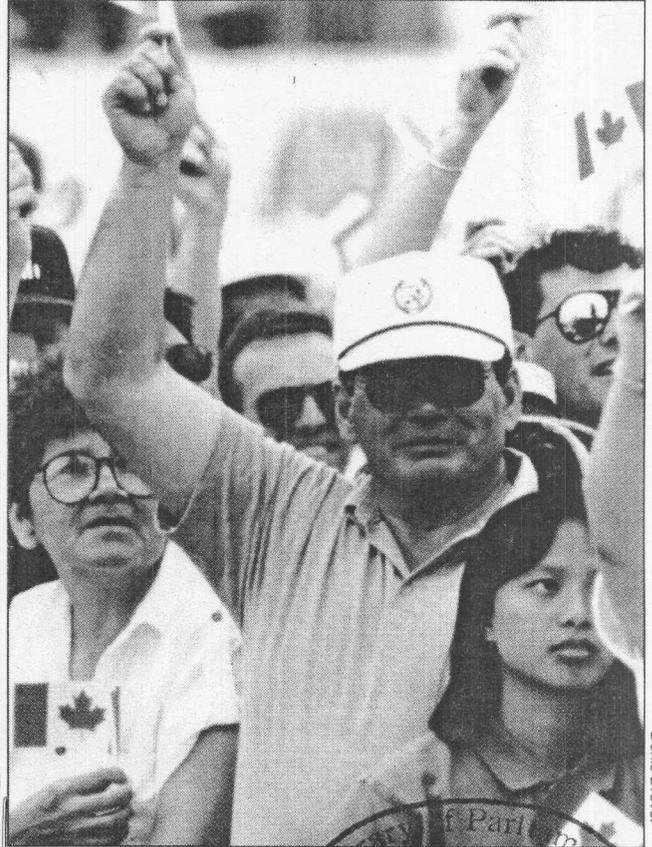


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Who We Are

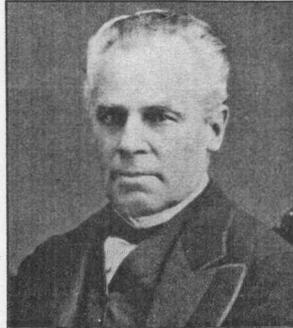
Progressive Conservatives are Canadians concerned about Canada. We are women and men, we come from varied backgrounds, we earn our livings in a variety of ways, we live in every region of the country. We are all equal but we are not all the same. In short, we're individuals.

Because we are all individuals, we believe that democracy, parliamentary institutions and political parties are the best guarantee that, together, we can reconcile our many views, apply our varied experiences and mould for Canada a future worthy of its past.

We are drawn to one another by a practical approach to the challenges which confront us. We believe that progress is driven by a competitive economy. We believe that we all have social responsibilities to one another and that we all share the freedom and opportunity to build a prosperous way of life. Lastly, we believe that individuals have the right to own property and, at the same time, we must collectively ensure that our environment is protected for generations to come.



Sir John A. Macdonald



Sir George-Étienne Cartier

We Began With Canada

The history of the Progressive Conservative Party began in 1854 with Sir John A. Macdonald. He envisioned a nation with the potential for greatness, based upon a partnership between diverse regions and heritages. Sir John A. was deeply convinced that the true foundation of nations is not simply based on narrow doctrine but rather on a common desire for peace and prosperity.

That philosophy remains the cornerstone of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. The PC Party has remained true to its roots and belief that all Canadians have a right to peace, a high standard of living and good government. The United Nations recognized our successes as a government and as a nation when in 1992 it declared that Canada is the best country in the world in which to live. We are proud of our accomplishments and stand by our government's efforts to build a strong Canada, second to none in the next century.

Our Achievements Since 1984

In 1984, Canadians elected a PC Government under the leadership of the Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney. Prime Minister Mulroney quickly found that preceding Liberal governments had saddled Canada with a national debt gone out of control, narrowing export prospects, a shrinking international image and an outmoded tax system.

Fixing these problems is what the Prime Minister and the Government were elected to do. At times the Government has, by necessity, made tough decisions and stood its ground in bringing about change for the long-term interest of Canadian unity and prosperity. Here are some important accomplishments of the PC Government since 1984:

- **Government Spending and Deficit Control**
The PC Government was elected in 1984, in large part, to stop the wasteful spending of previous governments. At the time, the Liberal's spending was growing at nearly 14% per year. The PC Government has limited growth to 3% annually. Our Party said that government must tighten its own belt. Since 1984, 90,000 positions have been eliminated from the federal payroll and greater efficiency has been introduced within the Public Service. As well, our government is reducing wasteful overlap and duplication of services by streamlining or eliminating agencies which have outlived their time. Crown corporations which can service Canadians as private companies are being sold – with the proceeds going toward the debt.



