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James Harper Prowse

(1913-1976)

James Harper Prowse was born on July 2, 1913 in Taber, Alberta. He completed his post secondary education in law at the University of Alberta.

In 1940, Prowse enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army. He served five years overseas during the Second World War, obtaining the rank of Captain, but his career in the army ended after he was elected to the Alberta Legislature in the 1945 Service Man Vote.

Prowse sat as an Independent in the legislature and returned to his home in Edmonton. During this period, he became a journalist with the Edmonton Bulletin.

In April of 1947, Prowse joined the Liberal party, and in June, he was appointed as the Liberal leader. When the Service Man Vote was abolished after the Second World War, Prowse ran for a seat in the Edmonton electoral district for the 1948 Alberta general election. From 1948 until his final term in 1955, Prowse allowed the Liberal party to break through in provincial politics.

Prowse was appointed to the Canadian Senate by Prime Minister Lester Pearson in 1967. During this time, he sat on a number of Committees, including Standing Committees on Immigration and Labour, Agriculture, Legal and Constitutional Affairs, National Resources, Penitentiaries, and many others.

James Harper Prowse represented Edmonton until his death on September 27, 1976.



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