

THE MANITOBA CABINET

February 1991

Here is the full cabinet structure in order of precedence:

Gary Albert Filmon, (MLA-Tuxedo) - President of the Executive Council; Minister of Federal/Provincial Relations; Minister of French Language Services.

Harry John Enns, (MLA-Lakeside) - Minister of Natural Resources; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Natural Resources Development Act (except with respect to Channel Area Loggers Ltd. and Moose Lake Loggers Ltd.)

James Erwin Downey, (MLA-Arthur-Virden) - Deputy Premier; Minister of Rural Development; Minister of Northern Affairs; Minister responsible for Native Affairs, The Manitoba Natural Resources Development Act (with respect to Channel Area Loggers Ltd. and Moose Lake Loggers Ltd.), A.E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. and The Manitoba Oil and Gas Corporation Act; Minister responsible for and charged with the administration of the Communities Economic Development Fund Act.

Donald Warder Orchard, (MLA-Pembina) - Minister of Health.

Albert Driedger, (MLA-Steinbach) - Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Clayton Sidney Manness, (MLA-Morris) - Minister of Finance; Government House Leader; Minister responsible for the administration of The Crown Corporation Accountability Act; Minister responsible for and charged with the administration of The Manitoba Data Services Act.

James Glen Cummings, (MLA-Ste. Rose) - Minister of Environment; Minister charged with the administration of The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act and The Jobs Fund Act.

James Collus McCrae, (MLA-Brandon West) - Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Keeper of The Great Seal; Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs, Corrections, The Corrections Act (except Part II).

James Arthur Ernst, (MLA-Charleswood) - Minister of Urban Affairs; Minister of Housing.

Glen Marshall Findlay, (MLA-Springfield) - Minister of Agriculture; Minister responsible for the administration of the Manitoba Telephone Act.

Leonard Derkach, (MLA-Roblin-Russell) - Minister of Education and Training.

Gerald Ducharme, (MLA-Riel) - Minister of Government Services, Minister responsible for Seniors.

Bonnie Elizabeth Mitchelson, (MLA-River East) - Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship; Minister responsible for Multicultural Affairs, for the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation Act and for the Status of Women.

Harold Johan Neufeld, (MLA-Rossmere) - Minister of Energy and Mines; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Hydro Act.

Harold Gilleshammer, (MLA-Minnedosa) - Minister of Family Services.

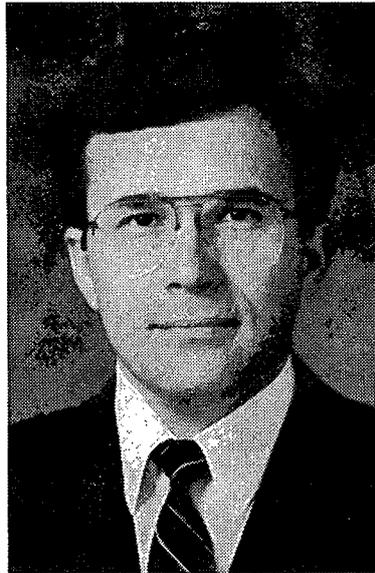
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Eric Stefanson (MLA-Kirkfield Park) - Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism; Minister responsible for The Development Corporation Act, Manitoba Forestry Resources Limited, Sport; Minister charged with the administration of The Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act and The Fitness and Amateur Sport Act; member of the Treasury Board.

Linda McIntosh (MLA-Assiniboia) - Minister of Co-operative, Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Minister responsible for The Liquor Control Act.

