raised on the family farm, which was originally granted to the Cosman family in 1840. He graduated from high school in 1956 and went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., and a Master of Divinity degree from Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax, N.S. While a student at Mount Allison, he married Louise Mason. a teacher from his home community.



Douglas Cosman

Mr. Cosman was ordained by the United Church of Canada in Sackville in 1962 and served the Church in Albert County from 1962 to 1965. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force chaplaincy in 1965 and remained until his retirement in 1991. While with the Canadian Forces, he served one United Nations tour in Cyprus and two in Germany. After his retirement from the Canadian Forces in 1991, he ministered to the Church in Norton until 1996, and in St. Stephen from 1996 through 1998.

In addition to serving the Church, Mr. Cosman, with his wife Louise, runs the Apohaqui Inn, a bed-and-breakfast that doubles as their home. They recently purchased a motel, the Covered Bridge Inn, in Sussex, N.B. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, golfing, farm and woods work, and genealogy.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, and he represents the constituency of Kings East. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Private Bills and Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Health Care.

Mr. Cosman and his wife have four children and four grandchildren.



Hon. Paul Robichaud

### Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou

**Paul Robichaud** was born on May 6, 1964, in Tracadie, N.B. He received his education locally, attending Shippagan elementary and high schools and the Shippagan campus of the Université de Moncton.

Involved in provincial and federal politics since 1985, he was first elected on June 7, 1999, in the riding of Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou.

Mr. Robichaud is familiar with the needs of northeastern New Brunswickers, having served as

executive assistant to a former provincial Minister of Fisheries and a former Minister of Housing in the 1980s. He is no stranger to the federal scene, either. He was executive assistant to a former Minister of Employment and Immigration from 1991 to 1993, where he was responsible for New Brunswick matters.

From 1993 until the recent provincial election was called, Mr. Robichaud was organizing director of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick. He was named Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture on June 21, 1999. He became Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture on March 23, 2000. He is the Minister Responsible for the Acadian Peninsula Fisheries Council and the Minister Responsible for the Francophonie.

He is married to Nathalie Robichaud.

### Mactaquac

Kirk D. MacDonald is the Member of the Legislature for the constituency of Mactaquac. A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, he was elected to the 54th Legislature in the provincial general election held June 7. 1999. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and Legislative Administration Committee. He has been active in politics since high school, where he served at least one term in every office on the Stanley High School Student Council. He is currently the director of the Tobique-Mactaquac Progressive Conservative Association.



Kirk MacDonald

He was born in Stanley, New Brunswick, the son of Barbara and Doug MacDonald. He graduated from Stanley High School and continued his education at the University of New Brunswick, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1997.

An entrepreneur and businessman with strong interests in agriculture and forestry, Mr. MacDonald has been involved with a variety of business ventures. He has owned his own small potato-growing operation, been a self-employed landscape design consultant and currently owns the MacDonald Shingleworks.

Mr. MacDonald has also contributed widely to his community as a volunteer. He is the fundraising chair for Stanley Homecoming 2000, a judge at local 4-H public speaking competitions, and the prop manager for Stanley Players Theatre. He is a member of the board of directors for St. Thomas Anglican Church and for the Stanley Fair Planning Committee. He chairs the agriculture exhibits committee at the Stanley Fair and is a member of the Stanley Agricultural Society #35. He is also a member of the U.N.B. Business Society.

Mr. MacDonald currently resides in Stanley, N.B.



Hon. Percy Mockler

### Madawaska-la-Vallée

**Percy Paul Mockler** was born in St. Leonard, N.B., April 14, 1949. He was educated in the public school system of St. Leonard and obtained Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology and Master of Business Administration degrees from the Université de Moncton.

Mr. Mockler was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislature October 12, 1982. During the 50th Legislature, he served as a member of the Select Committee on Mining and Renewable Resources and the Standing Committees on Energy and Public Accounts.

He was a member of the Madawaska

South Progressive Conservative Association and, from 1987 to 1990, he was provincial organizer of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

He was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick to represent the constituency of Madawaska South in a by-election held November 29, 1993. Following redistribution, he was re-elected to represent the new constituency of Madawaska-la-Vallée in the provincial general election held September 11, 1995.

As a member of the Opposition, Mr. Mockler served as the critic for the portfolios of Human Resources Development, Youth, Seniors, Labour, Housing, and Transportation. He served as a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Private Bills, Public Accounts, and Legislative Administration and the Select Committee on Representation and Electoral Boundaries.

Mr. Mockler was re-elected in the general election of June 7, 1999. On June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Solicitor General and Minister of Human Resources Development and Housing. He was named Minister of Family and Community Services on March 23, 2000.

A member of the Northwest Focus Group, U. de M., International Marketing Centre, U. de M. and U.N.B., he is also an advisory member for trade opportunities strategy with the federal Department of External Affairs.

He has been active in community affairs as treasurer of a local fish and wildlife association, director of the Caisse populaire, and as a member and chair of the former District 32 School Board.

Mr. Mockler and his wife, the former Suzanne Soucy, have four children, and they reside in St. Leonard.

### Madawaska-les-Lacs

**Jeannot Volpé** was born on June 28, 1950, in Saint-Jacques, N.B. After graduating from the Edmundston public school in 1969, he went on to receive, in 1973, a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the Université de Moncton.

Mr. Volpé taught physical education in the Edmundston area from 1973 to 1980. During those years, he was also involved in sports as a coach in gymnastics, wrestling, and track and field. He is an outdoor sports enthusiast who especially enjoys hunting and fishing.



Hon. Jeannot Volpé

He has been involved in various farming organizations over the years. He was founding president of the Fédération des agriculteurs francophones du nord-ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick, chair of the New Brunswick Hog Marketing Board, vice-president of the Fédération des Agriculteurs et Agricultrices Francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick, Maritime representative on the Lennoxville research centre board, director of the federal Green Plan on the environment, and director of the Saint-Jacques optimist club.

