

POLITICAL AND MINISTRY PERSONALITIES

1842 - 1982

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FOREWORD

This table of senior executive and political personnel was compiled as an aid to researchers. The dates of office were obtained from the most reliable source for each historical period. In the case of the Colonial Period, the Journals and records of the colonial legislatures of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, published by the Queen's Printer in 1981, were taken as authoritative. R.E. Gosnell was the source of information for the period from Confederation to 1903, and the Ministry's own records were used to compile the twentieth century portion of the list. The format used was designed to relate to the framework for Forest Service history established in the outline published elsewhere in this series of Working Papers, and thus, it may not be the same as scheme of division of historical periods which have been devised for other purposes.

I. PRE-HISTORY 1842-1911

A. Colonial Period

1. Vancouver Island

- Governor: Richard Blanchard 1849-1851

Sir James Douglas KCB 1851-1864

- Vancouver Island Department of Lands and Works was headed by the "Surveyor-General."
- Surveyor-General:

Joseph D. Pemberton 1861 (exact date unknown, records of 1861-62 session missing or destroyed) - 1863 10 20

Benjamin W. Pearse 1863 10 20 - 1864 03 26

Joseph D. Pemberton 1864 03 31 - 1864 10 03

- Governor: Arthur E. Kennedy 1864-1866

- Surveyor-General:

Benjamin W. Pearse

1864 10 10 - 1866 11 19

2. British Columbia

- Governor: Sir James Douglas KCB 1858-1864

Frederick Seymour 1864-1869

Anthony Musgrave KCMG 1869-1871

- Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

Joseph Trutch 1864 05 14 - 1871 02 21

B. Post-Confederation

- Premier: John F. McCreight 1871-1872

- Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

Benjamin W. Pearse	1871 08 18 - 1871 11 14
Henry Holbrook	1871 11 14 - 1872 01 19
George A. Walkem	1872 01 19 - 1872 12 23

- Premier: Amor de Cosmos 1872-1874
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Robert Bevan 1872 12 23 - 1874 02 09
- Premier: George A. Walkem 1874-1876
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Robert Bevan 1874 02 09 - 1876 02 01
- Premier: Andrew C. Elliott 1876-1878
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Forbes G. Vernon 1876 02 01 - 1878 06 26
- Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
George A. Walkem 1878 06 26 - 1882 06 06
- Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Robert Bevan 1882 06 13 - 1883 01 27
- Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
William Smithe 1883 01 29 - 1887 03 28
- Premier: Alexander E.B. Davie 1887-1889
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Forbes G. Vernon 1887 04 02 - 1889 08 01
- Premier: John Robson 1889-1892
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Forbes G. Vernon 1889 08 01 - 1892 06 29
- Premier: Theodore Davie 1892-1895
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Forbes G. Vernon 1892 06 29 - 1894 11 08
George B. Martin 1894 11 08 - 1895 03 02
- Premier: John H. Turner 1895-1898
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
George B. Martin 1895 03 02 - 1898 08 15
- Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Charles A. Semlin 1898 08 15 - 1899 03 09
- Premier: Charles A. Semlin 1899-1900
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
Francis L. Carter-Cotton
1899 03 09 - 1900 03 01
- Premier: Joseph Martin 1900
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
James S. Yates 1900 03 01 - 1900 06 21

- Premier: James Dunsmuir 1900-1902
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
 - Wilmer C. Wells 1900 06 21 - 1902 11 21
- Premier: Edward G. Prior 1902-1903
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
 - Wilmer C. Wells 1902 11 21 - 1903 06 01
- Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
 - Richard McBride 1903 06 02 - 1903 11 05 (C)
- The McBride government was the first government of B.C. or V.I. to be organized on Party lines. Previous governments had been loose non-partisan coalitions.
- Premier: Richard McBride 1903-1915 (C)
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:
 - Robert F. Green 1903 11 05 - 1906 12 31
 - Robert G. Tatlow 1906 12 31 - 1907 03 07
 - Frederick G. Fulton 1906 03 07 - 1908 12 22
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands:
 - Frederick G. Fulton 1908 12 22 - 1909 11 01
 - Price Ellison 1909 11 01 - 1910 10 10
 - William R. Ross 1910 10 10 - 1915 12 15
- Royal Commission of Inquiry on Timber and Forestry 1909-1910 (Fulton Commission)
 - Chairman: Frederick G. Fulton
 - Commissioner: Arthur S. Goodeve
 - Commissioner: Alfred C. Flumerfelt
 - Secretary: Martin A. Grainger

II. FOUNDING: 1912-1915

- H.R. MACMILLAN C/F (Feb. 1912 - Apr. 1915)
- resigned to go into private business
- appointed Special Trade Commissioner by federal government
 - Premier: Richard McBride 1903-1915 (C)
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands:
 - William R. Ross 1910 10 10 - 1915 12 15

III. EARLY YEARS: 1915-1941

- Struggle, W.W.I, Depression, W.W.II

- M.A. GRAINGER C/F (Apr. 1915 - Oct. 1920)
- resigned to go into private business
 - Premier: Richard McBride 1903 - 1915 (C)
 - Chief Commissioner of Lands:
 - William R. Ross 1910 10 10 - 1915 12 15
 - Premier: William J. Bowser 1915-1916 (C)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - William R. Ross 1915 12 15 - 1916 11 30
 - Premier: Harlan C. Brewster 1916 - 1918 (L)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - Thomas D. Pattullo
1916 11 30 - 1918 03 01
 - Biography in progress, Dr. Robin Fisher of S.F.U.
 - Premier: John Oliver 1918-1927 (L)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - Thomas D. Pattullo
1918 03 01 - 1927 08 17