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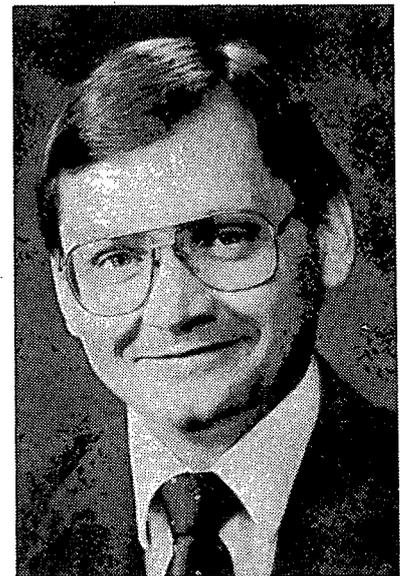
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Chairman of Treasury Board



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Minister of Natural
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HON. JAMES DOWNEY
Minister of Rural
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Minister of Northern
Affairs; Deputy Premier



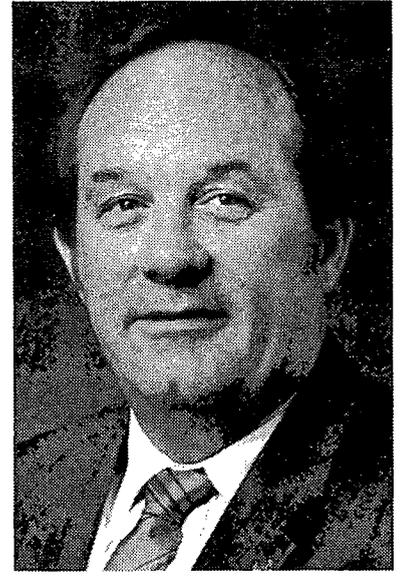
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Minister of Finance



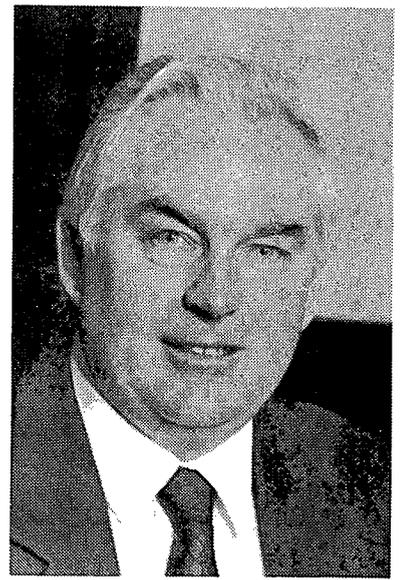
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Minister of Agriculture



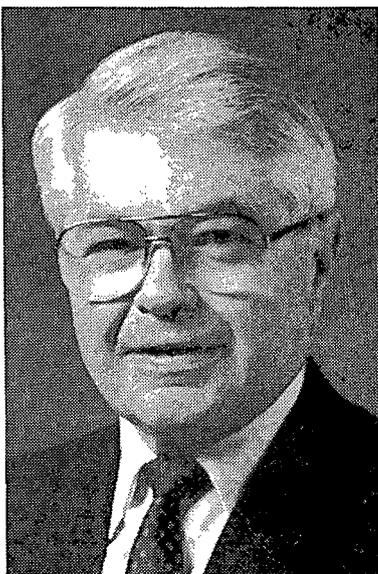
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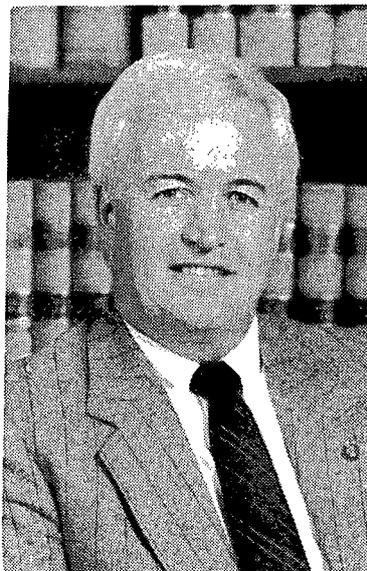
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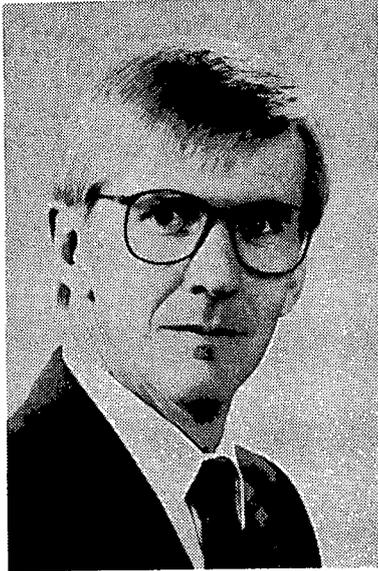
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HON. HAROLD GILLESHAMMER
Minister of Family
Services



