

1) Ministers and Deputy Ministers Responsible for Immigration, 1867 - 2022

(As of summer, 2022)

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. Names of deputy ministers and their dates in office follow names of ministers.

Ministers of Agriculture (1862-1892)

Jean-Charles Chapais	1 July 1867 – 15 November 1869
Joseph C. Taché	1 July 1877
Christopher Dunkin	16 November 1869 – 24 October 1871
Joseph C. Taché	
John Henry Pope	25 October 1871 – 5 November 1873
Joseph C. Taché	
Luc Letellier de St. Just	7 November 1873 – 14 December 1876
Joseph C. Taché	
Isaac Burpee (acting)	15 December 1876 – 25 January 1877
Joseph C. Taché	
Charles Alphonse Pantaléon Pelletier	26 January 1877 – 8 October 1878
Joseph C. Taché	
John Henry Pope	17 October 1878 – 24 September 1885
Joseph C. Taché	
John Carling	25 September 1885 – 14 March 1892
Joseph C. Taché	to 1888
John Lowe	from 1888

Ministers of the Interior (1892-1917)

Edgar Dewdney	14 March 1892 – 16 October 1892
John Lowe	
Thomas Mayne Daly, Jr.	17 October 1892 – 27 April 1896
John Lowe	to 1893
Alexander M. Burgess	from 1893
Hugh John MacDonald	1 May 1896 – 8 July 1896
Alexander M. Burgess	
Richard William Scott (acting)	17 July 1896 – 16 November 1896
Alexander M. Burgess	
Clifford Sifton	17 November 1896 – 28 February 1905
Alexander M. Burgess	to 1897
James A. Smart	1897 – 1904
William W. Cory	from 1894
Sir Wilfrid Laurier (acting)	14 March 1905 – 7 April 1905
William W. Cory	
Frank Oliver	8 April 1905 – 6 October 1911
William W. Cory	
Robert Rogers	10 October 1911 – 28 October 1912
William W. Cory	
William James Roche	29 October 1912 – 12 October 1917
William W. Cory	

Ministers of Immigration and Colonization (1918-1936)

James Alexander Calder	12 October 1917 – 20 September 1921
William W. Cory	to 1917
Joseph A. Coté	1918 acting
William W. Cory	
John Wesley Edwards	21 September 1921 – 29 December 1921
William W. Cory	
Frederick C. Blair acting	
Hewitt Bostock (acting)	3 January 1922 – 2 February 1922
Frederick C. Blair	
Charles Stewart (acting)	20 February 1922 – 16 August 1923
Frederick C. Blair	
William J. Egan	from 1923
James Alexander Robb	17 August 1923 – 4 September 1925
William J. Egan	
George Newcombe Gordon	7 September 1925 – 12 November 1925
William J. Egan	
Charles Stewart (acting)	13 November 1925 – 28 June 1926
William J. Egan	
Robert James Manion (acting)	29 June 1926 – 12 July 1926
William J. Egan	
Sir Henry L. Drayton (acting)	13 July 1926 – 25 September 1926
William J. Egan	
Robert Forke	25 September 1926 – 29 December 1929
William J. Egan	
Charles Stewart (acting)	30 December 1929 – 26 June 1930
William J. Egan	
Ian A. MacKenzie	27 June 1930 – 7 August 1930
William J. Egan	
Wesley A. Gordon	7 August 1930 – 2 February 1932
William J. Egan	
Wesley A. Gordon (acting)	3 February 1932 – 23 October 1935
William J. Egan	to 1934
Thomas Magladery	from 1934
Thomas A. Crerar	23 October 1935 – 30 November 1936
Thomas Magladery	to 1936

Ministers of Mines and Resources (1936-1950)

Thomas A. Crerar	1 December 1936 – 17 April 1945
Charles Camsell	from 1936
James Allison Glen	18 April 1945 – 10 June 1948
Charles Camsell	to 1945
C.W. Jackson	1946
Hugh.L. Keenleyside	from 1947
James Angus MacKinnon	11 June 1948 – 31 March 1949
Hugh.L. Keenleyside	
Colin William George Gibson	1 April 1949 – 17 January 1950
Hugh.L. Keenleyside	to 1950

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1950-1966)

