

## Curriculum Vitae for the Honourable Flora MacDonald

Flora MacDonald served 16 years as Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands during which time she held three Cabinet positions: Secretary of State for External Affairs (1979-80), Minister of Employment and Immigration (1984-86) and Minister of Communications (1986-88). As an opposition Member of Parliament, she held the critic's posts for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Federal-Provincial Relations, External Affairs, and the Status of Women.

Born and educated in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Flora MacDonald is a graduate of the Empire Business College and, in 1972, became the first woman to successfully complete the National Defence College's one-year course in Canadian and International Studies. She also holds honorary degrees from a number of universities in Canada and in the United States (The University of Maine, Orono; Queen's University, Kingston; McMaster University, Hamilton; Mount Saint Vincent University, Rockingham, Nova Scotia; Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; The State University of New York, Potsdam; York University, Toronto; and the Royal Military College, Kingston).

Miss MacDonald served as Executive Director of the Progressive Conservative National Headquarters from 1957 to 1966. She spent the next six years as an administrative officer and tutor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University. From 1966 to 1969, she was also National Secretary of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada.

Flora Macdonald has been Director of the Canadian Political Science Association and Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. She is a past President of the Elizabeth Fry Society and served as an executive director of the Committee for an Independent Canada.