HON. DARREN PRAZNIK
Minister of Labor



HON. ERIC STEFANSON
Minister of Industry,
Trade and Tourism



HON. LINDA MCINTOSH
Minister of Co-Operative
Consumer & Corporate
Affairs

GARY ALBERT FILMON, Premier; President of the Executive Council; Minister of Federal-Provincial Relations; Minister of French Language Services; MLA for Tuxedo.

Gary Filmon was first sworn in as Manitoba's 19th premier on May 9, 1988.

A registered professional engineer, Mr. Filmon was first elected to the Manitoba legislature as a government member in the River Heights by-election of October 1979. The following month he was appointed legislative assistant to the minister of finance and energy and mines until January 1981 when he was sworn into the provincial cabinet. He became minister of consumer and corporate affairs and environment and assumed responsibility for the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation.

Re-elected in 1981, 1986, 1988 and 1990 as the member of the legislative assembly for Tuxedo, he has been leader of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party since December 1983.

A native of Winnipeg, he obtained his early education at four North Winnipeg schools: Margaret Scott, Faraday, St. John's and Sisler. He then attended the University of Manitoba, graduating with a bachelor of science degree (civil engineering) in 1964. Following postgraduate work he won his master's degree in civil engineering in 1967.

He served as a consulting engineer for five years with Underwood McLellan Ltd. and for the next 11 years was president of Success/Angus Commercial College.

For four years, starting in 1975, he was a Winnipeg city councillor, serving as chairman of the committee on works and operations, as member of the executive policy committee and as a member of the city's official delegation to the provincial government. He also served as chairman of the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Committee.

Among his community activities, he has served as president of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association, president of the Association of Canadian Career Colleges, member of the Senate of the University of Manitoba, director of the Administrative Management Society, director of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club and director of the Red River Exhibition board.

Gary Filmon and his wife, Janice, have four children: Allison, David, Greg and Susanna.

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HARRY ENNS, Minister of Natural Resources; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Natural Resources Development Act (except with respect to Channel Area Loggers Ltd. and Moose Lake Loggers Ltd.); MLA for Lakeside

Harry Enns is a rancher from Woodlands, Manitoba, and a long-time member of the Manitoba legislature, representing Lakeside since 1966.

His 24 years of service makes him the dean of the 35th Legislative Assembly and he has been selected to serve the province's Executive Council by four separate premiers -- a Manitoba record and one rarely matched elsewhere in Canada.

He has also filled a wide number of cabinet portfolios over the years, including agriculture, highways and transportation, mines and resources, government services and natural resources.

Prior to the election in April 1988, he was the Progressive Conservative chief critic for energy and mines and for Manitoba Hydro, and deputy critic for consumer and corporate affairs. He also has served as house leader, chief critic for natural resources and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and deputy critic for transportation, for agriculture and for the Manitoba Telephone System.

When he was first elected to the legislature, he was assigned the agriculture portfolio. In addition to agriculture, he was appointed acting minister of highways in 1967. In 1968, he was appointed minister of mines and natural resources; in 1977, minister of highways and transportation as well as minister of public works; in 1979, minister of government services and minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, the Manitoba Telephone System and Manitoba Data Services. From January 1981 to the general election of November 1981, he was minister of natural resources.

Before his election to the legislature, he served as a trustee on the Interlake School Board and on the local Agricultural Regional Development Association Board.

He is married to Eleanor.

JAMES ERWIN DOWNEY, Deputy Premier; Minister of Rural Development; Minister of Northern Affairs; Minister responsible for Native Affairs, The Manitoba Natural Resources Development Act (with respect to Channel Area Loggers Ltd. and Moose Lake Loggers Ltd.), A.E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. and The Manitoba Oil and Gas Corporation Act; Minister responsible for and charged with the administration of The Communities Economic Development Fund Act; MLA for Arthur-Virden.