Walter E. Harris	18 January 1950 – 30 June 1954
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Laval Fortier	from 1950
John W. Pickersgill	1 July 1954 – 21 June 1957
Laval Fortier	
Davie Fulton (acting)	21 June 1957 – 11 May 1958
Laval Fortier	
Ellen L. Fairclough	12 May 1958 – 8 August 1962
Laval Fortier	to 1959
George F. Davidson	from 1960
Richard A. Bell	9 August 1962 – 22 April 1963
George F. Davidson	to 1963
H.M. Jones	from 1963 acting
Guy Favreau	22 April 1963 – 2 February 1964
H.M. Jones	to 1964 acting
C.M. Isbister	from 1963
René Tremblay	3 February 1964 – 14 February 1965
C.M. Isbister	
John R. Nicholson	15 February 1965 – 17 December 1965
C.M. Isbister	
Jean Marchand	18 December 1965 – 30 September 1966
C.M. Isbister	to 1965
Tom Kent	from 1966

Ministers of Manpower and Immigration (1967-1977)

Jean Marchand	1 October 1966 – 5 July 1968
Tom Kent	
Allan J. MacEachen	6 July 1968 – 24 September 1970
Tom Kent	to 1968
Louis E. Couillard	from 1968
Otto E. Lang	24 September 1970 – 27 January 1972
Louis E. Couillard	
Bryce S. Mackasey	28 January 1972 – 26 November 1972
Louis E. Couillard	to 1972
Jacques Desroches	from 1971
Robert K. Andras	27 November 1972 – 13 September 1976
Jacques Desroches	to 1973
Allan E. Gottlieb	from 1973
Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	14 September 1976 – 14 August 1977
Allan E. Gottlieb	to 1977
Jack L. Mannion	from 1977

Ministers of Employment and Immigration (1977-1993)

Styled Canada Employment and Immigration Commission

Jack S.G. (Bud) Cullen	15 August 1977 – 3 June 1979
Jack L. Manion	
Ronald G. Atkey	4 June 1979 – 2 March 1980
Jack L. Manion	to 1979
J.D. Love	from 1979
Lloyd Axworthy	3 March 1980 – 12 August 1983
J.D. Love	to 1981
Gaëtan Lussier	from 1982
John Roberts	12 August 1983 – 16 September 1984
Gaëtan Lussier	
Flora I. MacDonald	17 September 1984 – 14 July 1986
Gaëtan Lussier	
Benoit Bouchard	14 July 1986 – 31 March 1988
Gaëtan Lussier	to 1986
Arthur Kroeger	from 1986

Barbara MacDougall
Arthur Kroeger
Bernard Valcourt
Arthur Kroeger

31 March 1988 – 21 April 1991

21 April 1991 – 25 June 1993

Minister-Designate of Public Security

Douglas Lewis
V. Peter Harder

25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993
from 1993

Minister-Designate of Human Resources and Labour)

Bernard Valcourt
Jean-Jacques Noreau

25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993
from 1993

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1994 – 2008)

Sergio Marchi
V. Peter Harder
Janice Cochrane
Lucienne Robillard
Janice Cochrane

4 November 1993 – 24 January 1996
from 1993
from 1995
25 January 1996 – 2 August 1999

Elinor Caplan
Janice Cochrane
Michel Dorais

3 August 1999 – 14 January 2002
to 2001
from 2001

Denis Coderre
Michel Dorais

15 January 2002 – 11 December 2003

Judy Sgro
Michel Dorais
Janice Charette

12 December 2003 – 13 January 2005
to 2004
from 2004

Joseph Volpe
Janice Charette

14 January 2005 – 5 February 2006

Monte Solberg
Janice Charette
Richard Fadden

6 February 2006 – 3 January 2007
to 2006
from 2006

Diane Finley
Richard Fadden

4 January 2007 – 29 October 2008

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

Jason Kenney
Richard Fadden
Neil Yeates
Chris Alexander
Neil Yeates

30 October 2008 – 14 July 2013
to 2009
from 2009
15 July 2013 – 3 November 2015
to 2013

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

John McCallum
Anita Bigusz
Marta Morgan
Ahmed Hussien
Marta Morgan
Catrina Tapley

4 November 2015 – 9 January 2017
from 2013 to 2016
from 2016
10 January 2017 – 19 November 2019
to 2019
from 2019

Marco Mendicino
Catrina Tapley
Sean Fraser
Catrina Tapley

November 20, 2019 – October 25 2021

26 October 2021 – Present
to May 4, 2022

2) Secretaries of State and Under-secretaries of State Responsible for Nationality and Citizenship 1867 to 2022

(As of X, 2022)

The following is a chronological list of the secretaries of state/ministers and under-secretaries of state/deputy ministers responsible for nationality and citizenship in Canada. It begins at Confederation in 1867 and ends with the current minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser. Names and dates of service of the under-secretaries/deputy ministers follow ministers' names.

