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Donald Macdonald fills finance portfolio as federal Cabinet reshuffles

Six changes and two new appointments to the Cabinet were announced by the Prime Minister on September 26 as a result of the vacancy created by the resignation of John Turner in the finance portfolio.

Donald Macdonald, formerly Energy, Mines and Resources Minister, is the new Minister of Finance. The 43-year old M.P. for Toronto, Rosedale, has been in the House of Commons for 13 years, the last seven as a member of the Cabinet.

Replacing Mr. Macdonald, is former Industry, Trade and Commerce Minister Alastair Gillespie.

Marcel Lessard, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and Jack Cullen, Minister of National Revenue, are the two new appointees to the Cabinet.

Mr. Lessard was first elected to the House of Commons as the Social Credit member for Lac St-Jean, Quebec, in 1962 and re-elected in 1963. He was defeated in the 1965 election when he stood as an Independent Liberal. Mr. Lessard was elected the Liberal member for Lac St-Jean in 1968 and was re-elected in both 1972 and 1974.

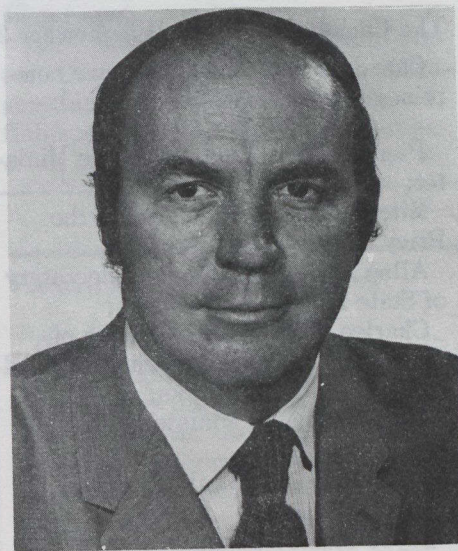
Jack (Bud) Cullen was first elected to the House of Commons for the constituency of Sarnia-Lambton in 1968, and was re-elected in 1972 and 1974. He has served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of Finance.

Other changes announced by the Prime Minister:

Jean Marchand becomes Minister without Portfolio, from Transport (Mr. Marchand has been in poor health recently and sought lighter responsibilities); Ron Basford becomes the Minister of Justice, from National Revenue; Don Jamieson becomes the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, from Regional Economic Expansion; and Otto Lang becomes the Minister of Transport, from Justice.

Mr. Macdonald's career

Donald S. Macdonald, a native of Ottawa, was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1955. In 1956 he was awarded



Donald S. Macdonald

a Master of Laws degree by the Harvard Law School and, on a Rowell fellowship of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, earned a diploma in international law at Cambridge University.

After his election to Parliament in 1962, he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice from 1963 to 1965, in the latter year being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. In 1966 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in January 1968 became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry.

In April 1968, Mr. Macdonald was appointed Minister without Portfolio, and performed the duties of Acting Minister of Justice until his appointment in July as President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Government House Leader. In September 1970, he was appointed Minister of National Defence. He became Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in January 1972.

In the summer of 1965 the new Minister of Finance was a member of the Canadian Parliamentary delegation that visited the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, and he subsequently represented Canada abroad at a variety of international meetings. He was Can-

Late news

Margaret Trudeau gave birth to a baby boy on October 2.

The 7-pound-14-ounce addition to the Prime Minister's family is the third boy. The other two, Justin and Alexandre (Sacha), were both born on Christmas Day 1971 and 1973.