

DOMINION PARLIAMENTS SINCE 1867.

NO. OF PARLIAMENTS.	Session.	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..	} Feb. 3, 1891.
	2nd	Feb. 23, 1888..	May 22, 1888..	
	3rd.....	Jan. 31, 1889..	" 2, 1889..	
	4th.....	" 16, 1890..	" 16, 1890..	
7th Parliament.....	1st.....	April 29, 1891..	Sept. 30, 1891..	
	2nd	Feb. 25, 1892..	July 9, 1892..	
	3rd.....	Jan. 26, 1893..	April 1, 1893..	
	4th.....	March 15, 1894..	July 23, 1894..	
	5th.....	April 18, 1895..	" 22, 1895..	
	6th.....	Jan. 2, 1896..		

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

†Adjourned 23rd May till 13th August.

54. There have been six 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 89 days, or nearly 13 weeks. The longest session was in 1885, viz., 24 weeks and 4 days; the next longest was in 1891, viz., 22 weeks. The shortest session was in 1873, and only lasted 2 weeks and 1 day.

55. There have been but two changes of Government and six Ministries since Confederation; and with the exception of the period from 17th November, 1873, to 17th October, 1878, Sir John Macdonald was at the head of the Government from 1st July, 1867, to the day of his death, on