

Canada's new Prime Minister

Joe Clark, Canada's sixteenth Prime Minister, was born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939. He has been leader of the federal Progressive Conservative party since February 22, 1976.

Mr. Clark, who is the seventh Progressive Conservative Prime Minister, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 and re-elected in 1974. For two years before that, he was the party's caucus chairman on youth. From 1974-1976 he was caucus chairman on the environment.

Provincial politics are also part of Mr. Clark's background, beginning in 1959, when he worked for the Alberta Conservative leader W.J.C. Kirby. He was chairman of the National Federation of Young Progressive Conservatives from 1962-1964 and director of Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed's provincial organization in 1966. Mr. Clark was chief of staff to former federal leader of the Opposition, Robert Stanfield, for three years beginning in 1967.

Before entering political life, Joe Clark worked as a teacher at the University of Alberta and as a broadcaster and journalist for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the *Calgary Herald* and the *Edmonton Journal*. His wife, Maureen McTeer, is a lawyer. They have one daughter, Catherine Jane, who will be three in November.

tion of democracy in this country so that the people who live in Canada will have a firmer, stronger voice in the direction of the affairs of this country...a Government that will work with our other partners in Confederation to modernize and to remodel the Canadian Confederation to make it suit the 1980s...to make this a nation where all of the people of this grand country, this great country will find room to grow, room to find their own dream, room to build their own lives....

"I said often in the election campaign that my promise is not to solve your problems for you, my promise was not to

build your country for you, my promise and that of my colleagues was to solve your problems with you, to build our country with you to establish a sense of partnership between the people who sit in Government and the Canadian people to whom we are all responsible.... Our partnership together, our work together only begins tonight and I will be counting on your partnership, counting on your advice, counting on your help, counting on your prayers in building this country and in recognizing the great potential that we have here in this most fortunate, most blessed country Canada...."

Vote standings	1979	1974	1972	1968
Progressive Conservative	135	95	107	82
Liberal	115	141	109	155
New Democrat	26	16	31	22
Social Credit	6	11	15	14
Independent	0	1	2	1
Total	282	264	264	264

Canada: popular vote (98.4 per cent of the votes counted, 68,650 polls out of 69,731 reporting)

Province	Liberals	Conservatives	NDP	SC	Others
Newfoundland	37.8	30.8	31.4	—	—
P.E.I.	40.3	52.6	7.0	—	0.1
Nova Scotia	35.5	45.3	18.8	—	0.4
New Brunswick	44.7	39.9	15.3	—	0.1
Quebec	61.9	13.2	5.1	16.0	3.8
Ontario	36.6	41.8	20.9	—	0.7
Manitoba	23.5	43.5	32.5	0.2	0.3
Saskatchewan	19.9	42.2	36.6	0.5	0.8
Alberta	20.7	66.5	10.3	1.0	1.5
British Columbia	23.0	44.6	31.6	0.2	0.6
N.W.T. & Yukon	32.6	37.0	29.4	—	1.0
Total (Canada)	39.9	36.1	18.0	4.5	1.5

Election results by province

Province (No. of seats)	Party	1974	1979
Quebec (75)	Lib.	60	67
	SC	11	6
	PC	3	2
	NDP	0	0
Ontario (95)	Lib.	55	32
	PC	25	57
	NDP	8	6
Nova Scotia (11)	PC	8	7
	Lib.	2	3
	NDP	1	1
New Brunswick (10)	Lib.	6	6
	PC	3	4
	IND.	1	0
	NDP	0	0
Prince Edward Island (4)	PC	3	4
	Lib.	1	0
	NDP	0	0
Newfoundland (7)	Lib.	4	4
	PC	3	2
	NDP	0	1
Manitoba (14)	PC	9	7
	Lib.	2	2
	NDP	2	5
Saskatchewan (14)	PC	8	10
	Lib.	3	0
	NDP	2	4
Alberta (21)	PC	19	21
	Lib.	0	0
	NDP	0	0
British Columbia (28)	PC	13	20
	Lib.	8	0
	NDP	2	8
Yukon and Northwest Territories (3)	PC	1	2
	NDP	1	1
	Lib.	0	0
Canada (282)	Lib.	141	115
	PC	95	135
	NDP	16	26
	SC	11	6
	Ind.	1	0