



Biographies

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THE HONOURABLE DONALD STOVEL MACDONALD

Minister of Finance

Mr. Macdonald was born in Ottawa in March 1932, and was educated in the capital. He took his B.A. degree at the University of Toronto and, after studying at Osgoode Hall Law School, was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1955. In 1956 he was awarded a master of laws degree by the Harvard Law School and in 1957, on a Rowell fellowship of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, he obtained a diploma in international law from Cambridge University.

Mr. Macdonald was elected to Parliament in June 1962. He held the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice from 1963 to 1965, in the latter year being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. In 1966 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in January 1968 he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry.

In April 1968, Mr. Macdonald was appointed Minister without Portfolio, and performed the duties of Acting Minister of Justice until his appointment in July as President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Government House Leader. In September 1970, he was appointed Minister of National Defence. He became Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in January 1972. In September 1975, he became Minister of Finance.

In the summer of 1965 Mr. Macdonald was a member of the Canadian Parliamentary delegation that visited the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, and he subsequently had the opportunity of representing Canada abroad at a variety of international meetings. He was Canadian representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1966 and Canadian delegate on the Economic and Financial Committee of the UN General Assembly in the autumn of that year.

In 1967, Mr. Macdonald was the first representative of the Parliament of Canada to address the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe and he was a member of the Canadian delegation to the ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development the same year.

Mr. Macdonald is married to the former Ruth Hutchison. They have four daughters.
