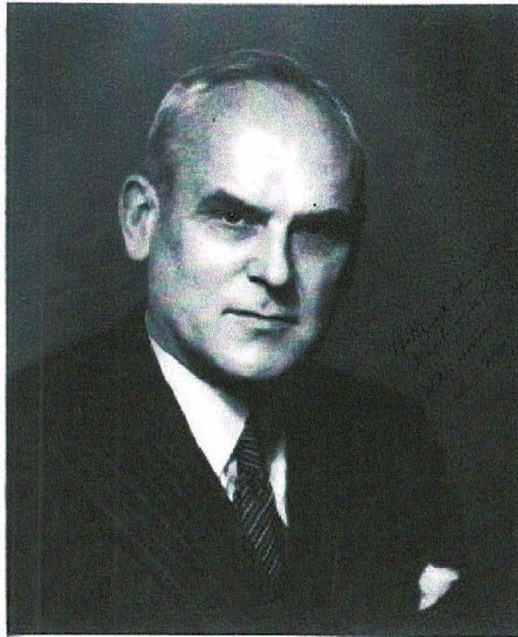


C.D. Howe

Title: Clarence Decatur Howe - Minister of Transport (1936) and Minister of Munitions and Supply (1940)

Place: London, England. Date: ca. 1940.

In my humble opinion (if there is such a thing), industrialist Clarence Decatur Howe was the most important Canadian who ever lived.

When C.D. Howe was elected to Parliament in 1935 he was immediately given a cabinet post as Minister of Transport. During World War II, he served as Minister of Munitions and Supplies, and later as Minister of Reconstruction and Minister of Trade and Commerce. Howe served as a cabinet minister for 22 years, under Prime Ministers Mackenzie King and Louis St. Laurent. During World War II, the Canadian construction and manufacturing industries were tight government control, and C.D. Howe was the controller. Under C.D. Howe, the 'Minister of Everything', Canada was transformed from a farm economy to an industrial nation.

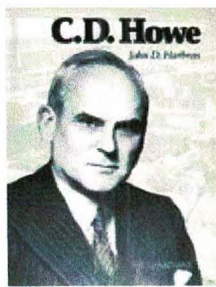
Many people do not know that C.D. Howe...

- was responsible for surge in industry around the golden horseshoe on the Western end of lake Ontario (originally ran from Toronto to Hamilton but has expanded considerably since then)
- was responsible for the start of the Canadian AVRO Arrow Program. When this program was cancelled by the Diefenbaker government (a horrible Canadian tragedy and an example of political stupidity and short sightedness) some very interesting things happened:
 - some AVRO employees and subcontractors went back to Europe to work on the Concorde SST program
 - many AVRO employees and subcontractors went to the USA to become part of the NASA manned space program
 - AVRO Canada was reincarnated as SPAR Aerospace which is currently known world wide for building the CanadARM remote manipulator which is used on the American Space

Shuttle

- was responsible for the start of the Saskatchewan Wheat Cooperative (which is still in operation today)
- was one of the primary reasons that the allies won World War 2 (according to the British)
- was instrumental in starting the Canadian national pipe line to deliver cheap natural gas to Canadian homes and industry.
- was instrumental in starting the Saint Lawrence Seaway (which was one of the reasons that Detroit became the auto manufacturing capital of the world and steel manufacturing surged in Hamilton and is still viable today)
- was instrumental in starting Trans Canada Air Lines which became Air Canada.
- saved C. N. Rail (Canadian National Rail) from bankruptcy
- introduced legislation that resulted in the formation of the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Company)
- was born an American (Waltham, Massachusetts, USA) and so was labeled "**not a real Canadian**" by politicians who were jealous of his decision making abilities. **IMHO, the only real Canadians are the native Indians who lived in Canada before the arrival of the Europeans.**
- was educated as a Civil Engineer at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and so never really thought of himself as a politician.

C.D. Howe Links



- Click here to purchase a bio of Clarence D. Howe at www.chapters.ca (only \$7.95).

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- T.H.A Media Distributors Ltd. (1100 Homer Street, Vancouver B.C.) sells a nifty one hour video titled: **C.D. Howe "The Minister of Everything"** You can reach them by phone at: 1-800-661-4919 or on the web at: www.thamedia.com/
- [CD Howe](#) bio at Transport Canada
- [C.D. Howe](#) mini bio at the Department or National Defense (Canada)
- visit the [C.D. Howe Institute](#)
- **Note:** when doing advanced (Boolean) AltaVista searches for information on "C.D. Howe", you will get lots of hits paging relating to the "C.D. Howe Institute" or "C.D. Howe building" in Ottawa. In order to find out about "C.D. Howe" the person, you may have to form your Boolean query like this:

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 or
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