He was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly on September 11, 1995, in the riding of Madawaska-les-Lacs. He was re-elected on June 7, 1999, and, on June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Minister of Natural Resources and Energy.

As a member of the Opposition, he served as a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Privileges, Law Amendments, Crown Corporations, and the Ombudsman. He served as caucus chairman, official Opposition critic for Economic Development, Tourism, the Information Highway, Agriculture, and Regional Development, and co-critic for several education-related areas. Mr. Volpé also served on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Select Committee on the Environment, and the Select Committee on Energy.

Mr. Volpé is married to Linda Lord, and they have four children: Dino, Gino, Bruno, and Marco.



Réjean Savoie

### Miramichi Bay

Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for the constituency of Miramichi Bay, **Réjean Savoie** was first elected in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. At the Legislature, he is a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges and the Standing Committee on Law Amendments. He is a longtime Progressive Conservative Party organizer both federally and provincially.

He was born September 15, 1952, at Saint-Wilfred, N.B., the son of Levi Savoie and Exéline Roy. He attended

Mgr. Gallien Neguac School and continued his education at the Bathurst Technical School, where he took courses relating to the plumbing trade from 1970 to 1971. He has since completed accounting courses at the New Brunswick Community College and also has computer training focussing on the Internet.

He has worked as a tractor trailer operator, and he has been self-employed as both a tractor trailer owner and the owner and operator of a small business. As the founder of La Bonne Route, a restaurant and Esso gas bar in Lavillette, he was responsible for managing all aspects of the business.

Active in his community, he is the past president of the North Shore Forest Products Marketing Board and was instrumental in rebuilding this organization. He is also a past school board trustee, past chairman of the board of directors for the Neguac Medical Clinic, and past member of the board of directors for l'Hotel-Dieu Hospital in Chatham and Mount St. Joseph of Chatham, N.B.

Mr. Savoie and his wife Léola live in Saint-Wilfred, N.B. They have three daughters: Sylvette, Manon, and Annick.

### Miramichi - Bay du Vin

Michael (*Tanker*) Malley was born on July 8, 1962, in Chatham, N.B. He attended James M. Hill High School and graduated in 1980, without ever having missed a day of school. He studied in the field of carpentry at New Brunswick Community College during 1980 and 1981.

His active role in the community has been as a volunteer fire fighter at the Chatham Fire Department and, for 14 years, as an ambulance driver/ attendant. He received a vote of thanks for 5000 hours of volunteer time for his work as a driver/attendant with the St. John Ambulance. He also served as an



Michael Malley

altar boy at St. Michael's Basilica for ten years, and he served for two terms on St. Michael's Parish Council.

For 12 years, he was a school bus driver with School District 16, and in 1990 he won the award for "Outstanding School Bus Driver of the Year" for the province of New Brunswick. He also worked for the Department of Tourism from 1979 to 1986.

His concern for his community and its people led him to become a Chatham Town Councillor. He held this position from May 1992 until December 1994. With the formation of Miramichi City in 1995, he then became a Miramichi City Councillor, a position he held from February 1995 until his election to the Legislative Assembly in June 1999. He was elected Deputy Mayor of Miramichi City in May 1998. While on the Chatham Town Council and the Miramichi City Council, he was a member of several committees, including those for transportation, police, fire, finance, and recreation.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. Malley was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Miramichi-Bay du Vin. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Education.

He presently resides in Miramichi East with his wife Darlene M. (Connell) Malley and their two children, Mark and Stephanie.



Hon. Kim Jardine

#### Miramichi Centre

**Kim Jardine** was born on April 12, 1966, in Saint John. She attended Miramichi Valley High School and the University of New Brunwick in Fredericton, where she earned a Bachelor of Education degree.

Since 1993, Mrs. Jardine has owned a custom-embroidery business in Miramichi that specialized in corporate and sports apparel. Prior to this, she was a supply teacher in the Miramichi region.

Mrs. Jardine enjoys drama and has been a member of the Choral Society and Toastmasters International.

Mrs. Jardine was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, as the M.L.A. for Miramichi Centre. She was sworn in as Minister of the Environment on June 21, 1999. She was then named Minister of Environment and Local Government on March 23, 2000.

Mrs. Jardine and her husband, Kevin, have one son, Bryston.

## Moncton Crescent

John Willis Betts was born on February 17, 1949, in Moncton. He graduated from Moncton High School and was a founding member of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra.

Elected to the 54th Legislature as a Progressive Conservative on June 7, 1999, he was chair of caucus and is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Education.

Mr. Betts was music coordinator for School Districts 2 and 4 and holds a teacher's licence and a principal's certificate. He has a Bachelor of Science



John Betts

from Gordon College in Boston and a Bachelor of Education and a Masters in Education Administration from the Université de Moncton. He received the Birk's Medal for student leadership from the N.B. Teachers College and he was given a hockey scholarship at Gordon College.

He spent 27 years in the education field, served on various Department of Education curriculum committees, helped develop several music programs currently in use and taught a variety of subjects at different grade levels.

He was elected to Moncton City Council for five straight terms. During this 13-year period he served on numerous committees and boards.

He is a member of several national, provincial and community organizations: Greater Moncton Music Festival Committee, N.B. Teachers' Association, N.B. Music Council, Canadian Music Educators' Association, Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada, Moncton Music Teachers' Association, Moncton Wesleyan Church Music Ministry, Canadian Yachting Association, Moncton Teachers' Hockey Team, and Moncton Press Club. He chaired the N.B. Heritage Fair music/arts performances and Maritime Band Festival, directed several school bands and choirs and he has written and recorded several compositions. He was project leader for a 1990 and a 1992 FCM and CIDA "Africa 2000" programs and received a Rotary Scholarship for study in England and Wales. He has won awards for community involvement, music, hockey, and windsurfing.

