

Gildas Molgat
Speaker of the Senate

Born in Ste-Rose du Lac, Manitoba, Gildas Molgat was educated at St. Paul's College and the University of Manitoba, where he received an honours Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Mr. Molgat worked in the business community in Manitoba before being elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1953. He served as Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba and Leader of the Opposition from 1961 to 1968 before being called to the Senate in 1970.

In 1971, as joint Chair of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada, he co-authored the MacGuigan-Molgat Report before being appointed Government Whip in the Senate.

Mr. Molgat has held the position of Chair within several Senate Committees, including the special Joint Committee on Reform of the Senate, and the Senate Committee of the Whole on the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord. He has also been a member of various parliamentary associations and Canadian parliamentary delegations abroad.

Mr. Molgat was first elected Deputy Speaker of the Senate in 1983 and re-elected in 1988. In 1991 he served as Deputy Opposition Leader in the Senate before being appointed Deputy Government Leader in 1993 and Speaker of the Senate in 1994.

In 1995 he was appointed by the Prime Minister to represent Canada on the Commonwealth's Four Eminent Persons Group Mission to Cameroon.

Mr. Molgat married Allison Malcolm in 1958. They have two children.