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<i>Member Elected</i>	<i>Election Date</i>	<i>Party Elected</i>
Porter, Garnet C. (Chuck)	08-Oct-2013	Progressive Conservative
	<i>Majority:</i> (1189)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Porter, Garnet C.	Progressive Conservative	4468
O'Hara, Claude	Liberal	3279
Stephens, Brian D.	New Democratic Party	888
Buzek, Torin	Green Party	169

Porter, Garnet C. (Chuck)	09-Jun-2009	Progressive Conservative
	<i>Majority:</i> (299)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Porter, Garnet C.	Progressive Conservative	3364
Lunn, Paula	Liberal	3065
Gallagher, Barbara	New Democratic Party	2401
Richardson, Sheila G.	Green Party	204

Porter, Garnet C. (Chuck)	13-Jun-2006	Progressive Conservative
	<i>Majority:</i> (45)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Porter, Garnet C.	Progressive Conservative	2974
Lunn, Paula	Liberal	2921
Bennett, Sean	New Democratic Party	2486
Schurman, Sam	Green Party	206

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Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 05-Aug-2003 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (1671)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	3871
Bennett, Sean	New Democratic Party	2200
Matheson, Randy	Liberal	2118
Anthony, Chummy	Marijuana Party	148
Brauer, Connie	Nova Scotia Party	51

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 27-Jul-1999 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (3261)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	5276
Robertson, Joe	Liberal	2015
Terfry, Dick	New Democratic Party	1764

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 24-Mar-1998 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (1911)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	4507
Bowes, Debbi	Liberal	2596
Harvey, Dana	New Democratic Party	2390

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 25-May-1993 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (46)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	4152
Doyle, Mike	Liberal	4106
Harvey, Dana	New Democratic Party	1881
McKay, Donald L.	Independent	136

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 06-Sep-1988 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (2262)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	5091
Ross, Donzell A.	Liberal	2829
Reid, Penny	New Democratic Party	1715

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Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 06-Nov-1984 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (2099)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	4634
Lindsay, Dewer	Liberal	2535
Squires, Alan St. C.	New Democratic Party	1158

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 06-Oct-1981 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (1893)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	4554
McGrath, Daniel J.	Liberal	2661
Squires, Alan St. C.	New Democratic Party	1626

Russell, Ronald S. (Ron) 19-Sep-1978 Progressive Conservative

Majority: (1387)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	4872
Lindsay, Robert D.	Liberal	3485
Shiers, Bill	New Democratic Party	795

Lindsay, Robert D. 02-Apr-1974 Liberal

Majority: (441)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Lindsay, Robert D.	Liberal	4148
Russell, Ronald S.	Progressive Conservative	3707
Tonks, Gary E.	New Democratic Party	774

Lindsay, Robert D. 13-Oct-1970 Liberal

Majority: (266)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Lindsay, Robert D.	Liberal	3974
Spence, Norman Tremaine	Progressive Conservative	3708

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**Spence, Norman
Tremaine**

30-May-1967

Progressive Conservative

Majority: (284)

Candidate

Spence, Norman Tremaine
Lindsay, Robert D.

Party

Progressive Conservative
Liberal

Votes

3765
3481

**Spence, Norman
Tremaine**

08-Oct-1963

Progressive Conservative

Majority: (1353)

Candidate

Spence, Norman Tremaine
Spicer, W. Whitney
Benedict, Arthur

Party

Progressive Conservative
Liberal
New Democratic Party

Votes

4193
2840
171

Wilson, George Henry

07-Jun-1960

Progressive Conservative

Majority: (211)

Candidate

Wilson, George Henry
Regan, Gerald Augustine
Wile, Howard B.

Party

Progressive Conservative
Liberal
CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth
Federation)

Votes

3623
3412
319

Wilson, George Henry

30-Oct-1956

Progressive Conservative

Majority: (105)

Candidate

Wilson, George Henry
Regan, Gerald Augustine
Loomer, Ralph

Party

Progressive Conservative
Liberal
CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth
Federation)

Votes

3405
3300
214

Wilson, George Henry

26-May-1953

Progressive Conservative

Majority: (488)

Candidate

Wilson, George Henry
Eisner, Ken

Party

Progressive Conservative
Liberal

Votes

3608
3120

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Wilson, George Henry 27-Nov-1950 (By-election) Progressive Conservative

Majority: (806)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Wilson, George Henry	Progressive Conservative	3698
Dunlop, William C.	Liberal	2892

Cole, George Benjamin 09-Jun-1949 Liberal

Majority: (1)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Cole, George Benjamin	Liberal	2530
Wilson, George Henry	Progressive Conservative	1529
Crossley, Gordon B.	Independent	749
Loomer, Ralph	CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth Federation)	569

There was some confusion over the election, which was declared void by the Supreme Court of N.S., and the seat vacated on March 22, 1950.

