

The Honourable Senator Martial Asselin

Minister responsible for CIDA

Biographical Notes

Born: February 3, 1924 in La Malbaie, P.Q.

Educated: at l'Académie St-Etienne, La Malbaie, Séminaire de Chicoutimi and Laval University, Québec.
Elected President of the Students' Association of Laval in 1949.
Admitted to the Bar of Québec in 1951.

Married: February 14, 1953 to Pierrette Bouchard of Beauport, P.Q.
(deceased January 8, 1969).
One child: Jean-Louis. Remarried September 17, 1976 to Ginette D'Auteuil of Québec (P.Q.).

Business: Director of the Barreau du Saguenay in 1955.
Legal advisor to the Chamber of Commerce of Charlevoix.

Politics: Appointed Minister of State responsible for CIDA, June 4, 1979.
Elected Mayor of the City of La Malbaie by acclamation, 1957-63.
Elected for the first time to the House of Commons in 1958.
Defeated in 1963. Re-elected in 1965 and in 1968.
Appointed Minister of Forestry, March 18, 1963.
Canadian delegate to NATO Parliamentary Assembly in London, 1959.
Canadian delegate to the UN 1960-61.
Canadian delegate to the UN in Ruanda-Ruandi in 1961.
Canadian delegate to Versailles (International Association of French speaking Parliamentarians) in 1968.
Summoned to Senate, September 1, 1972.
Senate delegate to the 61st Conference of the Interparliamentary Union in Japan, 1974.
Canadian delegate to Mauritius Island (International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians), September 1975.
Parliamentary delegate for a Friendship visit to Senegal, March 1976.
Parliamentary delegate to the Annual Assembly of the AIPLF (International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians) held in New York in April 1976.
Parliamentary delegate to the VIIIth General Assembly of the AIPLF in Paris, July 1977.
Delegate to the AIPLF in Gabon in 1978.
American Zone representative for the AIPLF, 1978-79.
Director, the Prévoyants du Canada.