

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

PIERRE FORTIN

Pierre Fortin is Professor of Economics (emeritus) at the University of Quebec at Montreal. A Governor General Gold Medalist, he has published some 10 books, 60 reports and 110 articles in scholarly journals and collective works in Canada and abroad. His main research areas have been economic fluctuations and growth, monetary and fiscal policies, social policy, the Canadian economy, and the Quebec regional economy. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a research associate of the Interuniversity Centre for Research on Risk, Economic Policy and Employment, a research Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute (Toronto), a research affiliate of Analysis Group (Boston), a member of the National Statistics Council, and a member of the Board of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (Toronto) and the Centre for the Study of Living Standards (Ottawa). He has been associate editor of the *Canadian Journal of Economics*, editor of *L'Actualité économique*, president of the French Canadian Economics Association (SCSE) and the Canadian Economics Association (CEA). In 1995, he was selected as “the most distinguished Quebec economist of the last decade” by membership vote of the Quebec Association of Professional Economists (ASDEQ). In 1997, he was awarded the Douglas Purvis Memorial Prize, as the author of “a highly significant written contribution to Canadian economic policy.” In recent years, some 10 Canadian universities and organizations have invited him to give their annual public lectures. In recognition of his “overall excellence in teaching, research, and involvement in the community”, the Alumni of the School of Management at UQAM awarded him their 2002 Performance Prize. In government, he has served on the Economic Advisory Panel to the Minister of Finance of Canada, on the Advisory Committee to the Quebec Minister of Finance on Public Finances and the Economy, and as chief economic adviser to the Quebec Premier. He has chaired provincial task forces on income security, agriculture, and business investment. From 1990 to 2005, he served on the Advisory Committee to the Quebec Assembly of Catholic Bishops on Social Trends. He has been a member of the boards of a number of Canadian companies. In 2003, the Quebec Manufacturing and Exporters Alliance paid him a tribute for “his significant contribution to the manufacturing and export sector.” In 2011, he was made a member of the Academy of Great Montrealers by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal. Since 1999, he has been the lead economic columnist of the French-language magazine *L'actualité*. This earned him the Gold Award of the National Magazine Awards Foundation in 2004 and 2008 for “the best regular column in a Canadian magazine,” and the Grand Prix of the Quebec Association of Magazine Editors in 2009 and 2010. Mr. Fortin holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, an M.Sc. in mathematics from the University of Montreal, and a B.A. in classical humanities from the Jesuit College of Quebec City. He is married with Michèle Fortin, the current president and CEO of the educational television network Tele-Quebec. They have 5 children.