Secretaries of State (1867-1950)

Hector-Louis Langevin Etienne Parent	8 December 1867 – 5 November 1869 from 1867
James C. Aikins Etienne Parent	9 December 1869 – 5 November 1873
David Cristie Edouard-Joseph Langevin	7 November 1873 – 8 January 1874 from 1873
Richard W. Scott Edouard-Joseph Langevin	9 January 1874 – 8 October 1878
Vacant Edouard-Joseph Langevin	17 October 1878 – 18 October 1878
James Cox Aikins Edouard-Joseph Langevin	19 October 1878 – 7 November 1880
John O'Connor Edouard-Joseph Langevin	8 November 1880 – 19 May 1881
Joseph Aldred Mousseau Edouard-Joseph Langevin	20 May 1881 – 28 July 1882
Joseph Adolphe Chapleau Edouard-Joseph Langevin	29 July 1882 – 24 January 1892 to 1883
Grant Powell Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	from 1883 to 1889 from 1889
James Colebrooke Patterson Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	25 January 1892 – 24 November 1892
John Costogan Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	5 December 1892 – 12 December 1894
Arthur R. Dickey Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	21 December 1894 – 25 March 1895
Walter Humphries Montague Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	26 March 1895 – 20 December 1895
Joseph Aldéric Ouimet (Acting Minister) Ludger-Aimé Gatlhier	27 December 1895 – 5 January 1896
Thomas Mayne Daly (Acting Minister) Joseph Pope	6 January 1896 – 14 January 1896 from 1896
Charles Tupper Joseph Pope	15 January 1896 – 8 July 1896
Richard W. Scott Joseph Pope	13 July 1896 – 8 October 1908
Charles Murphy Joseph Pope	9 October 1908 – 6 October 1911 to 1909

Thomas Mulvey	from 1909
William James Roche	10 October 1911 – 28 October 1912
Thomas Mulvey	
Louis Coderre	29 October 1912 – 5 October 1915
Thomas Mulvey	
Pierre Edouard Blondin	6 October 1915 – 7 January 1917
Thomas Mulvey	
Esiöff-Léon Patenaude	8 January 1917 – 12 June 1917
Thomas Mulvey	
Albert Sévigny (Acting Minister)	13 June 1917 – 24 August 1917
Thomas Mulvey	
Arthur Meighen	25 August 1917 – 12 October 1917
Thomas Mulvey	
Martin Burell	12 October 1917 – 30 December 1919
Thomas Mulvey	
Arthur Lewis Sifton	31 December 1919 – 21 January 1921
Thomas Mulvey	
Vacant	22 January 1921 – 20 September 1921
Thomas Mulvey	
Rodolphe Monty	21 September 1921 – 29 December 1921
Thomas Mulvey	
Arthur Bliss Copp	29 December 1921 – 24 September 1924
Thomas Mulvey	
Vacant	25 September 1924 – 24 January 1925
Walter E. Foster	25 January 1925 – 18 November 1925
Thomas Mulvey	
Charles Murphy (Acting Minister)	18 November 1925 – 23 March 1926
Thomas Mulvey	
Ernest Lapointe	24 March 1926 – 28 June 1926
Thomas Mulvey	
George H. Perley	29 June 1926 – 25 September 1926
Thomas Mulvey	
Fernand Rinfret	25 September 1926 – 7 August 1930
Thomas Mulvey	
Charles H. Cahan	7 August 1930 – 23 October 1935
Thomas Mulvey	
Fernand Rinfret	23 October 1935 – 12 July 1939
Thomas Mulvey	to 1936
E.H. Coleman	from 1936
Vacant	13 July 1939 – 25 July 1939
E.H. Coleman	
Ernest Lapointe (Acting Minister)	26 July 1939 – 8 May 1940
E.H. Coleman	
Pierre-François Casgrain	9 May 1940 – 14 December 1941
E.H. Coleman	
Norman A. McLarty	15 December 1941 – 17 April 1945
E.H. Coleman	
Paul Martin	18 April 1945 – 11 December 1946
E.H. Coleman	
Colin William Gibson	12 December 1946 – 31 March 1949
E.H. Coleman	
Frederick Gordon Bradley	01 April 1949 – 11 June 1953
E.H. Coleman	

Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1950-1966)

