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Elections and Governing:



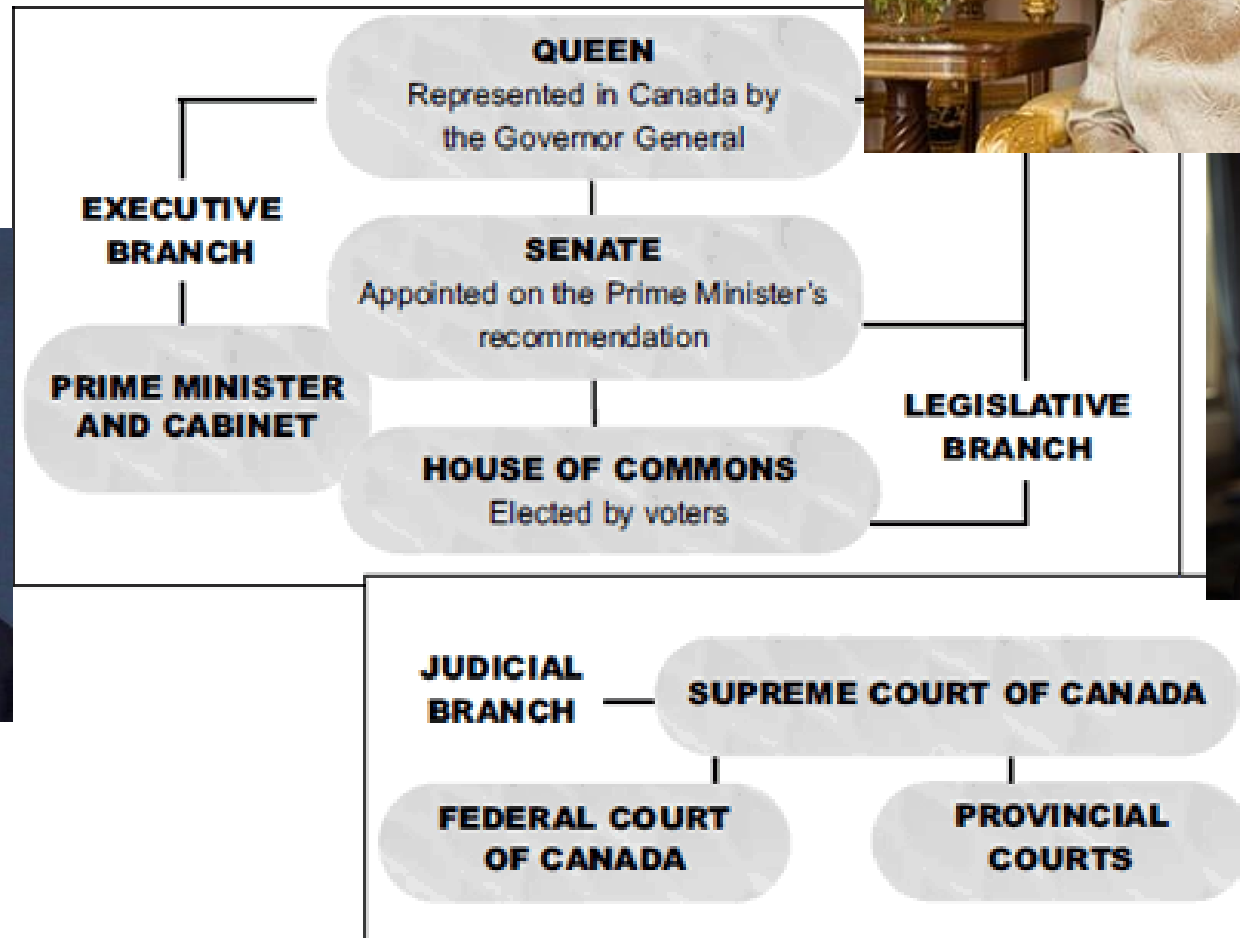
The Canadian Federal System,
Political Parties and Party Politics, 1840s-

