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of representation Canadians had known for decades. But the combination of new parties, new MPs, and new agendas did not translate into changes in the Commons. As Docherty shows, most of the new MPs, regardless of party affiliation, accepted a limited policy role and learned to appreciate the importance of constituency work." "Basing his arguments on surveys and extensive interviews with members of both Parliaments, Docherty examines the implications of these findings for larger questions of legislative reform and governance. In doing so, this book, the first in-depth look at the realities of political service, makes a valuable contribution to our knowledge of Canadian politics and the Canadian parliamentary system."--Jacket