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MacLellan, Robert Augustus	23-Oct-1945	Liberal
	<i>Majority:</i> (1757)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacLellan, Robert Augustus	Liberal	4951
Murray, Norman Dudley	Progressive Conservative	3194
Scott, Frederick C. G.	CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth Federation)	1256

MacMillan, Alexander Stirling	28-Oct-1941	Liberal
	<i>Majority:</i> (1279)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacMillan, Alexander Stirling	Liberal	4871
Blanchard, Norman Dexter	Progressive Conservative	3592

MacMillan, Alexander Stirling	29-Jun-1937	Liberal
	<i>Majority:</i> (1009)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacMillan, Alexander Sterling	Liberal	5590
Fraser, Leonard W.	Progressive Conservative	4581

MacMillan, Alexander Stirling	22-Aug-1933	Liberal
	<i>Majority:</i> (725)	
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacMillan, Alexander Sterling	Liberal	5328
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	4603

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Rhodes, Edgar Nelson **01-Oct-1928** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (185)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	4087
Rhodes, Edgar Nelson	Liberal Conservative	4008
Reid, James William	Liberal	3823
Gass, Robert	Liberal	3528

Rhodes resigned August 11, 1930 to become federal Minister of Fisheries.

Parsons, Albert E. **01-Oct-1928** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (264)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	4087
Rhodes, Edgar Nelson	Liberal Conservative	4008
Reid, James William	Liberal	3823
Gass, Robert	Liberal	3528

Rhodes resigned August 11, 1930 to become federal Minister of Fisheries.

Rhodes, Edgar Nelson **01-Aug-1925 (By-election)** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (Acclamation)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Rhodes, Edgar Nelson	Liberal Conservative	0

Rhodes was appointed Premier and Provincial Secretary. He won the required by-election by acclamation.

Rhodes, Edgar Nelson **25-Jun-1925** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (1498)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	4806
Rhodes, Edgar Nelson	Liberal Conservative	4573
Reid, James William	Liberal	3075
Forsyth, Lionel A.	Liberal	2860

Parsons, Albert E. **25-Jun-1925** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (1731)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	4806
Rhodes, Edgar Nelson	Liberal Conservative	4573
Reid, James William	Liberal	3075
Forsyth, Lionel A.	Liberal	2860

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Reid, James William **27-Jul-1920** **Liberal**

Majority: (952)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Reid, James William	Liberal	3035
MacDonald, John Alexander (2)	Farmers' Party	2179
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2083
Aylword, Walter J.	Farmers' Party	1594
Davison, Wiley V.	Labour	998

MacDonald, John Alexander (2) **27-Jul-1920** **Farmers' Party**

Majority: (96)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Reid, James William	Liberal	3035
MacDonald, John Alexander (2)	Farmers' Party	2179
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2083
Aylword, Walter J.	Farmers' Party	1594
Davison, Wiley V.	Labour	998

Reid, James William **20-Jun-1916** **Liberal**

Majority: (10)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2142
Reid, James William	Liberal	2051
Sangster, Herbert W.	Liberal Conservative	2041
Fulmer, Burchell B.	Liberal	1929

Parsons, Albert E. **20-Jun-1916** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (101)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2142
Reid, James William	Liberal	2051
Sangster, Herbert W.	Liberal Conservative	2041
Fulmer, Burchell B.	Liberal	1929

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Reid, James William **14-Jun-1911** **Liberal**

Majority: (60)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2303
Reid, James William	Liberal	2066
Fielding, P. M.	Liberal Conservative	2006
Wilson, George	Liberal	1809

Parsons, Albert E. **14-Jun-1911** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (297)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	2303
Reid, James William	Liberal	2066
Fielding, P. M.	Liberal Conservative	2006
Wilson, George	Liberal	1809

Parsons, Albert E. **24-Nov-1909 (By-election)** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (83)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Parsons, Albert E.	Liberal Conservative	1921
Christie, Medford	Liberal	1838

O'Brien, James **17-Jul-1907 (By-election)** **Liberal**

Majority: (147)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
O'Brien, James	Liberal	2030
O'Brien, Everett A.	Liberal Conservative	1883

Wilcox, Charles Smith **20-Jun-1906** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (59)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1934
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1859
O'Brien, E. A.	Liberal Conservative	1800
McHeffey, Francis Parker	Liberal	1792

Drysdale resigned March 13, 1907. He was replaced by James O'Brien.
Wilcox died October 10, 1909. He was replaced by Albert Parsons.

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Drysdale, Arthur **20-Jun-1906** **Liberal**

Majority: (134)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1934
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1859
O'Brien, E. A.	Liberal Conservative	1800
McHeffey, Francis Parker	Liberal	1792

Drysdale resigned March 13, 1907. He was replaced by James O'Brien.
Wilcox died October 10, 1909. He was replaced by Albert Parsons.