Professor Heidi Bohaker



Governing Canada Today

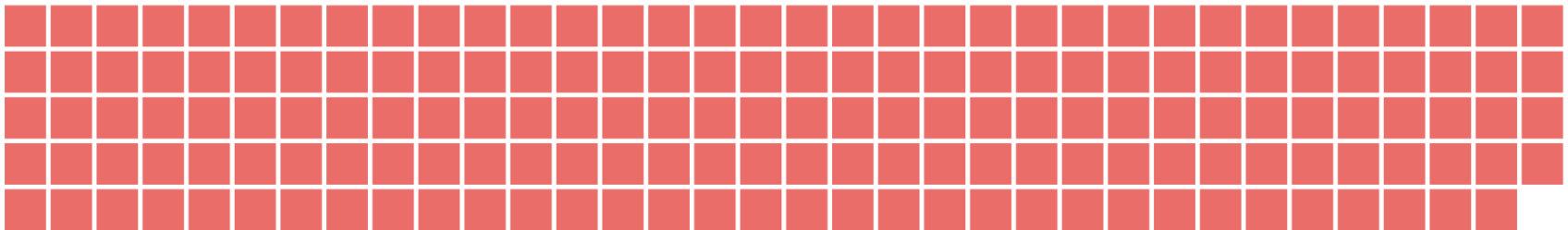
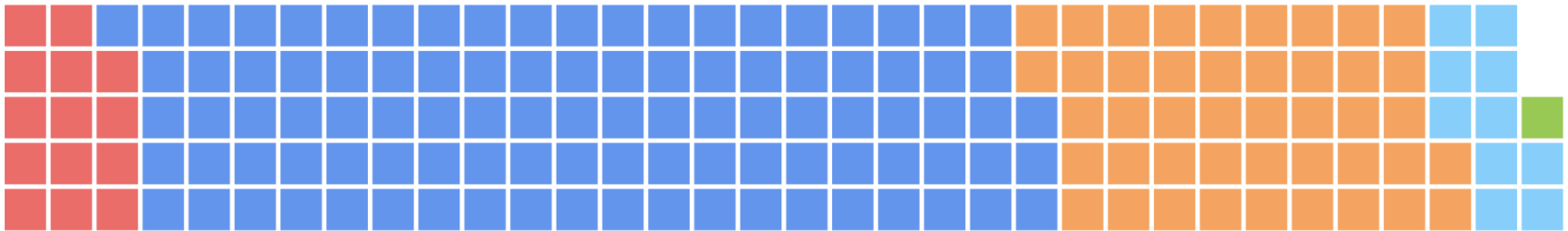
Canadian Parliamentary System



The House Today



2015 Election



Liberals: 184

Conservatives: 99

New Democrats: 44

Bloc: 10

Green 1



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Breakdown of Seats in the House of Commons

Year	Canada	Ont.	Que.	N.S.	N.B.	Man.	B.C.	P.E.I.	Sask.	Alta.	Nfld.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Nunavut
1867	181	82	65	19	15									
1870	185	82	65	19	15	4								
1871	191	82	65	19	15	4	6							
1872	200	88	65	21	16	4	6							
1873	206	88	65	21	16	4	6	6						
1882	211	92	65	21	16	5	6	6						
1886	215	92	65	21	16	5	6	6				4		
1892	213	92	65	20	14	7	6	5				4		
1902	214	92	65	20	14	7	6	5				4	1	
1903	214	86	65	18	13	10	7	4				10	1	
1905	221	86	65	18	13	10	7	4	10	7			1	
1914	234	82	65	16	11	15	13	3	16	12			1	
1915	235	82	65	16	11	15	13	4	16	12			1	
1924	245	82	65	14	11	17	14	4	21	16			1	
1933	245	82	65	12	10	17	16	4	21	17			1	
1947	255	83	73	13	10	16	18	4	20	17			1	
1949	262	83	73	13	10	16	18	4	20	17	7		1	
1952	265	85	75	12	10	14	22	4	17	17	7	1	1	
1966	264	88	74	11	10	13	23	4	13	19	7	1	1	
1975	265	88	74	11	10	13	23	4	13	19	7	2	1	
1976	282	95	75	11	10	14	28	4	14	21	7	2	1	
1987	295	99	75	11	10	14	32	4	14	26	7	2	1	
1997	301	103	75	11	10	14	34	4	14	26	7	2	1	
1999	301	103	75	11	10	14	34	4	14	26	7	1	1	1

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The Changing Role of the Governor General

From Negotiators

- ▶ Viscount Monk, 1861-1868. Confederation promoter
- ▶ Marquess of Lansdowne, 1883-1888
- ▶ The Earl of Derby (Lord Stanley) 1888-1893
- ▶ Lord Byng, 1921-1926 and the King-Byng Affair,

To Representing Canadians

- ▶ The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé (1984-1990)
- ▶ Romeo Leblanc (1995-1999)
- ▶ Adrienne Clarkson (1999-2005)
- ▶ Michaëlle Jean (2005-2010)





