CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

DOMINION PARLIAMENTS SINCE 1867.

No. of Parliaments. 1st Parliament	*1st 2nd 4th 5th	Date of						
		Opening.			Prorogation.			Dissolution.
		April Feb.	15, 15, 15,	1867 1869 1870 1871	June May April	22, 12, 14,	1868 1869 1870 1871 1872	July 8, 1872.
2nd Parliament	†1st	_	5,		Aug.	13,	1873 1873	} Jan. 2, 1874.
3rd Parliament	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	March Feb.	4, 10, 8,	1874 . 1875 1876 1877 1878	April	8, 12, 28,	1874. 1875. 1876. 1877 1878.	
4th Parliament	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Feb. Dec. Feb.	12, 9,	1879 1880 1880 1882	March	7, 21,	1879 1880 1881 1882	} May 18, 1882
5th Parliament	2nd 3rd	Feb. Jan. Feb.	17, 29,	1883 1884 1885 1886	April July	19, 20,	1883 1884 1885 1886	} Jan. 15, 1887.
6th Parliament		April Feb. Jan.	23, 31,	1887 1888 1889 1890		22, 2,	1887 1888 1889 1890	Feb. 3, 1891.
7th Parliament	1st	Feb.	25,	1891 1892 1893	July	9,	1891 1892 1893	

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

103. It will be seen that there have been six complete Parliaments Duration since Confederation. The first Parliament was the longest one, and of Parliathe second was the shortest. The average length of each Session has ment. been 89 days, or nearly 13 weeks. The longest Session was in 1885, viz., 24 weeks 4 days, and the next longest was in 1891, viz., 22 weeks. The shortest Session was in 1873, and only lasted 2 weeks and 1 day.