- P.Z. CAVERHILL C/F (Nov. 1920 - Dec. 1935)
- died in office
 - Premier: John Oliver 1918-1927 (L)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - Thomas D. Pattullo 1918 03 01 - 1927 08 17
 - Premier: John D. MacLean 1927-1928 (L)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - Thomas D. Pattullo 1927 08 17 - 1928 08 20
 - Premier: Simon F. Tolmie 1928-1933 (C)
 - Minister of Lands:
 - Frederick Burden 1928 08 21 - 1930 10 29
 - Nelson S. Lougheed 1930 10 29 - 1933 06 01
 - Canon Joshua Hinchliffe
1933 06 01 - 1933 11 15

- Premier: Thomas D. Pattullo 1933-1941 (L)

- Minister of Lands:

A. Wells Gray 1933 11 15 - 1941 12 09

- E.C. MANNING C/F (Dec. 1935 - Feb. 1941)
- appointed Assistant Timber Controller for the Pacific Coast
- killed in TCA air crash

- Premier: Thomas D. Pattullo 1933-1941 (L)

- Minister of Lands:

A. Wells Gray 1933 11 15 - 1941 12 09

IV. INDUSTRIAL GROWTH: 1941-1973

- C.D. ORCHARD C/F (Feb. 1941 - Aug. 1958)
- appointed Deputy Minister of Forests 1945 (C/F and D/M positions combined 1945-1959)

- Premier: Thomas D. Pattullo 1933-1941 (L)

- Minister of Lands:

A. Wells Gray 1933 11 15 - 1941 12 09

- Premier: John Hart 1941-1947 (Coalition)

- Minister of Lands:

A. Wells Gray 1941 12 09 - 1944 05 15

- died in office

- Premier and Minister of Lands:

John Hart 1944 05 15 - 1944 11 08

- Minister of Lands:

Edward T. Kenney

1944 11 08 - 1945 04 05

- Minister of Lands and Forests:

Edward T. Kenney

1945 04 05 - 1947 12 29

- Commission on Forest Resources 1943-1945
(Sloan Commission)

Commissioner: Gordon McG. Sloan

- Premier: Byron I. Johnson 1947-1952 (Coalition)

- Minister of Lands and Forests:

Edward T. Kenney

1947 12 29 - 1952 08 01

- Premier: William A.C. Bennett 1952-1972 (SC)

- Minister of Lands and Forests:

Robert E. Sommers

1952 08 01 - 1956 02 28

Ray G. Williston

1956 02 28 - 1962 03 30

- Commission on Forest Resources 1956 (Sloan
Commission)

Commissioner: Gordon McG. Sloan

- R.G. MCKEE C/F and Deputy Minister (Sept. 1958 - Mar. 1959)

- C/F and D/M positions separated as of 1959 04 01.

- Premier: William A.C. Bennett 1952-1972 (SC)

- Minister of Lands and Forests:

Ray G. Williston

1956 02 28 - 1962 03 30

- R.G. MCKEE D/M (Apr. 1959 - Jun. 1965)

- retired to assume duties as Chairman of Provincial
Government Purchasing Commission

- F.S. MCKINNON C/F (Apr. 1959 - Jun. 1965)

- appointed D/M

- Premier: William A.C. Bennett 1952-1972 (SC)

- Minister of Lands and Forests:

Ray G. Williston

1956 02 28 - 1962 03 30

- Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources:

Ray G. Williston

1962 03 30 - 1972 08 20

- F.S. MCKINNON D/M (Jul. 1965 - Jul. 1969)
- retired

- L.F. SWANNELL C/F (Jul. 1965 - Aug. 1972)
 - Premier: William A.C. Bennett 1952-1972 (SC)
 - Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources:
 - Ray G. Williston
 - 1962 03 30 - 1972 08 20

- J.S. STOKES D/M (Aug. 1969 - Dec. 1976)
- appointed to Forest Policy Advisory Committee

- I.T. CAMERON C/F (Sep. 1972 - Apr. 1974)
- retired
 - Premier: William A.C. Bennett 1952-1972 (SC)
 - Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources:
 - Ray G. Williston
 - 1962 03 30 - 1972 08 20
 - Premier: David Barrett 1972-1975 (NDP)
 - Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources:
 - Robert A. Williams
 - 1972 08 20 - 1975 12 11

V. PREPARATION FOR CHANGE: 1974-1981

- J.S. STOKES D/M (Aug. 1969 - Dec. 1976)
- appointed to Forest Policy Advisory Committee
- retired

- E.L. YOUNG C/F (May 1974 - May 1978)
- acting D/M Jan. 1977 - June 1978
- Special Forestry Advisor May 1978 - July 1978
- retired
 - Premier: David Barrett 1972-1975 (NDP)
 - Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources:
 - Robert A. Williams
 - 1972 08 20 - 1975 12 11

- Premier: William R. Bennett 1975-present (SC)

- Minister of Forests:

Thomas M. Waterland 1975 12 11 -
present

- Royal Commission on Forest Resources 1976
(Pearse Commission)

Commissioner: Peter H. Pearse

- E.L. YOUNG Chief Executive Officer and Acting D/M
(Jan. 1977 - June 1978)
- Special Forestry Advisor May 1978 - July 1978
- retired

- T.M. APSEY D/M (July 1978 - present)

- R.W. ROBBINS Acting C/F (May 1978- July 1978)
- Assistant Deputy Minister (Operations) Aug. 1978 - present

- W. YOUNG C/F (Aug. 1978 - present)