Forming Political Parties

Elections to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada (1841-1863) - seats won by party

Year	1841			1844			1848			1851			1854			1858			1861			1863		
	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total	CW	CE	Total
Reform	29		29	12		12	23		23	20		20	19		19									
Clear Grits													14		14									
Radical Reform													6		6									
Moderate Reform																5		5	6		6	2		2
<u>Patriote</u>		21	21		23	23		23	23															
Rouges											4	4		19	19		10	10						
Liberal					5	5		9	9		9	9				34	5	39	29	29	58	39	25	64
Family Compact	10		10																					
Tory		17	17	28	13	41	18	6	24	20	3	23												
Ministerialist											23	23		35	35									
Bleus																	33	33		27	27		25	25
Liberal-Conservative													25	9	34	24	15	39	29	8	37	24	11	35
Independent	3	4	8	2	1	3	1	4	3	1	4	5	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	1	3		4	4
Total	42	42	84	42	42	84	42	42	84	42	42	84	65	65	130	65	65	130	65	65	130	65	65	130

Partisan Politics & Political Factions in 1850s

Canada West

- ▶ Hardline Reformers (Clear Grits)
- ▶ Moderate Reformers
- ▶ Conservatives (Tories)

Canada East

- rouges
- bleus





The First Administrations

Prime Ministers, 1867-1891



1. Sir John A.
Macdonald

1867-1873

CONSERVATIVE



2. Alexander
Mackenzie

1873 -1878

LIBERAL/REFORM




Sir John A. Macdonald

1878-1891

CONSERVATIVE

d. June 6, 1891





A Period of Change: 1891-1896

Prime Ministers, 1891-1896



3. John Abbott

1891-1892

CONSERVATIVE

Resigns, ill health

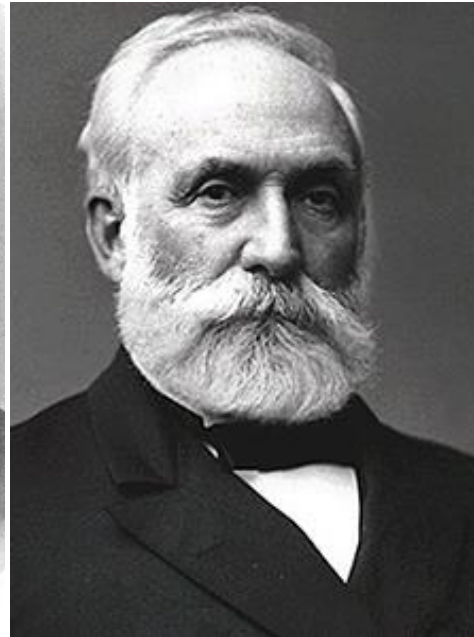


4. John Thompson

1892-1894

CONSERVATIVE

Dies, 1894

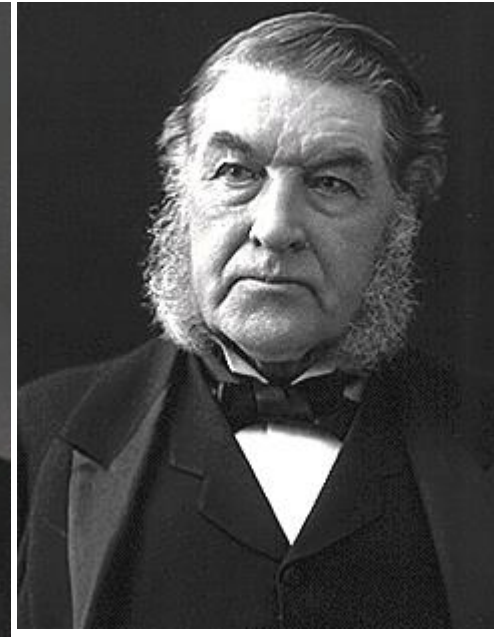


5. Mackenzie
Bowell

1894-1896

CONSERVATIVE

Resigns



6. Charles Tupper

1896

CONSERVATIVE

Defeated in 1896
by Laurier (Lib)



