



Biographies

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THE HONOURABLE ALLAN MACEACHEN

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Allan MacEachen was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia in July 1921. He received his bachelor of arts degree at St. Francis Xavier University and his master of arts degree from the University of Toronto. He did postgraduate studies in economics and industrial relations at the University of Chicago and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. MacEachen became professor of Economics at St. Francis Xavier University at the age of 25 and served as head of the university's Department of Economics and Social Sciences from 1948 to 1951. He also directed the People's School and an adult education program sponsored by the university.

Mr. MacEachen was first elected to the House of Commons in 1955 for the riding of Inverness-Richmond. He was re-elected in 1957, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1979 and 1980.

In 1955, Mr. MacEachen attended the United Nations General Assembly as Parliamentary Observer. In 1956, he was alternate delegate to the Economic and Social Council of the UN in Geneva. From 1958 to 1962 he served under Opposition Leader Lester B. Pearson as Special Assistant for Economic Affairs.

Mr. MacEachen was appointed Minister of Labour in 1963. In 1965, he became Minister of National Health and Welfare. From 1967 to 1968 he served as Government House Leader and as chairman of the Committee on the Reform of Parliamentary Procedure, and in 1968 he was appointed Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

In 1970, Mr. MacEachen was named President of the Privy Council and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. He was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1974, and during his term he served as co-chairman of the 27-nation Conference on International Economic Co-operation.

In September 1976, Mr. MacEachen was appointed President of the Privy Council and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons for a second term. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Canada in 1977, and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Opposition House Leader in June 1979.

He became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance after the general election of 1980.

Mr. MacEachen is a member of the Corporation Visiting Committee to the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.