

Ministers Responsible for Immigration 1867 - 2021

(As of November, 2021)

Under the *Constitution Act*, 1867, immigration is shared between the federal government and the provinces, with federal legislation prevailing. The following is a chronological list of the ministers responsible for immigration in Canada from Confederation to the current Minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser.

Ministers of Agriculture (1862-1892)

Jean-Charles Chapais	1 July 1867 – 15 November 1869
Christopher Dunkin	16 November 1869 – 24 October 1871
John Henry Pope	25 October 1871 – 5 November 1873
Luc Letellier de St. Just	7 November 1873 – 14 December 1876
Isaac Burpee (acting)	15 December 1876 – 25 January 1877
Charles Alphonse Pantaléon Pelletier	26 January 1877 – 8 October 1878
John Henry Pope	17 October 1878 – 24 September 1885
John Carling	25 September 1885 – 14 March 1892

Ministers of the Interior (1892-1917)

Edgar Dewdney	14 March 1892 – 16 October 1892
Thomas Mayne Daly, Jr.	17 October 1892 – 27 April 1896
Hugh John MacDonald	1 May 1896 – 8 July 1896
Richard William Scott (acting)	17 July 1896 – 16 November 1896
Clifford Sifton	17 November 1896 – 28 February 1905
Sir Wilfrid Laurier (acting)	14 March 1905 – 7 April 1905
Frank Oliver	8 April 1905 – 6 October 1911
Robert Rogers	10 October 1911 – 28 October 1912
William James Roche	29 October 1912 – 12 October 1917

Ministers of Immigration and Colonization (1918-1936)

James Alexander Calder	12 October 1917 – 20 September 1921
John Wesley Edwards	21 September 1921 – 29 December 1921
Hewitt Bostock (acting)	3 January 1922 – 2 February 1922
Charles Stewart (acting)	20 February 1922 – 16 August 1923
James Alexander Robb	17 August 1923 – 4 September 1925
George Newcombe Gordon	7 September 1925 – 12 November 1925
Charles Stewart (acting)	13 November 1925 – 28 June 1926
Robert James Manion (acting)	29 June 1926 – 12 July 1926
Sir Henry L. Drayton (acting)	13 July 1926 – 25 September 1926
Robert Forke	25 September 1926 – 29 December 1929
Charles Stewart (acting)	30 December 1929 – 26 June 1930

Ian A. MacKenzie
Wesley A. Gordon
Wesley A. Gordon (acting)
Thomas A. Crerar

27 June 1930 – 7 August 1930
7 August 1930 – 2 February 1932
3 February 1932 – 23 October 1935
23 October 1935 – 30 November 1936

Ministers of Mines and Resources (1936-1950)

Thomas A. Crerar	1 December 1936 – 17 April 1945
James Allison Glen	18 April 1945 – 10 June 1948
James Angus MacKinnon	11 June 1948 – 31 March 1949
Colin William George Gibson	1 April 1949 – 17 January 1950

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1950-1966)

Walter E. Harris	18 January 1950 – 30 June 1954
John W. Pickersgill	1 July 1954 – 21 June 1957
Davie Fulton (acting)	21 June 1957 – 11 May 1958
Ellen L. Fairclough	12 May 1958 – 8 August 1962
Richard A. Bell	9 August 1962 – 22 April 1963
Guy Favreau	22 April 1963 – 2 February 1964
René Tremblay	3 February 1964 – 14 February 1965
John R. Nicholson	15 February 1965 – 17 December 1965
Jean Marchand	18 December 1965 – 30 September 1966

Ministers of Manpower and Immigration (1967-1977)

Jean Marchand	1 October 1966 – 5 July 1968
Allan J. MacEachen	6 July 1968 – 24 September 1970
Otto E. Lang	24 September 1970 – 27 January 1972
Bryce S. Mackasey	28 January 1972 – 26 November 1972
Robert K. Andras	27 November 1972 – 13 September 1976
Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	14 September 1976 – 14 August 1977

Ministers of Employment and Immigration (1977-1993)

Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	15 August 1977 – 3 June 1979
Ronald G. Atkey	4 June 1979 – 2 March 1980
Lloyd Axworthy	3 March 1980 – 12 August 1983
John Roberts	12 August 1983 – 16 September 1984
Flora I. MacDonald	17 September 1984 – 14 July 1986
Benoit Bouchard	14 July 1986 – 31 March 1988
Barbara MacDougall	31 March 1988 – 21 April 1991
Bernard Valcourt	21 April 1991 – 25 June 1993

Minister-Designate of Public Security

Douglas Lewis	25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993
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Minister-Designate of Human Resources and Labour)

Bernard Valcourt

25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1994 – 2008)

Sergio Marchi	4 November 1993 – 24 January 1996
Lucienne Robillard	25 January 1996 – 2 August 1999
Elinor Caplan	3 August 1999 – 14 January 2002
Denis Coderre	15 January 2002 – 11 December 2003
Judy Sgro	12 December 2003 – 13 January 2005
Joseph Volpe	14 January 2005 – 5 February 2006
Monte Solberg	6 February 2006 – 3 January 2007
Diane Finley	4 January 2007 – 29 October 2008

Ministers of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism (2008 – 2015)

Jason Kenney	30 October 2008 – 14 July 2013
Chris Alexander	15 July 2013 – 3 November 2015

Ministers of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (2015 – Present)

John McCallum	4 November 2015 – 9 January 2017
Ahmed Hussen	10 January 2017 – 19 November 2019
Marco Mendicino	November 20, 2019 – October 25 2021
Sean Fraser	26 October 2021 – Present

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