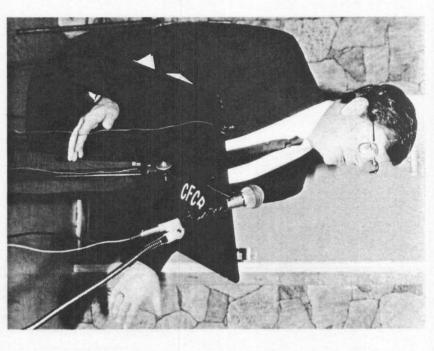
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The son of railroad worker Ralph Wells and his wife, Maude (Kirby) Wells, Premier Clyde Wells was born in Buchans Junction and raised in Stephenville Crossing. He first went to work at age fifteen to finance his university education, graduating from Memorial University in 1959 and Dalhousie University Law School in 1962. He was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1963 and the Bar of Newfoundland in 1964. He began his practice of law in the city of Corner Brook.

Clyde Wells first entered public life in 1966 when he was elected as MHA for the district of Humber East and became, as Minister of Labour, the youngest cabinet minister in the Province's history. In 1968, he resigned from cabinet on a point of principle to sit as an Independent Liberal and in 1971 he returned to private practice as a lawyer in Corner Brook.

As a senior partner with the law firm of Wells and Company, Clyde Wells was widely recognized as one of the finest

Advance Polls April 28th and 29th 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Polls Open Election Day 8:00 am - 8:00 pm corporate lawyers in Canada. Before responding to the 1987 leadership draft call of the Liberal Party, he was Chairman of the Board of Newfoundland Light and Power and a director of Humber Valley Broadcasting Company Limited. He was elected to the House in December 1987.

When the provincial election was called in April 1989, Clyde Wells and the Liberal Party waged a vigorous campaign that ended seventeen years of Tory administration. On May 5, 1989, Clyde Wells became Newfoundland's fifth Premier since Confederation and leader of the first Liberal government in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1972.

Clyde Wells is married to the former Eleanor Bishop, daughter of Arthur and Daisy Bishop of

Stephenville Crossing. Clyde and Eleanor raised their children, Mark, Heidi and David in Corner Brook and are now grandparents.



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I am proud to present the record, the policies, and the candidates of the Liberal Party to the

people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the past four years, despite the challenges of severe economic times, we have laid the foundation for a bright and prosperous future. We have put the Province and its people in a strong position to take advantage of the economic opportunities that will come with the end of the recession and improvement in the fishery.

There are unmistakable signs that the economy is improving in Canada. There are similar signs here in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the latest employment figures show significant improvement despite the impact of the fishery moratorium.

While we must still exercise restraint for the short term, it is clear that we have followed the right course and we have turned the corner at last. It is critical now that we work together to stay the course, meet the challenges and ensure the future of this Province and our people.

Clyde Wells

Working Together...

The past three years have been a time of testing for the Government and people of Newfoundland and Labrador. The effects of the worst international economic recession since the dark days of the 1930s, worsened by the severe reduction in federal transfer payments and the loss of our basic resource industry - the northern cod fishery - have created economic and social challenges unequalled in the past half-century.

We have met these challenges. The Liberal Government has provided

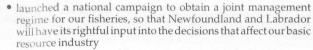
strong leadership, even when difficult and unpopular decisions had to be made. We have performed better than many of our sister provinces through the recession, and proportionately better than the nation as a whole. And the people of this Province have once again demonstrated the qualities of strength, courage, resourcefulness and initiative that have sustained us in tough times throughout our history. They have persevered through this period of sacrifice and restraint, and they have emerged stronger than ever.

The future for Newfoundland and Labrador is bright and strong. The Liberal Government has laid the foundation for that future even in the face of recession, and a renewed mandate will ensure that the initiatives that have begun will now be implemented fully.

We are proud of our record. We have:

- brought public finances under control and safeguarded the Province's credit rating and its ability to borrow
- developed, in consultation with the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Province's first long term Strategic Economic Plan, which now forms the basis of joint federal-provincial initiatives for economic recovery. Many of the 134 action items in the economic strategy have already been implemented, and others are in various stages of implementation
- · provided financial and business development services to the private sector in every region of the Province through the decentralized structure of Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador. This has resulted in the creation of 2,854 new jobs and the maintenance of an additional 5,074 jobs that would otherwise have been lost





• initiated tax reforms, including the abolition of the unfair school tax and the reduction of taxes for small business and manufacturing enterprises

· reduced the size of government at the political and bureaucratic levels from 23 ministries and departments to 15, and improved services to the public

- increased funding of essential services in health care and
- acted to save the teachers' pension plan and the Workers' Compensation program, both of which were headed for bankruptcy by 1998
- implemented important political reforms through such initiatives as the new Elections Act and a new Conflict of Interest Act
- commenced the development of a Strategic Social Plan to provide an integrated approach to our social challenges for the first time in our history

The Liberal Government has confidence in the future of this Province. We know that the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, working together, will continue to

meet the challenges of the present, and will go from strength to strength in building a future that will not be mortgaged to the problems of the past.





