

DISTRICT OF GASPE

From the very beginning of the establishment of Royal Military Government by the English in Canada in 1764, the importance which England attributed to Gaspé on account of its geographic situation and the enthusiastic reports of Wolfe and his officers (Bell, Amherst and Wolfe himself, whose journal and correspondence are extant) was the reason for setting it up as a separate district under the name "District of Gaspé" with a Lieutenant Governor at its head. The first one, who seems never to have made an actual appearance in the "District", was a certain Elliott, assisted in his judicial administration by justices of the peace, whose names if indeed there really were any have become lost in the dust of forgetfulness.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS 1777 To 1833

At the time of the abolition of Royal Government in 1774 and of the repeal of the laws and ordinances promulgated under its authority, Gaspé retained its prerogative. The first Lieutenant Governor under the new regime was Nicholas Cox, who had served as an officer under Wolfe at the sieges of Louisburg and Quebec. He had also taken part in the defence of Quebec against the Americans in 1776 as a staff-officer to Lord Dorchester.

Cox arrived in Gaspé in the spring of 1777. His residence was to be established at Gaspé. In actual fact, probably because of the greater importance of Percé at that time, it was at this latter place that he took up residence, alternating occasionally with New Carlisle. He set himself immediately to the taking of the census, the settlement of the Loyalists, the defence of the coast against American pirates, as well as to intercessions and measures in favour of the inhabitants who were in his charge. Cox seems to have spared neither his time nor his pains to secure solid

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foundations for this Gaspesian district, He did all this, it seems, in a spirit of justice and discipline, which won for him the affection of all. His salary was a thousand pounds per year " and a few other considerations"

Cox having retired and obtained his pension in 1788 (he died in 1794 after having served his king loyally for fifty-two years) and the new Constitutional Government, having retained for Gaspé its former privilege even though it applied the term county to what had been called the District of Gaspé up to that time, Colonel Frances Le Maistre succeeded him. The new Lieutenant-Governor's commission is dated the fourth of September, 1794. Adjutant-General of Militia for Quebec, Le Maistre too settled in Percé. Did he accomplish anything there? There is nothing to indicate that he did. In fact there is only one ordinance signed in his hand dated from Percé, but addressed to the Chief of the Indians at Restigouche. At the same time as his death was announced in 1805 the official Gazette gave notice of the sale by auction for his furniture, the fourth of June, and of his property the following twenty-eighth of November.

The third and last Lieutenant-Governor of Gaspé, Alexander Forbes, was the captain of a schooner. Having neither Cox's sense of duty, nor even Le Maistre's love of home, Forbes was soon considered by the Provincial Exchequer as a useless bureaucrat and his job as a pure sinecure at a time when there were many others to be provided for elsewhere.

From 1821 to 1833 a dispute broke out between the Assembly and the Governor. The latter insisted on maintaining the position and salary of Lieutenant-Governor whereas the Assembly reduced the salary to three hundred pounds, then to two hundred pounds,

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And finally refused to place the incumbent on the Civil List. In 1833 everything was straightened out. The Assembly agreed to pay the Arreas due to Forbes and to assure him a pension, but definitely abolished the Position of Lieutenant - Governor of Gaspe.

Quebec Administrators 1867 - 1958

Lieutenant -Góvernors

Sir Narcisse F. Belleau -----	1867 -- 1873
Hon. Rene Edouard Caron -----	1873 -- 1876
H on. Luc Letellier de ST Just -----	1876 -- 1879
Hon. Theodore Robitaille -----	1879 -- 1884
Hon. L. F. Rodrigue Masson -----	1884 -- 1887
Hon. Auguste Real Angers -----	1887 -- 1892
Sir J. Adolphe Chapleay -----	1892 -- 1898
Sir Louis A. Jette -----	1898 -- 1908
Sir C. A. Pantaleon Pelletier -----	1908 -- 1911
Sir Francois Langelier -----	1911 -- 1915
Sir P. Evariste Leblanc -----	1915 -- 1918
Sir Charles Fitzpaterick -----	1918 -- 1923
Hon. Louis Phillippe Brodeur -----	1923 -- 1924
H on. Narcisse Pérodeau -----	1924 -- 1929
Sir Lomer Gouin -----	1929 -- 1929
Hon. Henry George Carroll -----	1929 -- 1934
Hon. E. L. Patenaude -----	1934 -- 1939
Sir Eugene Fiset -----	1939 -- 1950
Hon. Gaspard Fauteux -----	1950 -- 1950
Hon. Onesime Gagnon -----	1957 --

