

THE ISLAND WELCOMES JOHN DIEFENBAKER

Every fair-minded citizen of the Atlantic Provinces will agree that the Diefenbaker Government has done more for the people of this area than any government has done since Confederation in a comparable period.

The independent press of the Maritime Provinces have had this to say about the progressive policies of the Diefenbaker Government.

The Daily Gleaner, Fredericton. For our part, we believe that we represent the very great majority of the people of this province in accepting gratefully and joyously these first earnest of the Federal Government's determination to carry out its pledges to raise the standard of life in the Atlantic Provinces and to make them fairly comparable with those existing elsewhere.

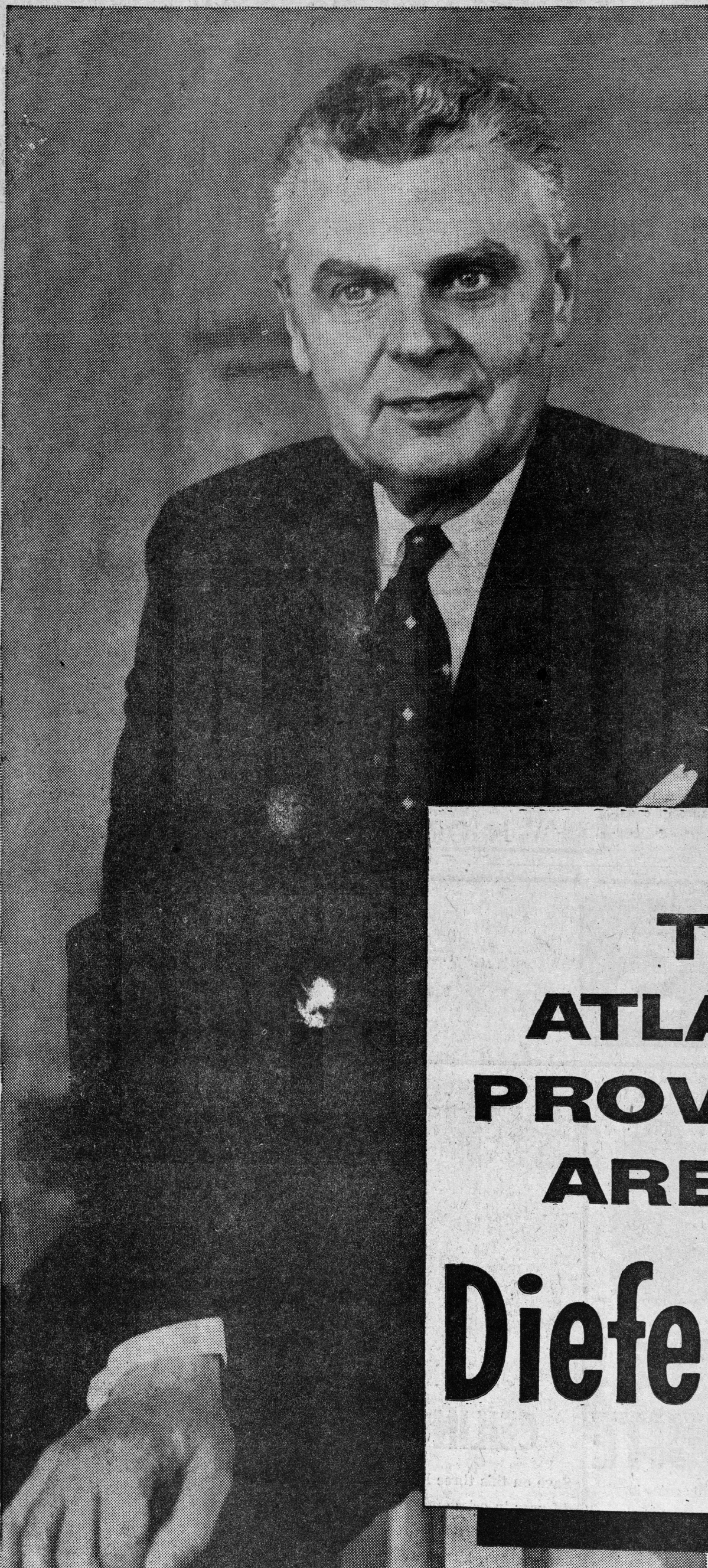
Charlottetown Guardian. It's been a long time since Canada had a more active government or one which believed more strongly in following up promises with deeds.

The Moncton Times. That the governing authority in Ottawa has shown full realization of the not-so-robust economic position of the Maritimes by initiating with alacrity first-phase, concrete action designed to eventually remedy the situation, is a most encouraging forward step towards attaining the real highway to progress and more prosperous times.

The Daily Gleaner, Fredericton. By his measures in support of the Maritime economy, Mr. Diefenbaker has given evidence of his intentions. He has already carried out his election pledges to provide electric power and transmission with an initial expenditure of \$25 million; he has financed Beechwood with a loan of \$30 million; he has provided a scheme of increased coal subsidies at an estimated \$1,700,000 a year; and he has revised the tax-rental agreement on an interim basis to give New Brunswick a further \$10 million a year. Bold measures, these. Now he seeks a new mandate to enable him to reorganize the economic potential of the poorer provinces on a permanent basis.

Governments in the past have been accused of unduly postponing important decisions and actions and using protracted conferences to that end. We have now a government which evidently prefers action to talk.

Halifax Chronicle Herald. The list of measures adopted by the government since last June which have brought extra benefits to these provinces is not a short one. Over many years, this newspaper has regarded John Diefenbaker as a parliamentarian with special understanding of and sympathy for the problems of the Maritimes and we have said so repeatedly in these columns. As a member of the Opposition in Ottawa, he spoke strongly on our behalf. As Prime Minister of Canada, and in a position to act, his deeds have been fully consistent with his words of the past.



- Program covering Visit of Prime Minister Hon. John Diefenbaker—
- Arrive Summerside 1:15 p.m., February 27
- Luncheon after arrival.
- Public meeting 3 p.m. Capitol Theatre, Summerside.
- Leave Summerside for Charlottetown by 4 p.m.
- Arrive Charlottetown Hotel 5:15 p.m.
- Leave Charlottetown Hotel for Rollaway 8 p.m.
- Opening public meeting, Rollaway, 9 p.m.
- Address by Prime Minister 9:30 p.m.
- Leave Charlottetown Hotel Friday, February 28th, at 9 a.m. for Airport.
- Depart Charlottetown Airport 10 a.m.

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VOTE Progressive Conservative on March 31st