James Downey was born in Melita and has been farming in the area for over 20 years. In 1971 he founded the Melita Auction Mart Ltd., which he operated until September 1977.

First elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1977, he was minister of agriculture and a member of the Treasury Board and provincial land use committee in the government from 1977 to 1981. He also served as Opposition chief critic for agriculture, municipal affairs, A.E. McKenzie Seeds and Native affairs and as deputy critic for Crown investments and natural resources.

In 1988 he was sworn in as minister of northern affairs, minister responsible for Native affairs, minister responsible for the Communities Economic Development Fund Act, Minister responsible for Channel Area Loggers Limited, minister responsible for Moose Lake Loggers Limited, minister responsible for A.E. McKenzie Company Ltd. and minister responsible for Manitoba Oil and Gas Corporation.

In the government restructuring of April 1989, he had responsibility for seniors added to his ministerial duties. Following the general election of September 1990 he was named deputy premier, as well.

He was awarded the President's Medal on completion of a diploma course in agriculture at the University of Manitoba and later graduated from the Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Montana. A director of the Manitoba Stock Growers Association and the Manitoba Beef Growers Association, he has also been active in community affairs, is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a past member of the Melita Toastmasters.

James and Linda Downey have one son, Ryan.

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DONALD WARDER ORCHARD, Minister of Health, MLA for Pembina

Donald W. Orchard, a Miami district farmer, has represented Pembina constituency in the legislature since 1977. He was named minister of health in May 1988, following the general provincial election.

Prior to the April 1988 general provincial election he was Progressive Conservative critic for health, communications, the Manitoba Telephone System and Manitoba Data Services. He has also served as deputy leader of the party and deputy critic for consumer and corporate affairs.

During the 1977-81 Progressive Conservative government, he served as legislative assistant to the minister of education until he was appointed minister of highways and transportation in 1979. He was also minister responsible for the Manitoba Telephone System and Manitoba Data Services. He was chairman of the Road and Transportation Association of Canada, chairman of the Council of Ministers responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety and chairman of the provincial land use committee. He was active on a number of cabinet sub-committees, from Indian land claims to economic development.

He was born in Miami, Manitoba, and farms in the area. He was educated at the University of Manitoba, graduating with a B.S.A. degree in agriculture economics in 1968. He then served five years in Regina and Edmonton as area sales manager for Simplot Chemicals.

He returned to Miami in 1973 and served six months as a consultant for the International Joint Commission for the Study of the Pembina Dam System. He purchased farmland in the district, and while farming, also instructed farm business management courses. He has been a director of the Miami Agricultural Board and was secretary of the Miami Consumers Co-op Board in 1976-77.

Orchard and his wife, Janie, have three children: Eric, Arlene and Onalee.

ALBERT DRIEDGER, Minister of Highways and Transportation; MLA for Steinbach.

Albert Driedger was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1977 as MLA for Emerson, and was re-elected there in 1981 and 1988. In 1990 he was elected in Steinbach.

Following the election in April 1988, he was named minister of highways and transportation and minister of government services.

Between 1977 and 1981, he was chairman of the committee of supply for two years and also served as legislative assistant to the minister of natural resources. After the election in November 1981, he served as critic for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, deputy critic for natural resources and deputy critic for business, development and tourism. He was later appointed chief critic of natural resources and deputy critic of government services.

He resides in Grunthal where he is a real estate broker and beef farmer. Prior to his election in 1977, he was reeve of the Rural Municipality of Hanover for five years. He studied agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

He is past president of the Grunthal Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Grunthal Sports Association and a former minor hockey league coach.

Albert and Mary Driedger have four children and three grandchildren.

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CLAYTON MANNESSE, Minister of Finance; Government House Leader; Minister responsible for The Crown Corporation Accountability Act and The Manitoba Data Services Act; MLA for Morris.