He and his wife Rolene, an art teacher, have three children, Jason, Jessica and Jared, and they live in Moncton, N.B.



Hon. Bernard Lord

#### Moncton East

As New Brunswick's 30th Premier, **Bernard Lord**'s vision of New Brunswick is one of a prosperous province with Greater Opportunity for people achieved by changing the way government works for New Brunswickers. This vision embraces who we are as a province, builds on our strengths, and allows New Brunswick to reach its full potential as a competitive, compassionate province.

Born on September 27, 1965, he is the son of Marie-Émilie and Ralph Lord. He grew up in a bilingual home in Greater Moncton. After graduation from Mathieu-Martin High School in Dieppe, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Social

Science with a major in economics as well as a Bachelor's degree in Common Law from the Université de Moncton. He served three terms as president of his university's student federation.

Before he joined the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick in 1995, he practised law in the Moncton area. On October 18, 1997, he was elected the party leader at the largest political convention in New Brunswick's history. Just over a year later he was elected in a by-election held on October 19, 1998, as the Member for Moncton East, and took his seat in the Legislative Assembly as the Leader of the Official Opposition.

He was re-elected June 7, 1999, leading his party to victory, sweeping 44 of the province's 55 seats, the greatest Progressive Conservative victory in the province's history. At the age of 33, he became the province's youngest elected Premier.

Besides serving as Premier and leader of his party, he is also President of the Executive Council, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister Responsible for the Regional Development Corporation.

In 1999 he was chosen as one of *Time* magazine's top 25 New Generation of Leaders in Canada. He holds the honour of Alumnus of the Year from the Université de Moncton and was awarded the title of Grand Officier by the Assemblée internationale de parlementaires de langue française.

Premier Lord believes in a strong New Brunswick within a strong, united Canada. He is motivated by his unshakeable confidence in New Brunswickers and is dedicated to ensuring that our province is a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

He and his wife, Diane, have two children, Sébastien and Jasmine.

# Moncton North

**René** (*Pepsi*) Landry was born in Moncton May 21, 1937, the son of Léonie LeBlanc and Wilfred Landry, into a family of 12. He attended the University of Ottawa, where he received a certificate in Physical Education in 1962, and he graduated from the Université de Moncton in 1971 with a Bachelor of Commerce. He received a certificate in practicum counselling from Sir George Williams University in 1971 and in 1972 completed one year toward a Master of Education degree.



Mr. Landry worked for the city of Moncton from 1981 to 1998 as a

René Pepsi Landry

facilities coordinator. In this position, he planned special events, scheduled recreational activities and managed the farmers' market and the sportsplex multi-purpose play field. He also worked for the Moncton Boys and Girls Club Inc. from 1963 to 1981.

Very active in the areas involving youth and recreation, he was a board member for both the Moncton Youth Residences and the Moncton Boys and Girls Club, was on the volunteer awards committee for the city of Moncton, was a volunteer with the Kidney Foundation of Canada and was a founding member of the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles Booster Club. He has also been involved with the Pine Needle Golf & Country Club, the Recreation Society of Atlantic Canada, the Moncton Lions Minor Baseball Association, and the Greater Moncton Leisure Master Plan Committee.

He has often been recognized for his various accomplishments. He was awarded the Builder of Youth Award from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada as well as the Silver Keystone Award for outstanding service to youth in 1991. In 1992 he was awarded the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of Canada Commemorative Medal in recognition of significant contributions to compatriots, community, and to Canada.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. Landry was elected to the Legislature in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, and he represents the constituency of Moncton North. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges and the Select Committee on Health Care.

Mr. Landry resides in Moncton with his wife Jacqueline (Gagnon), a kindergarten teacher. He is the proud father of two grown sons, Michel and Marc.



Hon. Joan MacAlpine

#### **Moncton South**

Joan MacAlpine was born in Rexton, N.B. She was educated in Moncton schools and attended Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton.

Ms. MacAlpine has a long history of community involvement. She is a former president, Uplands/Rockaway Home and School Association, and a former vice-president, Bessborough Home and School Association. She has served as member of the Moncton Hospital Board, as president of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and as fundraising co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Red Cross. She

has raised funds for the Alzheimer Society and is a former advocacy board member of Support for Single Parents and a former member of the Moncton Police Force Pipe and Drum board.

Ms. MacAlpine also sat on the Greater Moncton International Women's Day Committee, the December 6th Committee, the Moncton Community Policing Board, the museum board, and the Heritage Preservation Review Board. She sat on the Moncton Lion Senior Citizens Board and the City of Moncton Pension Board and is a member of the Legal and Administrative Committee, City of Moncton. She has taught Sunday School for 18 years at St. John's United Church, Moncton. Currently, she sits on the Greater Moncton Santa Claus Parade Committee.

Ms. MacAlpine entered politics in 1992, when she was elected to Moncton city council, and was re-elected in 1995 and 1998. She was appointed Moncton's first female deputy mayor in 1997 and was re-elected deputy mayor in 1998. She was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as M.L.A. for Moncton South on June 7, 1999, and was sworn in as Minister of Municipalities on June 21, 1999. She became Minister of Business New Brunswick on March 23, 2000.

Ms. MacAlpine and her husband, Robert, have three daughters: Megan, Julie, and Haley.

# Nepisiguit

Joel Bernard was born December 8, 1963, in Dalhousie, N.B., the son of Roland and Rina Bernard. He graduated from École Secondaire Népisiguit in Bathurst, N.B., in 1981, and went on to Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, where he took courses in Business Administration. He also received his DC-8 Flight Attendant Certificate in 1987.

