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New Progressive Conservative Cabinet is Canada's largest



Brian Mulroney takes the oath of office as Canada's eighteenth prime minister.

Brian Mulroney was sworn in as Canada's eighteenth prime minister on Monday, September 17, along with the largest Cabinet in the history of the country. Having won the biggest majority in a general federal election (see *Canada Weekly*, September 19, 1984), Mr. Mulroney selected 39 new ministers to serve as members of his new Cabinet.

Each of the ministers, who had previously been sworn in as a member of the Privy Council, was sworn into office in order of precedence after Mr. Mulroney had taken his oath.

The 39 new ministers were chosen from across Canada, making it one of the country's most representative Cabinets as well.

Of the 40 people in the Cabinet, 12 are from the four western provinces, one from the North, 11 each from Ontario and Quebec and five are from the four Atlantic provinces. The western provinces are well represented, with the ministers having been selected from the region's 58 Conservative members of Parliament. Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces elected



Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (seated sixth from left) beside Governor General Jeanne Sauvé, with new Cabinet ministers after the swearing-in ceremony.



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