Denis Draver

- **National Unity**

The founders of our country and our Party, John A. Macdonald and George-Étienne Cartier had a sense of nation-building which remains vital to Progressive Conservatives. Canada grew out of a challenge undertaken by men and women of different cultures, languages and religions that they would resolve their differences and harmonize their interests. Since the 1984 election, the Progressive Conservative Party has been tireless in its efforts to bring all of Canada's provinces into Confederation under the Constitution. This is consistent with our belief in the duality of the English and French cultures, the grand alliance of East and West, the place of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada and the importance of national unity to our country's future prosperity.

- **Industry and Trade -- Preparing for the Future**

Canada is a trading nation. Trade generates one in three jobs in Canada. Trade is the key for a country of only 27 million people to support the world's eighth largest economy and second highest standard of living. The PC Government has expanded export markets for Canadian goods and services. The Canada/United States Free Trade Agreement and subsequent North American Free Trade Agreement were negotiated to position Canada favourably in an increasingly competitive world.

- **International Affairs**

Led by PCs, Canada has enjoyed a respected place on the world stage. Our Government has courageously taken the lead in United Nations peace-keeping roles and has been a strong voice of reason in international affairs. As well, Prime Minister Mulroney has advanced Canada's profile in the Group of Seven industrial countries and the Commonwealth of Nations and brought Canada into such respected organizations as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Francophone Summit.

- **Fair Taxes**

Our government adjusted and modernized the Canadian tax system to encourage fairness and economic growth. Tax loopholes that only served large corporations and upper-income earners were closed. The hidden and destructive 13.5% federal sales tax (which Canadians paid unwittingly on all finished goods) was abolished and replaced with a visible and progressive tax—the Goods and Services Tax. By law, revenue from the Goods and Services Tax goes toward paying off the national debt. Building on the solid progress made on spending control in previous budgets, the PC Government was able to cut personal income taxes in 1992.

- **The Environment**

Progressive Conservatives know that when we hurt the environment, we hurt our economy, our health and our way of life. Our Green Plan marks a turning point in the environmental policy of Canadian governments. It is a comprehensive, long-term strategy to tackle pollution of the air, land and water. Other industrial nations have cited our Green Plan as a model to follow. Key sites and waterways are being cleaned up. Problems like acid rain, marine spills, ozone depletion, waste production and disposal are being attacked -- our plan will win the environmental battle in Canada.



Denis Dreaver

- **Society**

While PCs have traditionally favoured a limited role for government, they will not hesitate to use the power of the state to help foster a better society. Our encouragement of the advancement of women is real, not only in government but in universities and boardrooms across the nation. Government benefits and assistance are being redirected to those who need it most, like low-income families. A major initiative is also underway to help children at risk to break out of cycles of poverty, neglect or abuse.

- **Immigration**

Throughout our history, immigration has made a positive contribution to the economic and cultural development of Canada. Looking to our future needs, our Government has made changes to modernize the Canadian immigration system, while protecting its fairness and integrity. The changes will help ensure that our country remains accessible to legitimate immigrants and those genuinely in need of Canada's protection while, at the same time, adding safeguards against those who would take advantage of Canada's generosity.

- **Justice**

Progressive Conservatives are committed to reducing crime and to making our streets safer. Stricter gun control laws will help to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Violent criminals and sex offenders are locked up longer now that parole requirements have been toughened up. Extradition delays were cut so Canada does not become a haven for criminals fleeing justice. The "rape shield" law was passed to help ensure fairness in the court system for rape victims.



Andrew Shott

Help safeguard the future

As the years pass and the memory of the last Liberal Government fades, it becomes increasingly possible that our efforts will be undermined and people will forget just how damaging the previous government was to Canada.

In the upcoming federal election, the PC Party will be counting on its membership to help the Government win a third majority term in office.

We are fortunate to have a leader who has vision and courage. Prime Minister Mulroney has stood up for Canada and has never shirked his responsibilities, even when it meant making unpopular decisions. Having the PC Party re-elected is the best guarantee that our nation will stay on track toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

Join with us

For the continuation of the PC Party's achievements, more than votes on election day are needed. Although every vote is vital, stable and responsible government depends on a broad base to offer advice and support.

There is nothing more exciting than participating in a national election; but there is nothing more satisfying than helping your government bring about positive change.

We are in your community

The PC Party is a grassroots-based organization. Our strength lies in the commitment of men and women from all walks of life, who give voluntarily of their time, talent and money to support the work of the Party. Our Party is organized at the community level. There is no national membership. The Progressive Conservative Party of Canada is an association of associations, working together to achieve common goals. Our base is in each of the 295 riding associations across Canada.

In addition, several affiliated organizations make important contributions to the Party:

- The federal P.C. women's caucuses and associations actively encourage and strengthen the participation of women in our Party.
- The Progressive Conservative Youth Federation attracts many young people aged 14 through 30. The Youth have their own wing of many riding



associations along with very successful college and university campus club organizations.

- Also under the umbrella of the PC Association of Canada are various other affiliations, such as business and ethno-cultural groups.
- PC Canada Fund, the Chief Agent of the Party, is responsible for fundraising at the national level and assisting PC organizations in their endeavors.



Andrew Short

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