Walter E. Harris Laval Fortier	18 January 1950 – 30 June 1954 from 1950
John W. Pickersgill Laval Fortier	1 July 1954 – 21 June 1957
Davie Fulton (acting) Laval Fortier	21 June 1957 – 11 May 1958
Ellen L. Fairclough Laval Fortier George F. Davidson	12 May 1958 – 8 August 1962 to 1959 from 1960
Richard A. Bell George F. Davidson H.M. Jones	9 August 1962 – 22 April 1963 to 1963 from 1963 acting
Guy Favreau H.M. Jones C.M. Isbister	22 April 1963 – 2 February 1964 to 1964 acting from 1963
René Tremblay C.M. Isbister	3 February 1964 – 14 February 1965
John R. Nicholson C.M. Isbister	15 February 1965 – 17 December 1965
Jean Marchand C.M. Isbister Tom Kent	18 December 1965 – 30 September 1966 to 1965 from 1966

Secretaries of State (1966-1970)

Judy LaMarsh G.E.G.E. Steele	16 December 1965 – 19 March 1968 from 1964
John Connolly (Acting Minister) G.E.G.E. Steele	10 April 1968 – 20 April 1968
Jean Marchand G.G.E. Steele Jules Léger	20 April 1968 – 5 July 1968 to 1968 from 1968
Gérard Pelletier Jules Léger	6 July 1968 – 26 November 1972

Minister without portfolio, responsibility for the *Canadian Citizenship Act* (1970-1971)

Robert Stanbury Jules Léger	21 January 1970 – 11 August 1971
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Secretaries of State (1971-1991)

J. Hugh Faulkner Jules Léger Jean Boucher Gerry Rayner André Fortier	27 November 1972 – 13 September 1976 to 1 March 1973 1 March 1973 – May 1975 May 1975 to 11 November 1975 from 24 November 1975
John Roberts André Fortier Pierre Juneau	14 September 1976 – 3 June 1979 to 15 February 1975 from 15 February 1975

David Macdonald Pierre Juneau	4 June 1979 – 2 March 1980
Francis Fox Pierre Juneau Huguette Labelle	3 March 1980 – 21 September 1981 to 1980 from 1980
Gerald Regan Huguette Labelle	22 September 1981 – 5 October 1982
Serge Joyal Huguette Labelle	6 October 1982 – 16 September 1984
Walter F. McLean Huguette Labelle Robert Rabinovitch	17 September 1984 – 19 August 1985 to 1985 from 1985
Benoit Bouchard Robert Rabinovitch	20 August 1985 – 29 June 1986
David Crombie Robert Rabinovitch Jean T. Fournier	30 June 1986 – 30 March 1988 to 1985 from 1985
Lucien Bouchard Jean T. Fournier	31 March 1988 – 29 January 1989
Gerry Weiner Jean T. Fournier	30 January 1989 – 20 April 1991

Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship (1991-1994)

Gerry Weiner Jean T. Fournier	21 April 1991 - 24 June 1993 to 1993 (titled 'deputy minister')
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Minister-Designate of Citizenship (25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993)

Gerry Weiner Marc W. Rochon	25 June 1993 – 3 November 1993 1993 (titled 'deputy minister')
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Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration (1994 – 2008)

Sergio Marchi V. Peter Harder Janice Cochrane	4 November 1993 – 24 January 1996 from 1993 from 1995
Lucienne Robillard Janice Cochrane	25 January 1996 – 2 August 1999
Elinor Caplan Janice Cochrane Michel Dorais	3 August 1999 – 14 January 2002 to 2001 from 2001
Denis Coderre Michel Dorais	15 January 2002 – 11 December 2003
Judy Sgro Michel Dorais Janice Charette	12 December 2003 – 13 January 2005 to 2004 from 2004
Joseph Volpe Janice Charette	14 January 2005 – 5 February 2006
Monte Solberg Janice Charette Richard Fadden	6 February 2006 – 3 January 2007 to 2006 from 2006
Diane Finley Richard Fadden	4 January 2007 – 29 October 2008

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

Jason Kenney
Richard Fadden
Neil Yeates
Chris Alexander
Neil Yeates

30 October 2008 – 14 July 2013
to 2009
from 2009
15 July 2013 – 3 November 2015
to 2013

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

John McCallum
Anita Bigusz
Marta Morgan
Ahmed Hussen
Marta Morgan
Catrina Tapley
Marco Mendicino
Catrina Tapley
Sean Fraser
Catrina Tapley

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