Mr. Bernard, who is fluently bilingual, worked in Ottawa for many years. His employment experience includes working in the House of Commons doing records management for Members of Parliament, and also



Joel Bernard

working for Elections Canada. Mr. Bernard returned to New Brunswick in 1994 and was employed as an income security trainer and service delivery agent for Canada Income Security Programs in Bathurst.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Nepisiguit. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Legislative Administration Committee. On July 6, 1999, he was appointed Deputy Speaker of the House, and he will also serve as Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House.

Mr. Bernard currently resides in North Tetagouche, N.B., with his wife Darlene, his daughter Lilianne, and his son Samuel.



Keith Ashfield

## New Maryland

Keith Ashfield, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of New Maryland. He is a member of the Legislative Administration Committee, the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and the Select Committee on Education. On July 6. 1999, he was appointed Deputy Speaker of the House, and he is Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House He served for several years as the director of the Fredericton

Progressive Conservative Party Association and has been actively involved with the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick.

He was born March 28, 1952, in Fredericton, N.B. He is the son of Nora Locke and the late Jack Ashfield. He graduated from Oromocto High School in 1970 and attended the University of New Brunswick from 1970 to 1972, where he took courses in Business Administration.

A businessman, he is the former owner of several companies, and he is currently the president of Ashfield & Associates Ltd.

Mr. Ashfield has been an active participant in several school district associations. He was a trustee for School Districts 25 and 17 and he has been president and vice-president of the New Brunswick School Trustees Association. He has also served as director and as chair of the Finance Committee for the Canadian School Boards Association.

He currently lives in Lincoln, N.B., with his wife Judy and two children, Tara and Seth.

# Nigadoo-Chaleur

**Roland Haché** was born on June 14, 1947, in Nigadoo, New Brunswick. He graduated from Petit Rocher Regional School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with a specialization in administration from the Université de Moncton and a Bachelor of Education (Postsecondary Education) from the same university. In addition, he took several M.B.A. courses.

His work experience is extensive. Among other things, he worked as a teacher for the Commission scolaire du Golfe in Sept-Îles, Quebec. He held the position of assistant manager at the National Bank in Petit Rocher. He also



Roland Haché

served the Commission scolaire Jérôme-Boudreau in several capacities concurrently, including those of school dropout prevention worker and discipline development officer.

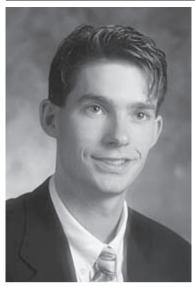
Mr. Haché also worked at Bathurst Community College where he taught courses in management, accounting, and human resources management, as well as other subjects. He concurrently held the posts of teacher and head of the entrepreneurship program at NBCC-Bathurst.

Very active in the community, he served as mayor of the village of Petit Rocher, president of the Administration portuaire du quai régionale de Petit-Rocher, towns and villages representative to the New Brunswick Employees Pension Plan, and adviser to the Chaleur Regional Development Commission.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur in the provincial general election held on June 7, 1999. At the Legislature he currently serves on the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman, as well as on the Select Committee on Education.

He is the Liberal Party critic for areas of interest relating to the Department of Municipalities and Housing, and he is the Liberal Caucus Whip at the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Haché has one son, Christian, who is an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Jody Carr

#### Oromocto-Gagetown

Jody Carr was born July 3, 1975, in Saint John, N.B., the youngest son of Basil Carr and Debbie Johnston. He attended Oromocto High School where he was class president in his graduating year, 1993. He went on to the University of New Brunswick where he graduated in 1998 with a degree in Business Administration, majoring in economics.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. He is a

member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, and Select Committee on Education.

In 1995 he was the youngest PC candidate in the history of New Brunswick when he was a candidate in the provincial general election in the riding of Oromocto-Gagetown. Since then he has continued to work for the PC Party, most recently as a researcher in the Office of the Official Opposition and as co-chair of the 1997 Progressive Conservative leadership convention.

Mr. Carr has been a key member of his community. He is a board member of Oromocto Community Residence Inc., and he was a volunteer at Fundy Community Television, where he hosted a live one-hour talk show on youth issues, covered live Canada Day Parades and officiated as a public announcer at community events. He has emceed the Miss Oromocto Pageant and participated in the Labatt 24-hour relay, and he and his mother were selected to be the Honourary Mom and Son in the Walk for Hope in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mr. Carr currently resides in Geary, N.B.

# Petitcodiac

**R. Wallis (Wally) Stiles** was born October 18, 1950, in Sussex, N.B., and he is the son of Ralph and Elsbeth Stiles. A life-long resident of the Petitcodiac riding, he graduated with honours from Petitcodiac Regional High School in 1968 and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1973.

Following university, he worked with Goodyear Canada, Modern Enterprises Limited, and for the past 24 years, as the controller for Cement Cartage Co. Ltd. in Havelock, N.B. Over the years he has completed various accounting, computer, and taxation courses.



Wallis Stiles, C.D.

He has been actively involved in numerous organizations such as Jaycees, Royal Canadian Legion, Petitcodiac and District Promotional Association (founding president), and the local policing committee, as director of the Petitcodiac/Salisbury ambulance service, and as a trustee for Saint James United Church. An officer with 639 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron in Petitcodiac, he served as adjutant, training officer, and then as commanding officer. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration for service.

He is an avid outdoorsman and is actively involved in woodlot management. He has been a maple sugar producer for over 25 years, and he enjoys golf, curling, and all-terrain vehicles.

Mr. Stiles has been involved in politics for many years. In 1995 he was elected as village councillor in charge of protective services. In 1998 he was re-elected and became deputy mayor in charge of finance. In 1994 he took on the responsibility of president of the Petitcodiac riding Progressive Conservative Association.

A Progressive Conservative, Mr. Stiles was first elected to the Legislature in the general election held June 7, 1999, as Member for Petitcodiac. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Crown Corporations, the Ombudsman, and Private Bills.