Clayton Manness, 42, was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in November 1981 as MLA for Morris.

In May 1988 he was appointed minister of finance, minister responsible for the Crown Corporation Accountability Act and minister responsible for Manitoba Data Services. He also served as vice-chairman of the Treasury Board. In September 1990 he became house leader, as well.

Prior to that he served as Opposition critic of education and finance.

He has been a resident of Domain, Manitoba, virtually all his life. He has farmed in the area since 1968 and maintained the family farm. He has an M.Sc. degree in agricultural economics (1973) from the University of Manitoba.

He has worked for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, the Canada Grains Council and was also corporate market analyst for Cargill Grain Company from 1975 to 1977. In these positions he has been involved primarily in the areas of agriculture marketing, research and transportation. He has also done work for the University of Manitoba agriculture economics department.

Manness is a former board member of the Manitoba Marketing Council and has represented Manitoba in many national agency meetings. Also, he is a former member of the Western Grain Standard Committee and a member of the Canada Grains Council committee on grading.

He has also been active in community work. He is a member and past director of the Carman District Farm Business Association. He has been a board member for the Avonlea United Church. As well, he has served as a director and president of his local consumer co-op and was a director of the Domain Recreational Club. He also coaches boys' baseball and hockey.

Clayton and Cheryl have three sons and a daughter.

JAMES GLEN CUMMINGS, Minister of Environment; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act; MLA for Ste. Rose.

Glen Cummings was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986 representing Ste. Rose constituency. He served as the chief critic for highways and transportation and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and deputy critic for agriculture and for government services.

In 1988 he was re-elected to a second term and on May 9 that year Premier Gary Filmon appointed him deputy premier, minister of municipal affairs, minister responsible for administering the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act and the Manitoba Jobs Fund.

In the government reorganization of April 1989 he was appointed minister of environment, retaining responsibility as deputy premier and minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act.

Cummings has farmed for more than 25 years and is currently running a hog finishing and grain operation.

He was chairman of the board in the Beautiful Plains School Division for five years and a trustee for seven years. He also served as director and chairman of the Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society for 12 years.

He has also contributed to his community by serving on the executive of the original Yellowhead Recreational Centre and as a rural fund raiser for the centre. He was a volunteer basketball coach at Brookdale Collegiate, was a livestock judge at local fairs and has given clinics to 4-H clubs.

Glen and his wife Heather have one son and one daughter.

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JAMES COLLUS McCRAE, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Keeper of the Great Seal; Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs; Minister responsible for Corrections; Minister responsible for The Corrections Act (except Part II); MLA for Brandon West.

Jim McCrae was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986 and has been the deputy leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, chief critic for labor and deputy critic for employment services and economic security.

Immediately following the general provincial election of 1988, he was appointed to the cabinet as attorney general, minister of consumer and corporate affairs, minister of co-operative development and minister responsible for constitutional affairs, for corrections and for the Liquor Control Act.

In the government reorganization of April 1989, his department became the Department of Justice and Attorney General and he retained all other responsibilities except consumer and corporate affairs and co-operative development, which he relinquished.

Prior to his election in 1986 he was a Brandon city alderman and a court reporter for the attorney general in Brandon. As a city alderman, he was a member of the civic pensions committee and the special transit review committee. He is also a former director of several organizations including the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, Keystone Centre and the Brandon Kinsmen Club.

From 1975 to 1982 he was engaged in freelance reporting for various federal government agencies such as the National Energy Board, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission, Post Office administrative boards as well as the Ontario Municipal Board. He was also a Hansard reporter at the House of Commons in Ottawa and worked at press conferences under former prime ministers Trudeau and Clark.

Jim and Darlene McCrae have five daughters.

JAMES ARTHUR ERNST, Minister of Urban Affairs; Minister of Housing; MLA for Charleswood.

In May of 1988, following the general provincial election, Jim Ernst was named minister of industry, trade and technology and minister of business development and tourism. In July of 1988 the two departments were consolidated as Industry, Trade and Tourism.

