

DOMINION PARLIAMENTS SINCE 1867.

No. of Parliaments.	Sessions.	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	March 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	March 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	
6th Parliament	1st	April 13, 1887	June 23, 1887	
	2nd	Feb. 23, 1888	May 22, 1888	
	3rd	Jan. 31, 1889	" 2, 1889	
	4th	" 16, 1890	" 16, 1890	

*Adjourned from 21st December, 1867, to 12th March, 1868, to allow the Local Legislatures to meet. †Adjourned 23rd May till 13th August.

Duration
of Parlia-
ment.

71. It will be seen that there have been five complete Parliaments and three Sessions of the sixth since Confederation. The first Parliament was the longest one, and the second was the shortest. The average length of each Session has been 87 days, or about 12 weeks. The longest Session was in 1885, viz., 24 weeks, 4 days, and the next longest was in 1890, viz., 17 weeks, 1 day. The shortest Session was in 1873, and only lasted 2 weeks and 1 day.

Ministries
since 1867.

72. There have only been two changes of Government and three Ministries since Confederation, and with the exception of