Mr. Stiles currently lives in Petitcodiac, N.B. He has three children, Aaron, Adam, and Shawna, and three grandchildren, Katelyn, Shyla, and Hannah.



Benoît Cyr

### **Restigouche West**

Businessman and entrepreneur **Benoît** Cyr was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. A Progressive Conservative Member, he represents the constituency of Restigouche West. He serves on the Legislature's Standing Committee on Law Amendments and on the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman.

Born June 14, 1948, in Saint-Quentin, he is the son of Wilfrid Cyr and Berthe Lévesque. After graduation from Mgr.-Martin School in Saint-Quentin, N.B., he attended the New Brunswick

Technical Institute in Moncton, where he took courses in commerce. He also completed effective management courses at A.-J.-Savoie High School in Saint-Quentin.

The owner and manager of Cyr Aviation, he is a chief pilot, having flown over 6000 hours. He has a professional pilot's licence and a radio amateur licence, and he is certified for night flying. Through his business, he has participated in a variety of activities such as forest fire detection, spruce budworm surveys, inmate transfers, and search and rescue operations. He oversaw construction of and managed a sawmill, and he has owned, managed, or worked for several businesses in the Saint-Quentin area.

Active in his community, Mr. Cyr is president of l'Association protectrice de l'environnement Inc. in Saint-Quentin and a member of the Saint-Quentin local arena construction committee. An outdoor activities enthusiast, he enjoys archery, pistol shooting, hunting, fishing, camping, and cycling. He has a great interest in music, particularly the trumpet.

Mr. Cyr currently resides in Saint-Quentin.

### Riverview

**Patricia Owen Crossman** was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, the daughter of the late Dorothy E. Morehouse and the late A. Owen Branscombe.

Following graduation from Moncton High School, she attended Acadia University.

Much of her life has been spent in the public eye on a volunteer basis. She has held many offices in the Hon. Dr. C.H. Blakeny Chapter, IODE, as well as serving at the provincial and national levels. Ms. Crossman was awarded Primary and Provincial Chapter life memberships in the IODE. She was also



Pat Crossman

a member of the Town of Riverview Leisure Advisory Committee.

A member of St. George's Anglican Church, she has served on the Vestry and as Vestry Clerk.

For 24 years she was an elected school trustee for Riverview on the district school board. From 1987 to 1990 she served as provincial president of the New Brunswick School Trustees Association, and from 1994 to 1997 she was national president of the Canadian School Boards Association. She holds an honourary life membership in the CSBA.

The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada was conferred upon her "in recognition of her significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada".

Ms. Crossman, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the riding of Riverview. She is a member of the Legislative Administration Committee and the chairperson of the Select Committee on Education.

Ms. Crossman's grandfather, Oscar E. Morehouse, was also a New Brunswick M.L.A. A Conservative, he was first elected in a by-election in 1911 to represent York County. He was re-elected in the 1912 general election and served until his retirement from politics in 1917.

Ms. Crossman is the proud mother of two grown daughters, Alexandra and Alison, and is equally proud of her son-in-law, Joseph, and her grandsons, William and Jeffrey.



Rose-May Poirier

# Rogersville -Kouchibouguac

**Rose-May Poirier** was born March 2, 1954, in Chatham, N.B., the daughter of the late Augustin Arseneault and Jeanne Fontaine of Saint-Louis de Kent.

A Progressive Conservative, she was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the provincial general election of June 7, 1999, as Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac. She chairs the government caucus and is a member of the Standing Committees on Procedure and Crown Corporations. She is a former president of the Rogersville-Kouchibouguac Progressive Conservative Association.

She attended local schools in Richibucto and later took courses in various fields including life insurance, mutual funds, professional communications, and computer technology. She has taken part in numerous workshops on leadership and motivation, sales techniques, time management, and personnel recruiting.

A successful sales person and manager, she has worked for Assumption Life and as an executive manager for Tupperware Canada, earning the distinction of top manager for N.B. and P.E.I., one of the top 25 sales teams in Canada, one of the top 10 sales team in Atlantic Central Canada, best recruiting unit, and recruiter of the year.

Active in her community, she served for six years as a town councillor for Saint-Louis de Kent, where she was involved with the volunteer firefighters, the World Acadian Congress, the Acadian Games, and Promo-Kent.

Ms. Poirier is well known for her fundraising activities, including: church renovation committee for Saint-Louis-des-Français church, parents committee for Saint-Louis de Kent, Children's Wish Foundation, Tree of Hope for the Georges L. Dumont Hospital, the Friends of the Moncton Hospital, the Saint-Louis de Kent volunteer firefighters, and several groups committed to helping cancer patients. She has also volunteered for Child Find, the New Brunswick Heart & Stroke Foundation, Participaction, and various parent-teacher committees.

Ms. Poirier resides in Saint-Louis de Kent with her husband Donald. They have two daughters, Diane and Lisa.

# Saint John Champlain

**Carole Keddy** is a former teacher, principal, and university professor whose latter career brought her into the fields of municipal politics and business.

A Progressive Conservative Member, she was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, as the M.L.A. for the constituency of Saint John Champlain. Presently, she is a member of the Legislature's Select Committee on Health Care.



Carole Keddy

She graduated from Simonds Regional

High School in 1955 and the N.B. Teachers' College in 1956. She later furthered her studies at the University of New Brunswick, where she obtained a Bachelor of Physical Education and a Bachelor of Education in 1975.

Ms. Keddy also studied in the Masters program in Business Administration at the University of Maryland. She taught at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and, while in B.C., owned and operated a manufacturing company.

Ms. Keddy also worked for four years with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) from 1962 to 1966 and was named NATO Professional of the Year.

She is a former director of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

Her community involvement includes canvassing for the Salvation Army Red Shield, Mothers March of Dimes, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Cancer Society, and the United Way.