Ernst was also given responsibility for the Development Corporation Act, sport, fitness and amateur sport, the Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act and Manitoba Forestry Resources Limited.

He was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986, re-elected in 1988 and 1990, and has served as chief critic for housing, the Manitoba Development Corporation, lotteries and urban affairs and deputy critic for culture, heritage and recreation and finance.

Prior to 1986 he was deputy mayor of Winnipeg and was involved with civic politics for 13 years. He also served as president and board member for 10 years on Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, owners of the Winnipeg Stadium and Arena. He also served on the board of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club, the city's NHL franchise.

Mr. Ernst is president of Ernst, Liddle and Wolfe Ltd., real estate and insurance brokers, and of Erlow Holdings Ltd. and vice-president of Administered Acceptance Corporation and Niakwa Investments Ltd.

He is a board member of Youth Employment Services Inc. and is honorary president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Charleswood Branch 100.

Jim and Dorothy Ernst have two children.

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GLEN MARSHALL FINDLAY, Minister of Agriculture; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Telephone Act; MLA for Springfield.

Glen Findlay was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986 as MLA for Virden. He has served as Progressive Conservative chief critic for agriculture, and deputy critic for environment and workplace safety and health.

Findlay has an extensive agricultural background and is currently a grain and cattle farmer at Shoal Lake on the farm his great-grandfather started in 1879.

He received his B.Sc. in agriculture in 1963 from the University of Manitoba, followed by a master's degree in 1964.

After receiving his doctorate in nutritional science from the University of Illinois in 1968, he continued with postdoctorate research through the National Research Council of Agriculture, University of Manitoba.

He returned to full-time farming in 1977. However, since the 1986 election, the farm has been operated by his son, Gary, and Gary's wife, Joanne.

He is a member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and has served on the provincial council. He was vice-chairman and later acting chairman of the Natural Products Marketing Council.

He is a member of several farm organizations including Manitoba Canola Growers, Western Canada Flax Growers and Keystone Agricultural Producers.

In addition to working with professional organizations, he has been involved in numerous community activities which include coaching hockey and a term as president of the Shoal Lake Agricultural Society.

Glen Findlay and his wife, Kay, have four children.

LEONARD DERKACH, Minister of Education and Training; MLA for Roblin-Russell.

Len Derkach, a former Manitoba school teacher and trustee, currently farms seven miles northeast of the Town of Russell.

A graduate of Brandon University, Derkach taught intermediate and senior grades from 1966 to 1977 in the Pelly Trail School Division.

While teaching, he was a member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society executive and served on several professional development committees.

Since retiring from teaching in 1977, he has remained active in the education system. He was first elected as a trustee for the Pelly Trail School Division in 1979 and served as chairman from 1980 to 1985.

A former track and field athlete, Derkach has coached men's and women's teams in volleyball, basketball, football and track and field. He was co-coach of the 1969 provincial champion high school football team from Major Pratt Collegiate in Russell.

From 1976 to 1985, he served on the Rossburn Credit Union board and was regional director for Credit Union Central of Manitoba. He has also been active in a number of community and service organizations including the Kinsmen Club and Lions Club.

Derkach was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986 and has been critic for northern affairs, Crown corporations and the Jobs Fund, and deputy critic for education and northern affairs.

Since becoming minister of education in 1988, he has chaired the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and remains on the executive of the CMEC.

In the government restructuring of April 1989, he was appointed to an expanded portfolio as minister of education and training.

Married in 1974, Len and Margie have three sons, Jay, Mark and Travis.

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GERALD DUCHARME, Minister of Government Services; Minister responsible for Seniors; MLA for Riel.

Gerry Ducharme was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986 as MLA for Riel after extensive experience in civic affairs. Re-elected in the provincial general election of 1988, he was appointed to the cabinet as minister of urban affairs and minister of housing.

For six years, from 1974 to 1980, he served on the St. Vital School Board, sitting on the goals committee. He also held the positions of chairman of finance, negotiation, transportation and of the school board itself.

