

main portion of Lake Superior to the mouth of Pigeon River ; thence by it and Rainy River it gains the north-west angle of Lake of the Woods ; thence it follows the 49th parallel to the Gulf of Georgia and thence passes by the Haro Straits and the Straits of Fuca to the Pacific Ocean. The length of this frontier line is 3,000 geographical miles, 1,400 miles being a water line by rivers, lakes and seas, and 1,600 miles being a land boundary.

In addition to this boundary line between Canada and the United States there is a boundary line between Canada and Alaska (belonging to the United States by purchase from Russia in 1867). This line is in part a subject of negotiation between Great Britain and the United States.

The following table gives the names and the areas of the several provinces and territories of the Dominion, together with the dates of their creation or admission into the confederation.

THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Provinces and Districts.	Date of Organization or Admission.	Statute or Order in Council.	AREA, SQUARE MILES.		
			Water.	Land.	Total.
Original Confederation—					
Ontario	July 1, 1867	} Act Imperial Parliament and Imperial Order in Council.	*2,350	219,650	222,000
Quebec	" 1, 1867		†2,900	†344,450	†347,350
Nova Scotia	" 1, 1867		‡ 50	20,550	20,600
New Brunswick	" 1, 1867		‡ 100	28,100	28,200
Provinces admitted—					
Manitoba	" 15, 1870	Imperial Order in Council; Act Federal Parliament, chap. 3; Acts of 1870 and B. N. A. Act, 1871.	9,890	64,066	73,956
British Columbia.....	" 20, 1871	Imperial Order in Council, 16th May, 1871, on address of the Legislature of British Columbia and address of Federal Parliament, session 1871.	†1,000	382,300	383,300
Prince Edward Island.	" 1, 1873	Act Federal Parliament, 23rd May, 1873, and Imperial Order in Council, 24th June, 1873.	‡	2,000	2,000
Districts created—					
Keewatin	Apr. 12, 1876	Act Federal Parliament, chap. 21, 1876.	258,000	498,000	756,000

* This area does not include the portions of the Great Lakes of the St. Lawrence within the territorial limits of Canada. It includes the area added the Province by Act of the Imperial Parliament 1889.

† By Order in Council of 8th July, 1896, the boundaries of Quebec were extended, the increased area being given in the table. Parliament authorized the extension by Chap. 3, Acts of 1898 and Quebec accepted by Chap. 6 Acts of Quebec 1898. The water area given does not include the Gulf of St. Lawrence nor the territorial seas.

‡ This area does not include the territorial seas.