

## **Raymond Frenette**

### **Premier of New Brunswick**

Raymond Frenette was born in Beresford, New Brunswick, on April 16, 1935. He studied arts at Bathurst College. In 1994, he received an honorary doctorate in political science from Moncton University.

A real estate agent and businessman, Mr. Frenette served as councillor for the city of Moncton and the former village of Lewisville. In 1974, he was first elected to the New Brunswick legislative assembly to represent Moncton East and was re-elected five times. In 1983, he became interim leader of the Liberal Party of New Brunswick and retained that position until 1985.

During his 13 years as a member of the official Opposition, Mr. Frenette served on many legislative standing committees, including committees on economic development, energy, law amendments, and legislative administration. He was also a member of select committees on alcohol and drug abuse, maritime affairs and Canada's future, and motor vehicle and highway safety. He was the finance, health, energy, and municipalities critic. In 1979-80 he was Opposition house leader.

In 1987, Mr. Frenette was sworn in as Minister of Health and Community Services and appointed government house leader. Following his re-election in 1991, he was appointed chairman of the New Brunswick Power Corporation. He continued as government house leader and was also a member of the Board of Management.

Following the 1995 election, he was named Deputy Premier, President of the Executive Council and was re-appointed government house leader. On Oct. 13, 1997, he was sworn in as New Brunswick's 28th Premier.

Mr. Frenette and his wife, Armande, have two children.