

Clyde Wells

Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Clyde Wells was born in Buchans Junction, Newfoundland, on Nov. 9, 1937, and graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1959 and from Dalhousie University Law School in 1962. He was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1963 and the Bar of Newfoundland in 1964. He established a law practice in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, in 1964.

Clyde Wells first entered public life in 1966 when he was elected to the house of assembly for the district of Humber East. At age 29, he became Minister of Labour and was the youngest cabinet minister in the province's history.

From 1977 to 1979, Mr. Wells was a member of the Constitutional Law Committee of the Canadian Bar Association. In the early 1980s, he represented the federal government in several major constitutional cases. He was also active in business and community affairs, holding several corporate directorships.

Clyde Wells became leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador in June 1987. On May 5, 1989, he became Premier of the province. He led the Liberal party to a second majority government and was re-elected as the member of the house of assembly for Bay of Islands district on May 3, 1993.

Premier Wells is married to Eleanor Bishop. They have three children.