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## MR. TRUDEAU NEXT PRIME MINISTER

Justice Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau became Prime Minister designate of Canada on April 6, 1968, when delegates to the Liberal Party Convention held in Ottawa elected him on the fourth ballot to succeed Prime Minister Pearson as Leader of the Party. Mr. Pearson will relinquish his duties as Prime Minister within the next two weeks.

Mr. Trudeau will become Canada's fifteenth Prime Minister and will be the third French-speaking Canadian to serve as head of government.

Nine candidates sought the leadership in a contest which was one of the most exciting in Canadian history. Trade Minister Robert H. Winters received 954 of the 2,365 votes cast on the final ballot, as against Mr. Trudeau's winning 1,203. Mr. John Turner, Minister of Consumer Affairs, the only other candidate who then remained in the race, polled 195 on this fourth ballot. Mr. Paul Hellyer, the Minister of Transport, withdrew in favour of Mr. Winters after the third ballot.

Other candidates were the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, who withdrew after the first ballot, the Agriculture Minister, Mr. J.J. Greene, eliminated on the third ballot, Mr. Eric Kierans, a former member of the Quebec provincial government, eliminated on the first ballot, the Health and Welfare Minister, Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, who withdrew after the first ballot and Rev. Lloyd Henderson, of Manitoba, eliminated on the first ballot. The Minister of Finance, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, withdrew his name a few days before the convention and announced his support for Mr. Trudeau.

### A JUST SOCIETY

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Trudeau paid tribute to Mr. Pearson as a source of inspiration. He warned

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of a difficult future as people everywhere sought a "fairer shake". "We know that the future is not for the weak and the timid," he said, "and we know we can meet the challenge."

"The constitution and the law are not a sword but a shield to protect Canadians so that they can work in unity and harmony towards a just society," Mr. Trudeau continued. He was conscious, he said, of the honour bestowed on him and the heavy responsibility he had shouldered. "The only way I can show my appreciation will be to bear this responsibility with all my strength and with all my energy," he declared.

Later in his speech, the new Liberal Leader said that the Government "has to orient the country to progress - economic and social progress - and make the Canadian society a just society".

### BIOGRAPHY

Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a bachelor, who had been Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada since last April, was elected to the House of Commons as recently as 1965. He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Pearson in January 1966 and reappointed to the same post in January 1967. He was