Appendix E: Coding of the Variables in the Tobit Regression Models of Table 2.

The coding of the variables in the Tobit models presented in table 2 of the main text is as follow. Electoral margin represents the percentage of vote received by the candidate. Quebec, Maritime, and West are regional dummy variables (coded 1 or 0), where the baseline category is Ontario (we use senatorial regional divisions). Government is coded 1 if the MP was affiliated with the governing party in a given term, 0 otherwise. Ministry is coded 1 if an MP was in the Cabinet during a parliament, 0 otherwise. Participation in vote indicates the voter turnout rate of an MP in a given legislative term (we removed from the analysis MPs who participated in less than .10 of the votes). New member is coded 1 if the MP is elected for the first time in the House of Commons (this variable is excluded from the first Parliament), 0 otherwise. Colonial is coded 1 if the MP was previously elected in a colonial assembly, 0 otherwise. Finally, we add the variable Days which reports the timing of the election for an MP in the first three parliaments (that is, the number of days in which the election was conducted after the first poll). This variable ranges from 0 to 83 days.