

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance DON MAZANKOWSKI



Don Mazankowski, a native of Viking, Alberta, was born on July 27, 1935, and educated locally. A businessman and farmer, he became involved in provincial and federal Progressive Conservative associations and was elected Member of Parliament for Vegreville, Alberta, in 1968.

In Opposition, Mr. Mazankowski served as transport critic. In 1979, he was appointed minister of transport and minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board in the Clark government.

As a member of the Mulroney government, Mr. Mazankowski became minister of transport in September 1984. He also served as acting minister of industry, science and technology. In 1986, Mr. Mazankowski simultaneously became deputy prime minister, government House leader and president of the Privy Council. During that year he initiated and developed the Western Diversification Program.

Mr. Mazankowski was Treasury Board president from August 1987 until March 1988, when he was appointed minister responsible for privatization and regulatory affairs. Later that year, he moved to the post of minister of agriculture.

In the agriculture portfolio, Mr. Mazankowski spearheaded legislation designed to bring economic stability to Canada's agricultural community.

Mr. Mazankowski was named finance minister in April 1991. His posts on several cabinet committees include vice-chair of Priorities and Planning and of Security and Intelligence.

Mr. Mazankowski is married to Lorraine Poleschuk and is the father of sons Gregory, Roger and Donald.