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Party Politics

Instructions: Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

Sir Henry Taylor	political party	premier	Sir Lynden Pindling
1970	Bay Street Boys	lower house	Progressive Liberal Party
United Bahamian Party			

During the early 1900's The Bahamas was governed by a group of white wealthy business owners known as the '_____.' The black population did not have a voice in parliament; therefore, a political party was needed to represent the black population. A _____is a group of people that share the same views about how to run a country. There are many political parties in The Bahamas today, but the first to be formed was the _____ in 1953. Its founding members are Mr. Cyril Stevenson, William Cartwright and _____. An ambitious lawyer by the name of _____ was elected as their leader. The Progressive Liberal Party's goal was to increase black representation in the House of Assembly, also known as the _____. As a result of this, the Bay Street Boys formed their own political party known as the _____ in 1958. Its leader was Sir Roland Symonette, our first _____. It was not until _____, that the Free National Movement was created under the leadership of Cecil Wallace Whitfield. In today's society, we see the emergence of other political parties such as the Democratic National Alliance (D.N.A.) and Bahamas Democratic Movement (B.D.M), all of whom promises to uphold the Bahamian voter's interest.