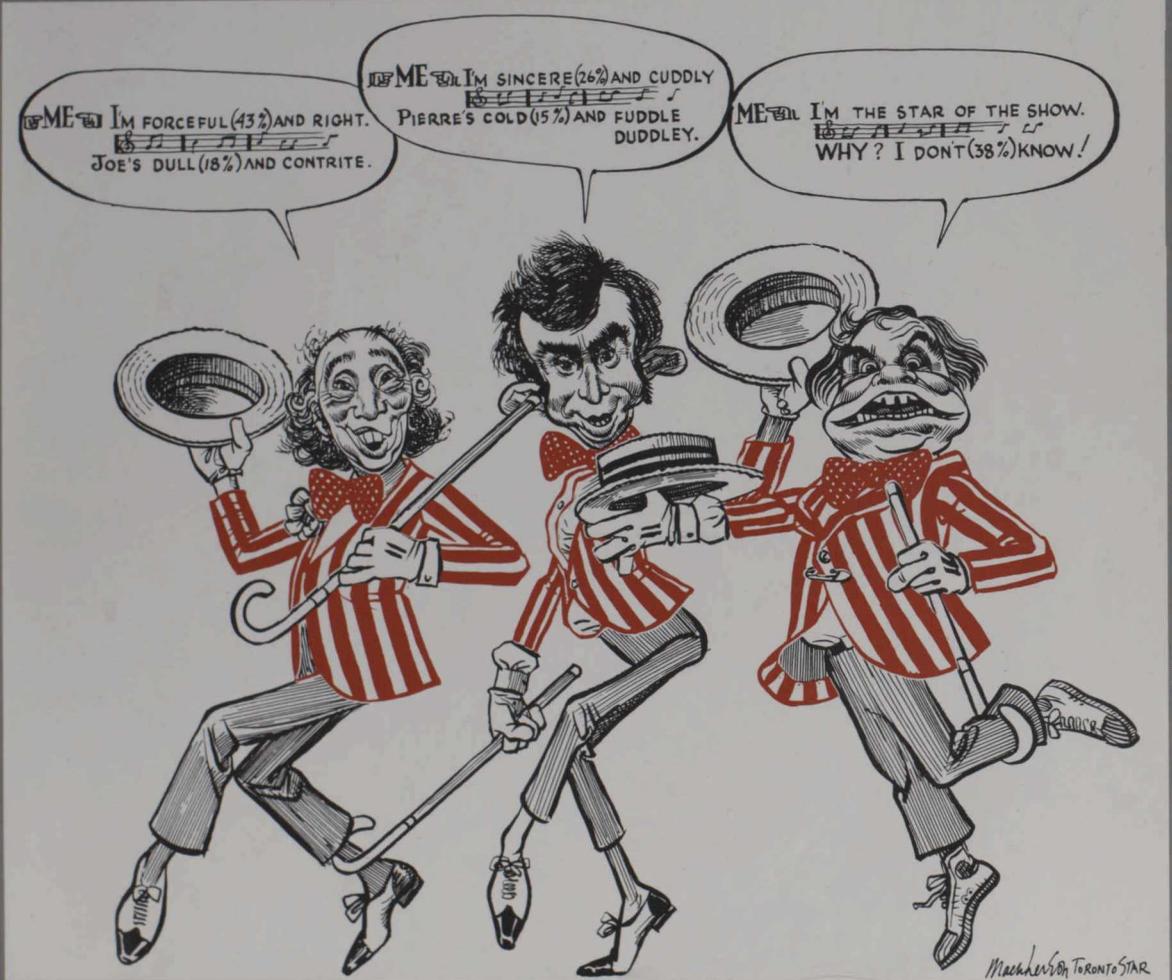


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Canada will hold a general election May 22. All 282 seats in the House of Commons will be contested. The next prime minister of Canada will probably be one of three party leaders—Pierre Trudeau, Joe Clark or Ed Broadbent. Each will run for the House of Commons seat in his riding. Only the voters who live in these ridings will have a chance to vote directly for one of the three.

The leader of the party that has effective control of the House of Commons will be the next prime minister. His party may simply have a majority of the Commons seats, or it may stay in power with the help of another party. (The latter is called a minority government.) If a party leader loses in his own riding, he can be given a chance to run again for someone else's seat.

In this issue of CANADA TODAY/D'AUJOURD'HUI we examine the events that led to the coming election and record some political views. We make no predictions. In spite of polls and computers, the outcomes of elections are not yet as predictable as the spring tides.