



Liberal leader John Turner contemplates nation-wide defeat in the general election on September 4. Mr. Turner won his seat in the British Columbia riding of Vancouver Quadra.

MacMillan of Prince Edward Island; Fred McCain of New Brunswick; Robert de Cotret, Gabrielle Bertrand, Marcel Massé and Roch LaSalle of Quebec; Allan Lawrence, Otto Jelinek, Flora MacDonald, George Hees, David Crombie and Sinclair Stevens of Ontario; Jake Epp, David Orlikow and George Minaker of Manitoba; Ray Hnatsyshyn of Saskatchewan; Gordon Taylor and Joe Clark of Alberta; Robert Wenman and Pat Carney of British Columbia; and Erik Nielsen of the Yukon.

For the Liberals, it was a story of defeat. Fifteen Cabinet ministers lost their seats including John Roberts, Jean-Jacques Blais, Francis Fox, Gerald Regan, Charles Lapointe, Edward Lumley, Judy Erola, Serge Joyal, Bennett Campbell, David Collette, David Smith, Roy MacLaren, Herbert Breau, Joseph Bujold and Ralph Ferguson. Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Jean Chrétien won his seat, as well as Cabinet ministers Herbert Gray, André Ouellet, Robert Kaplan, William Rompkey, Donald Johnston, Charles Caccia, Jean-C. Lapierre and Douglas Frith.

Conservative mandate

With almost 50 per cent of the population supporting the Conservative Party, Brian Mulroney declared that "the country has spoken". He stressed his message of unity and jobs: "Our mandate is clear and precise. It comes with equal force and eloquence from a west too long ignored and a Quebec too long misunderstood."

Mr. Mulroney continued by reaffirming four specific goals of his party which, he considered, received the support of the voters. First, he said, the Conservative "objective and mandate is to create jobs and to get the economy of Canada moving again". He also said there would be more co-operation between levels of government and all sectors of society, an enhancement of women's rights and a continued search for world peace.

John Turner, who becomes Canada's second shortest-lived prime minister, after Charles Tupper whose term in 1869 lasted only 69 days, quoted Sir Winston Churchill saying "our defeats are but the stepping stones of victory". He promised to stay on as leader of the opposition and devote all his energies to the fulfilment of the duties of that office. He also promised a speedy, orderly transition of power.

In Oshawa, Ed Broadbent promised to continue working for the "ordinary people throughout this land".

Over the next few days, Brian Mulroney will select his Cabinet ministers and prepare for the change-over of the government. As this issue went to press, no firm date had been set for the transition of power to the new government, but it was expected that after the meeting between Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Turner, Brian Mulroney would become prime minister on September 17.

The new prime minister

Martin Brian Mulroney was born in Baie Comeau, Quebec, on March 20, 1939, one of six children of B.M. Mulroney, an electrician, and Irene O'Shea. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in political science from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia and a Bachelor of Laws from l'Université Laval, Quebec City.



Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party with his daughter Christine, waves to supporters after winning his seat in Oshawa.

Mr. Mulroney has been active in public life and community affairs in Canada for many years. He joined the Iron Ore Company of Canada as executive vice-president in July 1976, and was elected president the following year. He served as chairman of the company's executive committee, and as president of its subsidiary firms, including the Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway. He has also served as chairman of a number of important fund-raising campaigns.

Mr. Mulroney was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party on June 11, 1983. He subsequently won election to the House of Commons on August 29, 1983, representing the riding of Central Nova, Nova Scotia.

Brian and Mila Mulroney, who were married in 1973, have three children.

Election results across Canada

	Conservatives	Liberals	New Democrats	Others
Newfoundland	4	3	0	0
Nova Scotia	9	2	0	0
Prince Edward Island	3	1	0	0
New Brunswick	9	1	0	0
Quebec	58	17	0	0
Ontario	67	14	13	1
Manitoba	9	1	4	0
Saskatchewan	9	0	5	0
Alberta	21	0	0	0
British Columbia	19	1	8	0
Yukon	1	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	2	0	0	0
Total	211	40	30	1