



Biographies

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THE HONOURABLE MARC LALONDE

Minister of Finance

Marc Lalonde was born in 1929 in Ile Perrot, Quebec. He received a bachelor of arts degree from St-Laurent College in 1949, a law degree from the University of Montreal in 1954 and his masters degree in law from the same university in 1955. In 1957, he received a masters degree in economics and political science at Oxford, England.

After teaching commercial law and economics at the University of Montreal, Mr. Lalonde was appointed special assistant to the Honourable Davie Fulton in 1959 for one year. Following this appointment he practised law in Montreal and taught administrative law at the University of Ottawa and the University of Montreal.

Mr. Lalonde was a policy adviser to Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson from 1967 to 1968, and Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau from 1968 until 1972, when he was elected to the House of Commons. He was re-elected in 1974, 1979 and 1980, representing the constituency of Outremont.

Mr. Lalonde was appointed Minister of National Health and Welfare in 1972. In 1977 he became Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations and, in 1978 he was appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada. From 1974 until 1979 he was also Minister Responsible for the Status of Women. He was appointed Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in 1980. In 1982 Mr. Lalonde became the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Lalonde is an honorary member of the International Preventative Medicine Foundation and was the recipient of the American Health Foundation Dana Award for "outstanding leadership in developing a blueprint for a prevention oriented medical care system".

Mr. Lalonde is married to the former Claire Tétreau and has four children.