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Prime Minister Trudeau names his Cabinet - a mix of new and experienced

The Prime Minister of Canada Pierre Elliott Trudeau and 32 members of his Cabinet were sworn in on March 3 at Government House by Privy Council Clerk Marcel Massé in the presence of Governor-General Edward Schreyer. The next day the new Cabinet held its first meeting.

Mark MacGuigan, member of Parliament for Windsor-Walkerville (Ontario) since 1968, has been named Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The new Cabinet, which includes 18 former ministers, is characterized by a strong Quebec and francophone representation with 11 ministers coming from Quebec; Mr. Trudeau said after the swearing-in ceremony that he wanted to ensure representation in proportion to votes received.

Ontario leads regional representation with 12 ministers, the Maritime provinces are represented by five ministers and the West by four, three chosen from the Senate: Hazen Argue of Saskatchewan, former member of Parliament and expert on agricultural matters; Bud Olson of Alberta, former federal Agriculture minister; and Ray Perrault of British Columbia, former Government Leader in the Senate from 1974-1979. Lloyd Axworthy, the fourth minister representing the West, is one of the two Liberal members of Parliament elected in the West during the last election

Fourteen new ministers were appointed



Mark MacGuigan

Mark MacGuigan, a native of Prince Edward Island, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1968. He served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour from 1974 to 1975, and to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration from 1972 to 1974.

He was Co-chairman of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada, Chairman of the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Canadian Penitentiary System and a member of the Management and Members' Services and Procedure and Organization and Standing Committees.

In the last Parliament, he was, in addition to Solicitor General critic, a member of the Liberal Caucus Policy Committee on Unity and the Constitution, and Cochairman of the Rights and Freedoms Committee.

Dr. MacGuigan is a graduate of five universities. He was Dean of Law at the University of Windsor between 1967 and 1968, and in 1971, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Prince Edward Island.

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