

ment and Immigration — will return to the federal scene. Bryce Mackasey, another former Liberal minister, who left federal politics to run for election in the Quebec National Assembly, was also re-elected to Parliament in the constituency of Lincoln, Ontario. Former Liberal premier of Nova Scotia Gerald Regan was elected in Halifax.

Because of the different time zones in Canada, the election results in the East were known before the close of the polls in the West. Initial results were favourable to the Liberals and led political analysts to predict a Liberal majority government early in the evening. In Quebec, for example, 73 of 74 seats went to the Liberals who then went on to take 19 seats in the Maritimes (compared to 13 for the Conservatives and none for the NDP). In Ontario, the Liberals gained an additional 20 seats bringing their total to 52 in that province; the Progressive Conservatives accounted for 38 seats and the New Democrats for the remaining five.

West closed to Liberals

By comparison, the West remained closed to the Liberals, who increased their popular support by only 3 per cent and managed to hold on to their two seats in Manitoba.

The New Democrats, on the other hand, registered their most important gains in the West compensating for their losses in the East. In British Columbia, they took four ridings from the Conservatives, who held 16 seats, bringing the number of New Democratic members of Parliament in that province to 12; the party accounted for seven seats each in

Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Prime Minister Joe Clark, in Spruce Grove, Alberta, conceded defeat in a speech to supporters saying that the Progressive Conservatives "as a national party will continue to work to build the future and to build the unity of the country. We have a Parliament now that we must make work...in the interest of Canada. That is going to be the determination of the Progressive Conservative Party," he said.

Decade of opportunity

Liberal leader Pierre Trudeau greeted supporters in Ottawa saying, "Welcome to the 1980s". In his victory speech Mr. Trudeau said Canadians should take pride in the fact that they have "many friends" in the Commonwealth, La Francophonie, the United States and in NATO. He said that the U.S. was Canada's "greatest friend" and added that Canada's geographical location between the Soviet Union and the U.S. means Canada "is very interested in the preservation of peace between these two powers".

In speaking about Quebec, Mr. Trudeau said "the province of Quebec, in particular, has understood for a long time that one could be a citizen of Canada, could be proud of belonging to a province, but before everything, we are proud of the country itself, of a whole Canada".

"Canada through this decade will be full of problems and equally full of opportunity. We must remind ourselves... that Canada has been, that Canada is, and Canada will remain more than the sum of its parts," said Mr. Trudeau.

Election results by province			
Province (No. of seats)	Party	1979	1980
Quebec (75)	Lib.	67	73
	SC	6	0
	PC	2	1
	NDP	0	0
Ontario (95)	PC	57	38
	Lib.	32	52
	NDP	6	5
Nova Scotia (11)	PC	7	6
	Lib.	3	5
	NDP	1	0
New Brunswick (10)	Lib.	6	7
	PC	4	3
	NDP	0	0
Prince Edward Island (4)	PC	4	2
	Lib.	0	2
	NDP	0	0
Newfoundland (7)	Lib.	4	5
	PC	2	2
	NDP	1	0
Manitoba (14)	PC	7	5
	NDP	5	7
	Lib.	2	2
Saskatchewan (14)	PC	10	7
	NDP	4	7
	Lib.	0	0
Alberta (21)	PC	21	21
	Lib.	0	0
	NDP	0	0
British Columbia (28)	PC	20	16
	NDP	8	12
	Lib.	0	0
Yukon (1)	PC	1	1
	Lib.	0	0
	NDP	0	0
Northwest Territories (2)	NDP	1	1
	PC	0	1
	Lib.	0	0
Canada (282*)	PC	135	103
	Lib.	115	146
	NDP	26	32
	SC	6	0

*only 281 seats were contested February 18; Frontenac riding to be decided March 24.

Vote comparison

Party vote by province from 48,479 polls

Province	Total	Liberals	PC	NDP	SC	Other
Nfld	200,953	94,481	71,622	34,088	0	762
P.E.I.	66,293	31,064	30,739	4,282	0	208
N.S.	423,628	169,329	164,228	87,654	0	2,418
N.B.	336,071	168,555	109,208	54,437	0	3,871
Que.	2,822,152	1,927,654	358,096	255,008	162,351	119,043
Ont.	4,029,599	1,673,693	1,457,197	867,929	883	29,897
Man.	475,969	133,103	180,090	159,160	0	3,616
Sask.	455,384	110,593	177,273	164,955	178	2,385
Alta.	795,714	176,874	516,378	81,622	8,132	12,708
B.C.	1,206,411	267,511	499,807	426,237	1,751	11,108
Y., N.W.T.	25,323	9,390	7,853	7,881	0	199
Totals	10,837,497	4,762,247	3,572,491	2,143,253	173,295	186,211
Percentages		43.9	33	19.8	1.6	1.7