

in the House of Commons, it designates which of the major parties becomes the Official Opposition. The function of the Leader of the Opposition is to offer intelligent and constructive criticism of the government of the day.

When criticism by the Opposition becomes sufficiently effective it can overthrow the existing government and the Leader of the Opposition might then, as a result of the ensuing election, become Prime Minister.

Although the position of Leader of the Opposition is not recognized in the British North America Act, it received statutory acknowledgment in Canada in 1927. The Senate and House of Commons Act of that year provided for an annual salary to be paid to the Leader of the Opposition in addition to his indemnity as a Member of the House. (See pp. 59-60.)

**9.—Electoral Districts, Voters on List and Votes Polled, Names and Addresses of Members of the House of Commons, as Elected at the Twenty-First General Election, June 27, 1949, and Revised to Mar. 31, 1952.**

Speaker..... The Hon. W. ROSS MACDONALD  
 Clerk of the House..... LEON J. RAYMOND  
 Leader of the Opposition..... GEORGE A. DREW

NOTE.—This information, except the population of constituencies, has been supplied by the Chief Electoral Officer, Ottawa. Party affiliations are unofficial. The vote is summarized by provinces in Table 11, p. 61. The leaders of the political parties are indicated by asterisks(\*). For Parliamentary Assistants see p. 47.

Province and Electoral District	Population, Census 1941	Voters on List	Total Votes Polled	Votes Polled by Member <sup>1</sup>	Name of Member <sup>1</sup>	P.O. Address	Party Affiliation
	No.	No.	No.	No.			
<b>Newfoundland—<sup>2</sup></b> (7 members)							
Bonavista- Twillingate.....	43,912	24,411	11,209	9,744	Hon. F. G. BRADLEY	Ottawa.....	Lib.
Burin-Burgeo.....	41,395	21,870	13,691	12,590	C. W. CARTER.....	St. John's.....	Lib.
Grand Falls - White Bay.....	44,627	27,592	14,247	12,301	T. G. W. ASHBOURNE	Twillingate.....	Lib.
Humber - St. George's.....	41,143	23,683	13,461	11,930	W. R. KENT.....	Corner Brook...	Lib.
St. John's East.....	48,811	27,894	18,170	9,912	G. F. HIGGINS.....	St. John's.....	P.C.
St. John's West.....	49,788	29,531	20,291	10,344	W. J. BROWNE.....	St. John's.....	P.C.
Trinity-Conception..	52,143	27,458	14,121	10,929	L. T. STICK.....	Bay Roberts...	Lib.
<b>P. E. Island—</b> (4 members)							
Kings.....	19,415	11,078	9,626	5,079	T. J. KICKHAM.....	Souris.....	Lib.
Prince.....	34,490	19,189	17,140	8,007	J. W. MACNAUGHT..	Summerside....	Lib.
Queens <sup>3</sup> .....	41,142	25,505	41,627	{10,657 10,652	W. C. S. MCLURE... J. L. DOUGLAS <sup>4</sup> ....	Charlottetown... Charlottetown..	P.C. Lib.

<sup>1</sup> Successful candidate.      <sup>2</sup> Population figures based on the 1945 Census of Newfoundland.  
<sup>3</sup> Each elector could vote for two candidates.      <sup>4</sup> Died Sept. 30, 1950, see Table 10 for by-election.