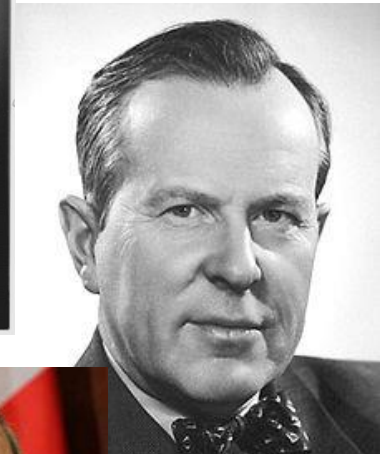
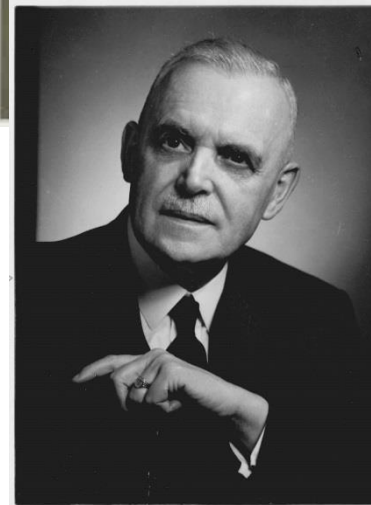


Liberal Ascendancy

Canada's "natural ruling party?"

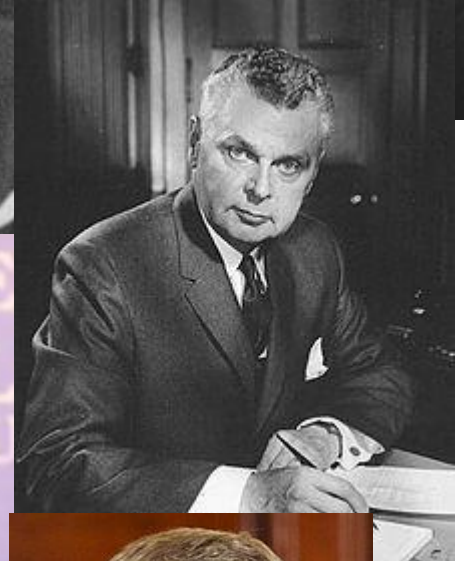
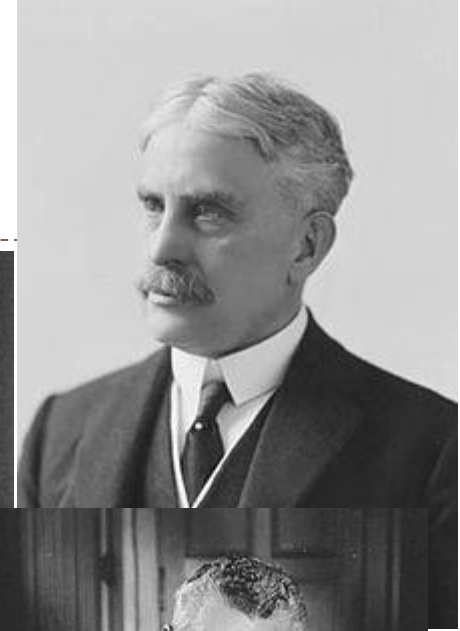
Major Liberal Leaders

- ▶ Wilfrid Laurier, 1896-1911
- ▶ William Lyon Mackenzie King, 1935 – 1948
- ▶ Louis St. Laurent, 1948-1957
- ▶ Lester B Pearson, 1963-68
- ▶ Pierre Trudeau, 1968-1979, 1980-1984
- ▶ Jean Cretien, 1993-2003
- ▶ Paul Martin, 2003-2008



Major Conservative Prime Ministers

- ▶ Robert Borden, 1911-1920
- ▶ R. B. Bennett, 1930-1935
- ▶ John Diefenbaker, 1957-63
- ▶ Brian Mulroney, 1984-1993
- ▶ Steven Harper, 2003-2013