She is a former member of the school parent advisory committee, Simonds Middle School; credit committee member of the Bayview Credit Union; past vice-president of the Loyalist Days Committee; volunteer mentor for gifted and talented students at Simonds Middle School, and a member of Branch #53 Royal Canadian Legion.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, world affairs, sports, travel, bridge, writing, and music.



**Rodney Weston** 

### Saint John-Fundy

Rodney H. Weston was born March 28, 1964, in Saint John, N.B. He is the son of Lester and Phyllis Weston. After graduating from Simonds High School in 1982, he attended New Brunswick Community College from 1983 to 1985.

A businessman, Mr. Weston has experience as an owner and manager of several small businesses such as Weston's Irving, and he has also been a trucking contractor. Mr. Weston has also served as Deputy Mayor of the Village of St. Martins.

Mr. Weston is a very active volunteer.

He is the fire chief of the St. Martins Volunteer Fire Department and an ambulance attendant with the St. Martins Community Ambulance Service. He was a member of the St. Martins School Parent Advisory Committee and of the board of trustees of the St. Martins United Baptist Church, and he is a member of the St. Martins Old Home Week Committee. He is a former board member of the Fundy Trail Development Authority, Inc.

A member of the Progressive Conservative party, Mr. Weston was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, and he represents the riding of Saint John-Fundy. He is vice-chair of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, and he is a member of the Standing Committee on Procedure and the Select Committee on Health Care. He is the past regional vicepresident of the Progressive Conservative Party's provincial riding association of Fundy-Kings and vice-president of the federal riding of Fundy-Royal.

Mr. Weston currently resides in St. Martins with his wife, Dawn, and son Hudson.

# Saint John Harbour

**Elizabeth Jane Weir** is the first woman chosen leader of a political party in New Brunswick, the first woman leader elected to the Legislative Assembly, and the first leader of the provincial New Democratic Party elected to the House. On June 18, 1988, the New Democratic Party of New Brunswick elected Ms. Weir as leader. On September 23, 1991, she was elected to represent the constituency of Saint John South and was re-elected on September 11, 1995, and June 7, 1999, to represent the new riding of Saint John Harbour.



Elizabeth Weir

She sits as a member of the Legislative Administration Committee, the Law

Amendments Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, and the Select Committee on Health.

She has received exceptional recognition for her advocacy work on health care issues. In 1997, 1998, and 1999, she was the recipient of the New Brunswick Nurses' Association Healthy Public Policy Award, for her efforts to improve health care for the province's citizens.

She has been a member of several delegations working on international democracy development projects helping to train parliamentarians in Mozambique, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Macedonia, and Niger.

An active New Democrat at both the federal and the provincial levels, she served as a member of the executive of the federal party and is currently a member of its Federal Council.

In July 1999, Local 273 of the International Longshoremen inducted Ms. Weir as an honorary member of that union for her continuing efforts to secure progressive legislative change.

She received her honours degree in Sociology from the University of Waterloo and her Law degree from the University of Western Ontario. A former teacher at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, she taught courses in Industrial Relations and Employment Law and was a member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on February 20, 1948, she is the daughter of Dorothy Wilkinson and George Weir. She is married to James Stanley. They have one daughter, Sarah.



Hon. Margaret-Ann Blaney

# Saint John-Kings

**Margaret-Ann Blaney** was born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. She is an honours graduate of Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, where she completed a bachelor's degree and did postgraduate work.

Ms. Blaney has had a longstanding interest in politics. From 1982 to 1993 she worked as a political reporter for a number of private radio stations, including CTV and CBC.

Ms. Blaney was elected M.L.A. for Saint John-Kings on June 7, 1999, and was sworn in as Minister of Transportation and Minister

Responsible for the Status of Women on June 21, 1999.

An active member of her community, Ms. Blaney chaired the 1998 Kidney Foundation fundraising drive for southern New Brunswick, an event which required 400 volunteers. She is a member of the Saint John-Kings Rotary Club and the Kennebecasis Valley Chamber of Commerce. She has served as a longtime volunteer for the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

Ms. Blaney and her husband Michael have a son and a daughter and reside in Rothesay, N.B.

# Saint John Lancaster

Norman McFarlane was born in Apohaqui, N.B. In 1953, he joined Royal Insurance in Saint John, where he rose to the position of branch manager, New Brunswick and P.E.I. He retired from Royal in 1993 and, in recent years, has worked as an insurance consultant.

Mr. McFarlane has always made community service a priority. He has been a member of many associations and committees over the years, including the Claims Emergency Response Committee for the province of New Brunswick, the Saint John Union Club, and the Saint John Board of Trade. He has served as a director of



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the Kidney Foundation, a director of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Foundation, and a member of the Environment Committee for the City of Saint John, and he is past president of the Lancaster Minor Hockey Association. He was an assistant coach and manager with the Lancaster Little League. He is also actively involved in Portland United Church, where he has been clerk of session for the past 20 years.

Mr. McFarlane was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the M.L.A. for Saint John Lancaster on June 7, 1999, and he was sworn in as Minister of Labour on June 21, 1999. He became Minister of Training and Employment Development on March 23, 2000.

Mr. McFarlane and his wife, Cynthia, have two children and one granddaughter.



Trevor Holder

#### Saint John Portland

**Trevor A. Holder** was born in Saint John, N.B., on May 8, 1973, the son of William and Dorothy Holder.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Saint John Portland. He is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. His political experience includes serving on the executive of the

Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick as Saint John County vice-president and on the Saint John Portland PC Association as second vice-president.

He attended Saint John High School, graduating in 1991. He continued his education at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History in 1995. While at UNBSJ he was elected president of the Students' Representative Council and elected to the UNBSJ Senate. He also served as vice-president of the Social Sciences Association of UNBSJ and as president of the UNBSJ PC Youth Association.