From 1980 to 1986 he was a City of Winnipeg councillor, involved with the finance committee, river and streams committee, Winnipeg Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Winnipeg Police Commission, St. Boniface Museum Board, Winnipeg Convention Centre Board, grants committee, employee benefits committee, Board of Commissioners and the Winnipeg Enterprises. He has also chaired the Winnipeg Police Commission and the executive policy committee.

During his first term in the legislature he was Opposition critic for consumer and corporate affairs and sport, and back-up critic for urban affairs.

An active member of the community, Ducharme is a past president of the Jaycees of St. Vital, past president and honorary life member of the St. Vital Curling Club and served on committees for the St. Vital Centennial and the National Mixed Curling Championships. He is a member of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board and a former vice-president of the Manitoba Insurance Brokers Association.

The family operates Ducharme Agencies in St. Vital, a real estate and insurance company founded by Ducharme in 1959.

Born in 1939, Ducharme has lived in St. Vital all his life. He is married to Yvonne (nee Normandeau), a nurse, now working in the family business. They have three children, Michael, Marc and Monique.

BONNIE MITCHELSON, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship; Minister responsible for Multicultural Affairs, for The Manitoba Lotteries Foundation Act and for the Status of Women; MLA for River East.

Bonnie Mitchelson, a life-long resident of Winnipeg, has served as a member of the urban affairs committee of cabinet, the policy and communications committee of cabinet, community development committee of cabinet, chair of the multicultural affairs committee of cabinet and a member of the law amendments committee of the legislature.

After serving as campaign chairman in three civic elections and committing a great deal of time to provincial and federal elections, she was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1986. During her two years in opposition she was chief critic for urban affairs and deputy health critic.

She was re-elected to a second term in the general election of April 26, 1988, and was sworn in as minister of culture, heritage and recreation the following May 9. She was elected again in the general election of September 1990 and given added responsibility for status of women. She is also responsible for multicultural affairs and the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation Act.

She graduated as a registered nurse from the Health Sciences Centre School of Nursing in 1968 and from its Intensive Care Course in 1969. She is a member of the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses.

Mitchelson is, and has been, active with many community organizations and currently serves on the board of the Manitoba Heart Foundation. She and her family belong to the Gateway Community Centre.

She and her husband, Don, have a daughter, Michele, and a son, Scott.

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HAROLD JOHAN NEUFELD, Minister of Energy and Mines; Minister responsible for The Manitoba Hydro Act; MLA for Rossmere.

Harold Neufeld, a long-time resident of the Rossmere constituency, is a chartered accountant and a partner with Thorne Ernst and Whinney.

In 1988, Neufeld was sworn in as minister of energy and mines and minister responsible for the Manitoba Hydro Act.

He has served on numerous committees with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba, on the board of governors of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and as president of the Manitoba Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Neufeld has been active in many community groups including the East Kildonan Lions Club, East Kildonan Kiwanis Club, treasurer of the Bronx Park Community Club, treasurer of the East Kildonan Scholarship Foundation, treasurer and president of the Rossmere Golf and Country Club, treasurer of the Elmwood-Kildonan YMCA, treasurer of the Cardiac Reh-fit Centre, and a member of the German-Canadian Business Professional Association of Manitoba.

Harold Neufeld and his wife, Verdeen, have two daughters.

HAROLD GILLESHAMMER, Minister of Family Services; MLA for Minnedosa

Harold Gilleshammer, a lifelong resident of Minnedosa, was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in the general election of 1988.

He was appointed minister of family services following the general provincial election in September of 1990.

He has served as deputy chair of committees, chair of the public utilities and natural resources committee and a member of the private bills committee and the board of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

Prior to that he was principal of Minnedosa Collegiate and involved in education for 20 years. He is a past president of the Rolling River Teachers' Association and the Rolling River Principals' Association and a past director of the Manitoba Association of Principals.

He is a past president of the Kinsmen Club of Minnedosa and the Minnedosa Alpine Ski Club. He has also served on the executive of the Minnedosa Golf Club and the Minnedosa Mixed Curling Club. In addition, he has been involved with the Minnedosa Minor Athletic Association, the Minnedosa United Way and the Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games.