PRIME MINISTERS

- 1. Chauveau (Hon. Pierre J.O.) CONS ----- Elected, July 15, 1867 -- 1873
- 2. Ouimet (Hon. Gedeon) CONS ----- Elected, February 27, 1873 -- 1874
- 3. Boucherville (Hon. Charles Boucher) CONS ----- Elected September 22, 1874 -- 1878
- 4. Joly (Hon. Henri B.) Lib ----- Elected March 8, 1878 -- 1879
- 5. Chapleau (Hon. J. Adolphe) CONS ----- Elected October 31, 1879 -- 1882
- 6. Mousseau (Hon. J. Alfred) CONS ----- Elected August 1, 1882 -- 1884
- 7. Ross (Hon. John James) CONS ----- Elected January 23, 1884 -- 1887
- 8. Taillon (Hon. L. Olivier) CONS ----- Elected January 13, 1887 -- 1887
- 9. Mercier (Hon. Honore) Lib ----- Elected January 29, 1887 -- 1891
- 10. Boucherville (Hon. Charles Boucher) CONS ----- Elected December 21, 1891 -- 1892
- 11. Taillon (Hon. L. Olivier) CONS ----- Elected December 16, 1892 -- 1896
- 12. Flynn (Hon. Edmund J.) CONS ----- Elected May 11 1896 -- 1897
- 13. Marchand (Hon. F. Gabriel) Lib ----- Elected May 24 1897 -- 1900
- 14. Parent (Hon. S. Napoleon) Lib ----- Elected October 3, 1900 -- 1905
- 15. Gouin (Hon. Sir Lomer) Lib ----- Elected March 23, 1905 -- 1920
- 16. Taschereau (Hon. L. Alexander) Lib ----- Elected July 9, 1920 -- 1936
- 17. Godbout (Hon. Adelard L.) ----- Elected June 11, 1936 -- 1936
- 18. Duplessis (Hon. Maurice E.) N.U. ----- Elected August 24, 1936 -- 1939
- 19. Godbout (Hon. Alclard, N.U.) ----- Elected November 8, 1939 -- 1944
- 20. Duplessis (Hon. Maurice N.U.) ----- Elected August 30, 1944

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

THE HONOURABLE MAURICE Le NOBLET DUPLESSIS

PREMIER OF QUEBEC

The Honourable Maurice LeNoblet Duplessie, B.A., LL.B.; LL.D., legislator; Was born on April 20th. 1890 in Three Rivers Quebec. Son of the Honourable H.L. Duplessie (Judge) and Berth Genest.

Educated at local schools and graduated from Laval University with B.A., LL.B., and LL.D. Degrees. He also holds Honoray LL.D.'s from Bishops University and the University de Caen, France.

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Premier of Quebec since 1944 . Partner in the legal firm Duplessis, Langlois and Lamothe, Three Rivers. Defeated candidate in the Quebec Legislature for Three Rivers in the General election in 1923. First elected to the Quebec Legislature for that constituency in the general election in 1927, and re elected at subsequent general elections.

Chosen leader of the Provincial Conservative Party in Quebec in October 1933. Formed the National Union Party in 1936. Premier, President of the Council and Attorney General of Quebec 1936 - 39 opposition leader of Quebec 1939 - 44. Awarded Great Cross of Order of Liberator San Martin (Argentina). He is single a Roman Catholic and his Residence is at 227 Laviolette Ave. Three Rivers Quebec.

MEMBERS FOR THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF COMMONS OF QUEBEC FOR GASPE COUNTY
SINCE 1867.

Fortin Pierre	<u>C. N. S.</u>	Elected September 23rd 1867 -- 1878
Flynn Edmund James	<u>C. N. S.</u>	Elected April 29th 1878 -- 1890
Carrier Achille Ferdinand		Elected July 12th 1890 -- 1892
Flynn The Hon. Edmond James	<u>C. N. S.</u>	Elected March 8th 1892 -- 1901
Kennedy Xavier		Elected January 5th 1901 -- 1904
Lemieux, Louis Joseph	<u>L. b.</u>	Elected November 28th 1904 -- 1910
Perron, Joseph Leonide	<u>L. b.</u>	Elected February 29th 1910 -- 1912
Lemieux Gustave	<u>L. b.</u>	Elected May 27th 1912 -- 1931

Gaspe South

Chouinard, A. (L)		Elected August 17th 1931 -- 1936
Pouliot, E. (U.N.)		Elected August 17th 1936

Appointed Minister of games & fisheries August 30th, 1944.