Changing the Face of Political Power



Irene Parlby



Louise McKinney



Nellie McClung



**Henrietta Muir
Edwards**



Emily Murphy

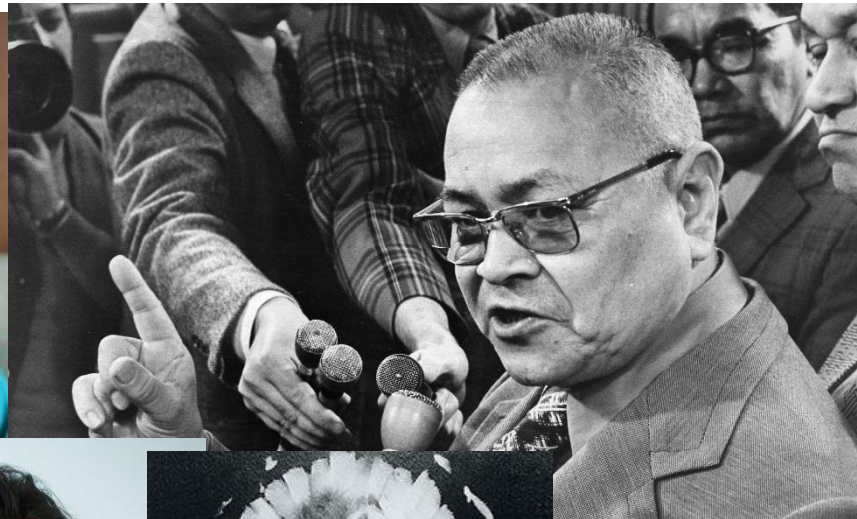
► Women's Suffrage



► The Persons Case 1929



Changing the Face of Political Power



Prime Minister Kim Campbell, Jean Augustine, Frank Calder (Nisga'a), Leonard Marchand (Okanagan), James Gladstone (Kanai), Jody Wilson-Raybould

► (Kwakwaka'wakw), Ethel Blondin-Andrew (Dene), Lincoln Alexander, Svend Robinson

Beyond Conservatives and Liberals

NEW POLITICAL PARTIES

New Problems, New Parties

- ▶ The Progressives (1920)
 - ▶ Joins Conservative in 1942
- ▶ The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (1932)
 - ▶ becomes New Democratic Party in 1961
- ▶ Green, 1983, 2011.
- ▶ Reform (1987)
 - ▶ Canadian Alliance in 2000
 - ▶ Merges with Conservatives, 2003
 - ▶ Drops Progressive from Title
- ▶ The Bloc Québécois (1991)



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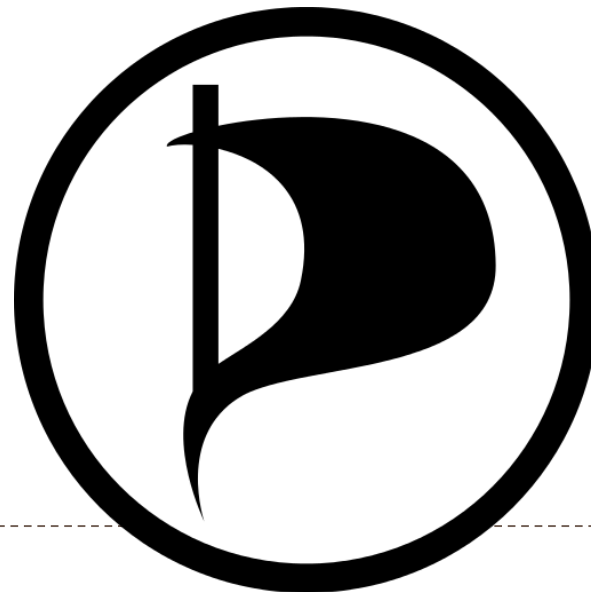


Tommy Douglas, and James S. Woodsworth

Other Political Parties

Active

- ▶ [Alliance of the North](#)
- ▶ [Animal Protection Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Canadian Action Party](#)
- ▶ [Christian Heritage Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Communist Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Libertarian Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Marijuana Party](#)
- ▶ [Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [National Advancement Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Pirate Party of Canada](#)
- ▶ [Progressive Canadian Party](#)
- ▶ [Rhinoceros Party](#)



Deregistered Parties

- ▶ Canada Party (involuntary deregistration, section 415(3))
 - ▶ First Peoples National Party of Canada (voluntary deregistration, section 414)
 - ▶ Forces et Démocratie (involuntary deregistration, section 415(3))
 - ▶ Natural Law Party of Canada (voluntary deregistration, section 414)
 - ▶ Newfoundland and Labrador First Party (involuntary deregistration, sections 410, 415)
 - ▶ Party for Accountability, Competency and Transparency (voluntary deregistration, section 414)
 - ▶ People's Political Power Party of Canada (involuntary deregistration, section 409)
 - ▶ The Bridge Party of Canada (involuntary deregistration, section 402)
 - ▶ Seniors Party of Canada (involuntary deregistration, section 413(b))
 - ▶ United Party of Canada (voluntary deregistration, section 414)
 - ▶ Work Less Party (voluntary deregistration, section 414)
 - ▶ Western Block Party (involuntary deregistration, sections 410(3))
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