McHeffey, Francis Parker **02-Oct-1901** **Liberal**

Majority: (295)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	2092
McHeffey, Francis Parker	Liberal	1914
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1619
Sanford, A. S.	Liberal Conservative	1458

Drysdale, Arthur **02-Oct-1901** **Liberal**

Majority: (473)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	2092
McHeffey, Francis Parker	Liberal	1914
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1619
Sanford, A. S.	Liberal Conservative	1458

Wilcox, Charles Smith **20-Apr-1897** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (29)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1839
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1746
Thompson, James A.	Liberal Conservative	1717
Douglas, William McD	Liberal	1707

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Drysdale, Arthur **20-Apr-1897** **Liberal**

Majority: (122)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1839
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1746
Thompson, James A.	Liberal Conservative	1717
Douglas, William McD	Liberal	1707

Wilcox, Charles Smith **15-Mar-1894** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (44)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1733
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1706
Thompson, Evan	Liberal Conservative	1689
Guild, W. H.	Liberal	1644

Drysdale, Arthur **15-Mar-1894** **liberal**

Majority: (17)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Wilcox, Charles Smith	Liberal Conservative	1733
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1706
Thompson, Evan	Liberal Conservative	1689
Guild, W. H.	Liberal	1644

Drysdale, Arthur **05-Mar-1891 (By-election)** **Liberal**

Majority: (12)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Drysdale, Arthur	Liberal	1862
McDougall, Adam	Liberal Conservative	1850

Smith, Thomas Barlow **21-May-1890** **Liberal Conservative**

Majority: (38)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal Conservative	1698
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1661
McDougall, Adam	Liberal Conservative	1660
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1552

Haley resigned February 25, 1891 before the House met to contest the federal general election. He was replaced by Arthur Drysdale.

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Haley, Allen

21-May-1890

Liberal

Majority: (1)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal Conservative	1698
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1661
McDougall, Adam	Liberal Conservative	1660
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1552

Haley resigned February 25, 1891 before the House met to contest the federal general election. He was replaced by Arthur Drysdale.

Haley, Allen

15-Jun-1886

Liberal

Majority: (44)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1552
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1522
McDougall, Allan	Liberal Conservative	1508
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1505

Frame, Archibald

15-Jun-1886

Liberal

Majority: (14)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1552
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1522
McDougall, Allan	Liberal Conservative	1508
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1505

Spence, Nathaniel David

20-Jun-1882

Liberal Conservative

Majority: (7)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1261
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1236
Creelman, F. S.	Liberal Conservative	1229
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1209

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Haley, Allen

20-Jun-1882

Liberal

Majority: (32)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Haley, Allen	Liberal	1261
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1236
Creelman, F. S.	Liberal Conservative	1229
Frame, Archibald	Liberal	1209

Spence, Nathaniel David

17-Sep-1878

Liberal Conservative

Majority: (156)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1621
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1507
Creelman, F. S.	Liberal Conservative	1465
Laurence, William Dawson	Liberal	1298

Smith, Thomas Barlow

17-Sep-1878

Liberal

Majority: (42)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1621
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1507
Creelman, F. S.	Liberal Conservative	1465
Laurence, William Dawson	Liberal	1298

Putnam, Alfred

17-Dec-1874

Liberal Conservative

Majority: (75)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Allison, William Henry	Liberal Conservative	1463
Putnam, Alfred	Liberal Conservative	1409
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1332

Allison, William Henry

17-Dec-1874

Liberal Conservative

Majority: (131)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Allison, William Henry	Liberal Conservative	1463
Putnam, Alfred	Liberal Conservative	1409
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1332

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Yeomans, Henry L 10-Mar-1874 (By-election) Liberal

Majority: (Acclamation)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1455
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1312
Yeomans, Henry L	Liberal	0

There were two by-elections held. The first on March 4, 1874 brought Smith to office. He defeated Spence. The second saw Yeomans acclaimed on nomination day March 12, 1874.

Smith, Thomas Barlow 10-Mar-1874 (By-election) Liberal

Majority: (143)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Smith, Thomas Barlow	Liberal	1455
Spence, Nathaniel David	Liberal Conservative	1312
Yeomans, Henry L	Liberal	0

There were two by-elections held. The first on March 4, 1874 brought Smith to office. He defeated Spence. The second saw Yeomans acclaimed on nomination day March 12, 1874.

McDougall, William 16-May-1871 Liberal Conservative

Majority: (147)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Allison, William Henry	Liberal Conservative	1446
McDougall, William	Liberal Conservative	1396
Curry, Frederick	Liberal	1249
Lawrence, William Dawson	Liberal	1183

McDougall resigned around February 16, 1874. He was replaced by Henry Yeomans.
Allison resigned to contest the federal general election. He was replaced by Thomas B. Smith.

Allison, William Henry 16-May-1871 Liberal Conservative

Majority: (197)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Allison, William Henry	Liberal Conservative	1446
McDougall, William	Liberal Conservative	1396
Curry, Frederick	Liberal	1249
Lawrence, William Dawson	Liberal	1183

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Young, Elkanah

18-Sep-1867

Anti-Confederate

Majority: (558)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Lawrence, William Dawson	Anti-Confederate	1529
Young, Elkanah	Anti-Confederate	1479
Parker	Confederate	921
McDougall, William	Confederate	904

**Lawrence, William
Dawson**

18-Sep-1867

Anti-Confederate

Majority: (608)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Lawrence, William Dawson	Anti-Confederate	1529
Young, Elkanah	Anti-Confederate	1479
Parker	Confederate	921
McDougall, William	Confederate	904
