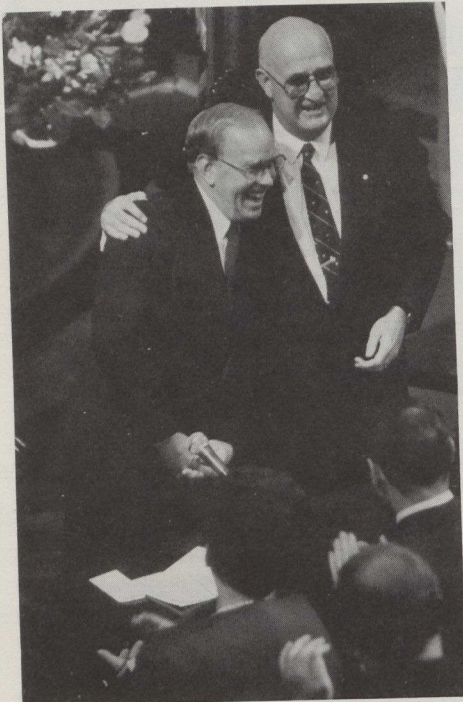


Ontario's new premier



Ontario's new premier, Frank Miller (left), is congratulated by Lieutenant Governor John Aird at the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Miller and his new cabinet.

Frank Stuart Miller was sworn in as Ontario's nineteenth premier on February 8. He was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party at the leadership convention on January 26.

Mr. Miller replaces William Grenville Davis, who announced his intention to resign on October 8. (See *Canada Weekly*, October 24, 1984). Mr. Davis will remain as a member of the provincial parliament (MPP) for Brampton until Mr. Miller calls the next Ontario election.

In addition to becoming Ontario's new premier, Mr. Miller was sworn in as inter-governmental affairs minister, a post vacated by Tom Wells, who becomes Ontario's agent-general in Britain.

Cabinet increased

The new 32-member cabinet sworn in with Mr. Miller includes three additional ministers than in the previous cabinet under Mr. Davis. In the large reshuffle of responsibilities, only seven ministers remained in the same portfolios and 11 new ministers were added.

Larry Grossman, who lost the leadership to Mr. Miller by just 77 votes, remains in the position as treasurer, the provincial government's second-most powerful minister.

Dennis Timbrell, also a contender in the leadership race, was moved into municipal affairs and housing and women's

issues from agriculture. He requested the move to add municipal strength to his base of rural support.

Frank Miller was born into a working-class Toronto family on May 14, 1927, the youngest of five children.

He graduated in 1949 with a degree in chemical engineering from McGill Uni-

The new provincial cabinet

Listed in order of precedence:

Frank Miller, premier.

Robert Welch, attorney general and deputy premier.

Leo Bernier, northern affairs.

James Snow, minister without portfolio responsible for urban transit.

Claude Bennett, tourism and recreation and cabinet chairman.

Dennis Timbrell, municipal affairs and housing and women's issues.

Bette Stephenson, chairman of management board of cabinet.

Keith Norton, education and colleges and universities.

Larry Grossman, treasurer.

George McCague, transportation and communications.

Reuben Baetz, justice secretariat.

Robert Elgie, community and social services.

Gordon Walker, consumer and commercial relations.

Bud Gregory, revenue.

Alan Pope, health.

Nicholas Leluk, correctional services.

George Ashe, energy.

Russell Ramsay, labour.

Andy Brandt, industry and trade.

Susan Fish, citizenship and culture.

Philip Andrewes, agriculture.

Gordon Dean, social development secretariat.

Ernie Eves, resources development secretariat.

Michael Harris, natural resources.

Morley Kells, environment.

Alan Robinson, government whip.

Robert Runciman, government services.

John Williams, solicitor general.

Phil Gillies, minister without portfolio for youth.

Allan McLean, minister without portfolio for southern resources.

Bob Mitchell, minister without portfolio for science and technology.

Rene Piche, minister without portfolio for northern transportation.

David Rotenberg, minister without portfolio for urban affairs.

versity in Montreal. He settled in Muskoka in 1960 where he became a car dealer and resort owner.

He became actively involved in politics, first as a councillor in Bracebridge, 1967-1970 and then as an MPP for Muskoka in 1971. He was re-elected in 1975, 1977 and 1981.

In the government of Mr. Davis, Mr. Miller served as minister of health, February 26, 1974 to February 3, 1977; minister of natural resources, February 3, 1977 to August 16, 1978; minister of treasury and economics, August 16, 1978 to July 6, 1983; and minister of industry and trade, July 6, 1983, to February 8, 1985.

Advanced microwave system

Northern Telecom Limited of Mississauga, Ontario, recently announced that its US subsidiary, Northern Telecom Inc. received a \$11-million (US) contract from QWEST Microwave VII, Inc., of Dallas, Texas for Northern Telecom's new RD-6A high capacity digital microwave radio systems.

It is the first 64 QAM 136 mb/s 6 gigahertz (GHz) microwave system to be installed in North America, said Northern Telecom Inc. vice-president of transmission Mike Frame. "It gives QWEST a system combining reliability and capacity unparalleled in the industry," he said.

QWEST Microwave, a major long-haul communications carrier with extensive systems in Texas and other parts of the US, consists of a group of related companies owning microwave communication systems.

Under the contract, Northern Telecom has already installed equipment at five locations linking Houston and Beaumont, Texas. The remainder of the equipment is being delivered over the next two months and will provide the basis for a system that will operate between New York and Chicago and will include the states of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Washington, D.C. and New Jersey.

The RD-6A is a member of Northern Telecom's RD series of digital microwave radio systems and provides eight two-way channels in the 6 GHz band. Each channel carries 2 016 equivalent voice channels at a rate of 135 megabits per second.

The system provides a high level of transmission performance through use of 64 QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation). This technique also permits future growth using the standard United States, Canadian, and European channelization plans, and allows co-existence with co-located analog radio on the same route.