

DOMINION PARLIAMENTS SINCE 1867.

• No. of Parliaments.	Ses- sions.	Date of		
		Opening.	Prorogation.	Dissolution.
1st Parliament	*1st	Nov. 6, 1867..	May 22, 1868..	} July 8, 1872.
	2nd	April 15, 1869..	June 22, 1869..	
	3rd	Feb. 15, 1870..	May 12, 1870..	
	4th	" 15, 1871..	April 14, 1871..	
	5th	April 11, 1872..	June 14, 1872..	
2nd Parliament	†1st	March 5, 1873..	Aug. 13, 1873..	} Jan. 2, 1874.
	2nd	Oct. 23, 1873..	Nov. 7, 1873..	
3rd Parliament	1st	Mar. 26, 1874..	May 26, 1874..	} Aug. 17, 1878.
	2nd	Feb. 4, 1875..	April 8, 1875..	
	3rd	" 10, 1876..	" 12, 1876..	
	4th	" 8, 1877..	" 28, 1877..	
	5th	" 7, 1878..	May 10, 1878..	
4th Parliament	1st	Feb. 13, 1879..	May 15, 1879..	} May 18, 1882.
	2nd	" 12, 1880..	" 7, 1880..	
	3rd	Dec. 9, 1880..	Mar. 21, 1881..	
	4th	Feb. 9, 1882..	May 17, 1882..	
5th Parliament	1st	Feb. 8, 1883..	May 25, 1883..	} Jan. 15, 1887.
	2nd	Jan. 17, 1884..	April 19, 1884..	
	3rd	" 29, 1885..	July 20, 1885..	
	4th	Feb. 25, 1886..	June 2, 1886..	

* Adjourned from 21st December, 1867, to 12th March, 1868, to allow the Local Legislatures to meet.

† Adjourned 23rd May till 13th August.

52. It will be seen that there have been five complete Parliaments since Confederation. The first Parliament was the longest one, and the second was the shortest. The average length of each Session has been 88 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.

Duration
of Parlia-
ment.

53. 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

Cabinet
Ministers.