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CANADA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER



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Kim Campbell, the new leader of the Progressive Conservative party, was sworn in as Canada's 19th Prime Minister on June 25th.

Campbell, a 46-year-old Vancouver lawyer, becomes the first woman Prime Minister in Canada's history.

"I simply state that we will do our best," Prime Minister Campbell said after

the swearing-in, "and spare no effort to help Canadians reach their full potential, and the full promise of this country.

"We recognize," she added, "that public trust is not something given but something that must be earned each and every day."

Campbell, who won her party's leadership in a closely contested convention in

Ottawa on June 13, succeeded Brian Mulroney who had announced in February his intention to leave politics after a decade as PC leader and nearly nine years as Prime Minister. She defeated Environment minister Jean Charest by a 53-47 percent margin on the second ballot.

Charest, 35, was named Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Consumer and Corporate Affairs in the new Campbell administration. The new cabinet, downsized from 35 to 25 members, was also sworn in at Government House in the presence of Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn.

Markets reacted positively to the appointment of Finance Minister Gilles Loisel, 64, a former Treasury Board president. Jim Edwards, a 56-year-old Albertan who had stressed the need for fiscal responsibility during his third-place run for the Conservative leadership, succeeded Loisel at Treasury Board.

Perrin Beatty, 43, a former Defence minister in the Mulroney government, was named Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Tom Hockin becomes Minister for International Trade. As former Small Business and Tourism minister, he is familiar with Canada-U.S. trade issues. Hockin, 54, holds a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in government from Harvard.

The Prime Minister described her cabinet as "not only a new team, but a new lean, streamlined government that will be more responsive to the needs of Canadians."

She pointed out that "the cabinet has been cut to its smallest size since 1963."

Prime Minister Campbell has affirmed her government's commitment to the North American Free Trade Agreement. The enabling legislation for NAFTA has cleared both the House of Commons and Senate in Canada. No additional legislative authority is required to implement the side agreements on the environment and labour currently being negotiated with the United States and Mexico.

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