He has a BA from the University of Manitoba and a B.Ed. from Brandon University.

He and his wife, Diana, have two daughters.

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DARREN PRAZNIK, Minister of Labor; Minister responsible for The Civil Service Act, The Civil Service Superannuation Act, The Civil Service Special Supplementary Severance Benefit Act, The Public Servants Insurance Act and The Workers Compensation Act; Deputy Government House Leader; MLA for Lac du Bonnet

Darren Praznik, MLA for Lac du Bonnet, was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in the general election of 1988.

Following the general provincial election in September 1990 he was appointed minister of labor with responsibility for the Civil Service Act, the Civil Service Superannuation Act, the Civil Service Special Supplementary Severance Benefit Act and the Public Servants Insurance Act. In February 1991 he was given the additional responsibility of administering the Workers Compensation Act and fulfilling the role of deputy government house leader.

He has served as legislative assistant to the premier and as a member of the private bills standing committee, the economics development standing committee and the privileges and elections standing committee.

From 1986 to 1988 he was special assistant to the federal minister of health and welfare. He holds a BA in history, completed a law degree in 1985 and articulated with the law firm of D'Arcy and Deacon in Winnipeg. He was called to the bar in 1986.

Praznik was also a market gardener and partner in a fruit and vegetable retail operation from 1979 to 1985.

His community involvement includes service as a member of the board of directors of the Pinawa/Beausejour '88 Manitoba Summer Games, a member of the Tyndall-Garson Council of Knights of Columbus and trustee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Parish, Garson and Tyndall.

He and his wife, Shelly, have one daughter.

ERIC STEFANSON, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism; Minister responsible for The Development Corporation Act, Manitoba Forestry Resources Limited, Sport; Minister charged with the administration of The Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act and The Fitness and Amateur Sport Act; member of Treasury Board; MLA for Kirkfield Park

Eric Stefanson, elected to the Manitoba legislature in September 1990, was raised in Gimli, Manitoba, moving to Winnipeg in 1968.

From 1982 to 1989, he was a Winnipeg city councillor and served as deputy mayor from 1986 to 1988. Other community involvement activities include serving as chairman of the Winnipeg 2000 Task Force on Economic Development, president of the Winnipeg Convention Centre, officer of the Red River Exhibition Association and member of the board of directors of the North Portage Development Corporation.

He has also been assistant director of winter sports for the Kirkfield Westwood Community Club and finance chairman for the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba.

Since 1977 he has been a partner in Stefanson and Lee, a local chartered accountancy firm. Prior to that he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company, Northern Stores; Deloitte Haskins and Sells, chartered accountants; and Stefanson and Company, chartered accountants.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Manitoba in 1971 and graduated from chartered accountancy in 1975.

He and his wife, Myrna, have two children, Kristen and Eric Jr.

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LINDA McINTOSH, Minister of Co-operative, Consumer and Corporate Affairs;
Minister responsible for The Liquor Control Act; MLA for Assiniboia

Linda McIntosh is a third generation resident of St. James-Assiniboia and was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in the general provincial election Sept. 11, 1990.

For nine years, from 1980 to 1989, she was an elected trustee on the St. James-Assiniboia school board where she served as board chairperson and a member on all committees. In 1984, she was elected president of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees and served as a table officer from 1983 to 1986.

McIntosh is an honors graduate of the Manitoba Teachers' College. From 1988 to 1990 she was employed as special assistant to Premier Gary Filmon. In the past she has operated a modified day care, worked as an art teacher with St. James parks and recreation and appeared as a weekly panelist on CBC-TV's "Week in Review".

She has been involved in a wide variety of community, church and youth activities including serving on the board of directors of the Winnipeg Youth Orchestras, as president of the St. James Kiwanians and the Maple Leaf Toastmistress Club, associate member of the St. James-Assiniboia and Winnipeg Chambers of Commerce and the West Winnipeg Child and Family Services Agency. She has also been a Service Scouter with the Boy Scouts of Canada.

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