

18. It will be seen that there have been four complete Parliaments, and three Sessions of the fifth. The first Parliament was the longest one, and the second was the shortest. The average length of each Session has been 82 days, or about 12 weeks, the longest Session was in 1885, viz., 24 weeks, 4 days; and the next longest was in 1867-68, viz., 16 weeks, 4 days. The shortest Session was in 1873, and only lasted 2 weeks and 1 day.

19. The next table gives the names of the holders of the different Cabinet offices since Confederation, with the dates of their respective appointments. There have only been two changes of Government and three Ministries, and with the exception of from 7th November, 1873, to 17th October, 1878, Sir John A. Macdonald has been in power during the whole period.

20. In 1879 a Bill was passed dividing the office of the Minister of Public Works; the new Department assuming exclusive control of Railways and Canals, and in the same Session the office of Receiver-General was abolished.

CABINET MINISTERS OF CANADA SINCE 1867.

Portfolio.	Name.	Date of Appointment.
Premiers	Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald	July 1, 1867
	Hon. Alex. Mackenzie	Nov. 7, 1873
	Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald	Oct. 17, 1878
Ministers of Justice and Attorney-Generals	Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald	July 1, 1867
	Hon. Antoine Aimé Dorion	Nov. 7, 1873
	“ Télesphore Fournier	July 8, 1874
	“ Edward Blake	May 19, 1875
	“ Rodolphe Laflamme	June 8, 1877
	“ James McDonald	Oct. 17, 1878
	“ Sir Alexander Campbell	May 20, 1881
Ministers of Militia and Defence	“ John Sparrow David Thompson	Sept. 25, 1885
	Hon. Sir George E. Cartier	July 1, 1867
	“ Hugh McDonald	July 1, 1873
	“ William Ross	Nov. 7, 1873
	“ William B. Vail	Sept. 30, 1874
	“ A. G. Jones	Jan. 21, 1878
	“ L. F. R. Masson	Oct. 19, 1878
	“ Sir Alexander Campbell	Jan. 16, 1880
	“ Sir J. P. R. A. Caron	Nov. 8, 1880
Ministers of Marine and Fisheries	Hon. Peter Mitchell	July 1, 1867
	“ Albert J. Smith	Nov. 7, 1873
	“ Hon. J. C. Pope	Oct. 19, 1878
	“ A. W. McLellan	July 10, 1882
	“ G. E. Foster	Dec. 10, 1885
Ministers of Public Works....	Hon. W. McDougall	July 1, 1867
	“ Sir Hector Langevin	Dec. 9, 1869
	“ Alexander Mackenzie	Nov. 7, 1873
	“ Sir Charles Tupper	Oct. 17, 1878
	“ Sir H. L. Langevin	May 20, 1879