A financial planner, he has been employed with London Life Insurance Company in Saint John since 1996. He is also pursuing studies toward the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation.

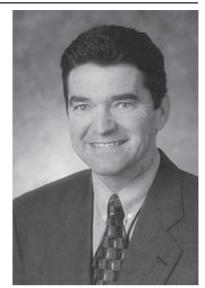
Active in the community, he is a member and past president of the United Empire Loyalist Association, a member of the Canadian Association of Financial and Insurance Advisors, a vestryman for St. Lukes Anglican Church Parish of Portland, a volunteer at the World Chess Festival and the North End Food Bank, and a member of the Boy Scouts of Canada, receiving the Chief Scout Award in 1987.

Mr. Holder currently resides in Saint John, N.B.

# Shediac—Cap-Pelé

**Bernard Richard,** a lawyer and a former social worker, was born April 11, 1951, in Toronto, Ontario. His family returned to Cap-Pelé, and he attended local schools. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Université de Moncton and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick.

Since 1978 he has practised law in Cap-Pelé. He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of New Brunswick, and the law firm of Richard, Savoie, Belliveau. He was a board member and chair of the Legal Services Committee for the Association



**Bernard Richard** 

des juristes d'expression française du Nouveau-Brunswick until 1991. Prior to attending law school, he worked as a social worker.

A Liberal, Mr. Richard was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on September 23, 1991, as the M.L.A. for Shediac. In September 1993, he was named Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Education. He was re-elected September 11, 1995, to represent the new riding of Shediac— Cap-Pelé, and was subsequently appointed Minister of State for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. He added the responsibilities of acting Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 27, 1997. He was appointed Minister of Education on July 21, 1997. He resigned as a member of the Executive Council February 6, 1998, to run for the leadership of the provincial Liberal Party. He was a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Procedure, Law Amendments, and the Ombudsman and the Select Committee on Demographics. On May 14, 1998, he was sworn in as Minister of Education, and he served in that capacity until June 21, 1999.

Mr. Richard was re-elected in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent Shediac—Cap-Pelé. He currently serves on the Legislative Administration Committee and the Standing Committees on Law Amendments and Public Accounts. He is also the Opposition Critic for areas of interest relating to the Departments of Finance and Justice.

In the 1974 provincial election, he offered as a candidate for the Parti acadien in the new single-member riding of Shediac. He was later elected to the council of the Village of Cap-Pelé, where he also served as deputy mayor from 1977 to 1980.

He and his wife Annie (née Duguay) have four sons.



Hon. Norman Betts

#### Southwest Miramichi

**Norman Betts,** a lifelong resident of Doaktown, was born on April 1, 1954. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1978, became a chartered accountant in 1981, and earned a PhD in Management (accounting and finance) from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in 1991.

Since 1986, Mr. Betts has held the position of associate professor in the Faculty of Administration at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. In addition to teaching, he has served in research and

administrative positions, including Assistant Dean of the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program and Associate Dean of the faculty. He is actively involved in numerous management advisory and executive development programs and has international executive development experience in the Caribbean and Europe.

From 1978 to 1988, Mr. Betts worked as a chartered accountant, practising in Fredericton. He spent several years as a partner with a local firm, providing accounting, auditing, taxation, and business advisory services to small- and medium-sized businesses.

Mr. Betts ran for the leadership of the PC Party of New Brunswick in 1997. He served as co-chair of the party's Policy Development Committee. Mr. Betts was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on June 7, 1999, as the M.L.A. for Southwest Miramichi. He was sworn in as Minister of Finance on June 21, 1999.

Mr. Betts and his wife, Bonnie, have five children and two grandchildren.

#### Tantramar

**Peter Mesheau,** the M.L.A. for the constituency of Tantramar, was sworn in as Minister of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture on June 21, 1999. In April 2000, he was appointed Minister for the Department of Investment and Exports. He is also Minister Responsible for Service New Brunswick.

Mr. Mesheau was born in Sackville, a university town in southeastern New Brunswick. Following high school, he worked in theatre and television before attending and graduating from Fanshawe College in London, Ontario, with a degree in Broadcast Arts. Since



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that time, he has worked extensively in communications, marketing, and exporting.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in a by-election held November 17, 1997. He was reelected in the general election of June 7, 1999. In April 2000, he was appointed co-chair of the National Committee on Internal Trade.

As a member of the Official Opposition, Mr. Mesheau served as Health Critic and on the Standing Committees on Private Bills, Public Accounts, and Law Amendments. He was also a member of the Select Committee on Energy.



Hon. Elvy Robichaud

#### Tracadie-Sheila

**Elvy Robichaud** was born April 3, 1951, in Tracadie and was educated in the Tracadie public school system. He has bachelor degrees in both physical education and education from the Université de Moncton and a masters degree in education. He obtained his school principal's certificate and was principal of Le Tremplin school in Tracadie-Sheila and La Rencontre school in Neguac.

He has been recreation director for the Town of Tracadie, president of New Brunswick Special Olympics, co-chair of the Department of Education Adapted Physical Recreation Program

Committee, and treasurer of Leisure New Brunswick.

He has been the executive secretary to the Federation of Students at the Université de Moncton, a Tracadie town councillor (1983 to 1986), and the administrator and board chair of the Hotel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Tracadie. A founding member of Les Amis de l'Hôpital de Tracadie foundation as well as the Hotel-Dieu de Tracadie support committee, he was board chairman for the local school district and a member of the provincial and regional implementation committees for the Single Entry Point Program for senior citizens. In 1988 he received his Health Services Management Certificate from the Canadian Hospital Association in Ottawa.

He was first elected as the member for the constituency of Tracadie in a September 26, 1994, by-election, the first Progressive Conservative elected to represent Tracadie since 1912. He was re-elected on September 11, 1995, and June 7, 1999, representing the new electoral district of Tracadie-Sheila. On June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Minister of Education. On March 23, 2000, he was also named Minister responsible for the Culture and Sport Secretariat.

A former Opposition House Leader, Mr. Robichaud served on the Standing Committees on Procedure, Law Amendments and Public Accounts and on the Select Committee on Demographics. He also served as official Opposition critic for Health, Community Services, Municipalities, Culture, Sports, Fisheries and Aquaculture. From November 4, 1997, until October 19, 1998, he served as Interim Leader of the Official Opposition in the legislature.

Elvy Robichaud is married to the former Claudia Mazerolle. The Robichauds have three children.

# Victoria-Tobique

**Dr. Larry Ronald Kennedy** was born November 8, 1949, in Perth-Andover, N.B. He is the son of Mary F. O'Hagan and Ronald M. Kennedy.

He attended local schools in Perth-Andover and graduated from the Southern Victoria High School. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick, he graduated from Dalhousie University with an M.D. He is certified with the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the American Academy of Family Physicians.



Dr. Larry Kennedy

A family practitioner, he was first

elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick October 13, 1987, as the Liberal M.L.A. for Victoria-Tobique. He was re-elected in 1991. The results of the September 11, 1995, provincial general election were challenged and were followed by a by-election win on July 23, 1997, and reelection in the 1999 provincial general election.

Dr. Kennedy has served on the Standing Committees on Law Amendments and Private Bills, and was chair of the latter. He was a member of the Special Committees on Social Policy Development and on Economic Policy Development and the Select Committee on Demographics. Currently he serves on the Standing Committees on Private Bills and Law Amendments and on the Select Committee on Health Care. He is the Opposition critic for interests relating to the Department of Health.

He was a councillor in the Village of Perth-Andover, chief and president of the medical staff at Hotel-Dieu Saint-Joseph, and a director of the New Brunswick Medical Society. He was chairman of District 31 School Board.

An active hunter, fisherman, snowmobiler and downhill and cross-country skier, he is a member of the Maple Syrup Producers and the Christmas Tree Producers Associations. He is a member of both the Rotary and Elks Clubs.

He and his wife, the former Brenda Ellen Naugler, have four children.



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#### Western Charlotte

Antoon J. (*Tony*) Huntjens was born January 1, 1939, in Limburg, the Netherlands. He became a Canadian citizen in the fall of 1961. He completed Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of New Brunswick.

A retired business education teacher, he has 35 years of service, 33 of which were spent at St. Stephen High School. During his long teaching career, he was in charge of drama and musical productions and coached various sports. He also taught many evening courses in accounting and typewriting, which were

He has been actively involved in the Business Education Council as well as in curriculum development committees. In 1988 he was awarded the A.B. Lumsden Award in recognition of his contribution to the field of business education in the province of New Brunswick.

Active as a volunteer, Mr. Huntjens has served as president of the Charlotte County Kidney Foundation and as president of the N.B. Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. In 1988 he was awarded the N.B. Branch Award for his outstanding service to the growth and development of the Kidney Foundation in New Brunswick. He was president of the Charlotte County Music Festival and spent 15 years as a choir director and 37 years as a choir member. He was chairman of the church board, church trustees, and church building committee for the Kirk McColl United Church, organized the Harvest Moon Gala for Charlotte County Hospital, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was a member of the Regional Advisory Board for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and for local home support services.

He is the owner of a 100-acre woodlot and is active in the local woodlot association.

A Progressive Conservative, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Western Charlotte. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Select Committee on Health Care.

Mr. Huntjens and his wife Sylvia live in St. Stephen, N.B.

# Woodstock

**David Nathan Alward,** a Progressive Conservative, was elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, as the representative for the constituency of Woodstock. He chairs the Legislature's Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and is a member of the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

He was born December 2, 1959, in Beverly, Massachusetts, and is the son of the Reverend Ford and Mrs. Jean Alward. He graduated from Nackawic Senior High School and completed his



David Alward

Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee. He has also completed course work toward a Master of Arts degree in Counselling Psychology as well as several seminars and workshops relating to group facilitation, conflict resolution, human resource development, and community development.

Mr. Alward was employed with the federal government from 1982 until 1996, initially with Canada Customs and later, as program officer with Human Resources Development Canada. For the past three years he has been self-employed as a human resource development and community development consultant.

In addition to his consulting work, he and his family operate a small family farm in Riceville, N.B., where they raise purebred Hereford cattle and own and operate a small woodlot.

Active in his community, he volunteered as an emergency medical technician and lab instructor with the Saint John Ambulance and as a firefighter with the Meductic Fire Department. He served on the board of directors of the Carleton Regional Development Commission and the New Brunswick Hereford Association. He served on the Centennial Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee, the School District 12 Stay-in-School Committee, and the local agricultural employment board. He has also been a volunteer in local recreational activities and student tutoring.

He and his wife Rhonda have two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.



Donald Kinney

#### York

**Donald Kinney** was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, as a Progressive Conservative Party Member for the constituency of York.

He was born April 5, 1957, in Harvey Station, N.B., the son of Don and Shirley Kinney. He was educated in the local schools in the McAdam area.

A businessman, Mr. Kinney has a strong background in insurance. He was employed in sales and management with Capital Insurance Services Ltd. He was later transferred to McAdam to

manage M.S.C. Insurance, which he purchased in 1991 under the name of McAdam Insurance Services Ltd.

Mr. Kinney is a member of the Legislature's Standing Committees on Privileges, on Crown Corporations, and on the Ombudsman.

His community involvement includes being a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Luxor Shriners, and the Nackawic Golf Club. He is also a very active sports enthusiast.

Mr. Kinney and his partner Elaine Graham reside in Hanwell, N.B.

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