

3.—Duration and Sessions of Dominion Parliaments, 1867-1926—concluded.

Number of Parliament.	Sessions.	Date of Opening.	Date of Prorogation.	Days of session.	Elections, writs returnable, dissolutions and lengths of Parliaments.*
8th Parliament.....	1st	Aug. 19, 1896	Oct. 5, 1896	48	
	2nd	Mar. 25, 1897	June 29, 1897	97	June 23, 1896. ³
	3rd	Feb. 3, 1898	June 13, 1898	131	July 13, 1896. ⁴
	4th	Mar. 16, 1899	Aug. 11, 1899	149	Oct. 9, 1900. ⁵
9th Parliament.....	5th	Feb. 1, 1900	July 18, 1900	168	4 y., 2 m., 26 d. ⁶
	1st	Feb. 6, 1901	May 23, 1901	107	Nov. 7, 1900. ³
	2nd	Feb. 13, 1902	May 15, 1902	90	Dec. 5, 1900. ⁴
	3rd	Mar. 12, 1903	Oct. 24, 1903	227	Sept. 28, 1904. ⁵
10th Parliament.....	4th	Mar. 10, 1904	Aug. 10, 1904	154	3 y., 9 m., 26 d. ⁶
	1st	Jan. 11, 1905	July 20, 1905	191	Nov. 3, 1904. ³
	2nd	Mar. 8, 1906	July 13, 1906	128	Dec. 15, 1904. ⁴
	3rd	Nov. 22, 1906	April 27, 1907	157	Sept. 17, 1905. ⁵
11th Parliament.....	4th	Nov. 28, 1907	July 20, 1908	236	3 y., 9 m., 4 d. ⁶
	1st	Jan. 20, 1909	May 19, 1909	120	Oct. 26, 1908. ³
	2nd	Nov. 11, 1909	May 4, 1910	175	Dec. 3, 1908. ⁴
	3rd	Nov. 17, 1910	July 29, 1911	196 ¹	July 29, 1911. ⁵
12th Parliament.....	1st	Nov. 15, 1911	April 1, 1912	139	2 y., 7 m., 28 d. ⁶
	2nd	Nov. 21, 1912	June 6, 1913	173 ²	
	3rd	Jan. 15, 1914	June 12, 1914	148	Sept. 21, 1911. ³
	4th	Aug. 18, 1914	Aug. 22, 1914	5	Oct. 7, 1911. ⁴
	5th	Feb. 4, 1915	April 15, 1915	71	Oct. 6, 1917. ⁵
	6th	Jan. 12, 1916	May 18, 1916	127	6 y., 0 m., 0 d. ⁶
13th Parliament.....	7th	Jan. 18, 1917	Sept. 20, 1917	207 ⁷	
	1st	Mar. 18, 1918	May 24, 1918	68	
	2nd	Feb. 20, 1919	July 7, 1919	138	Dec. 17, 1917. ³
	3rd	Sept. 1, 1919	Nov. 10, 1919	71	Feb. 27, 1918. ⁴
	4th	Feb. 26, 1920	July 1, 1920	127	Oct. 4, 1921. ⁵
14th Parliament.....	5th	Feb. 14, 1921	June 4, 1921	111	3 y., 7 m., 6 d. ⁶
	1st	Mar. 8, 1922	June 28, 1922	113	Dec. 6, 1921. ³
	2nd	Jan. 31, 1923	June 30, 1923	151	Jan. 14, 1922. ⁴
	3rd	Feb. 28, 1924	July 19, 1924	143	Sept. 5, 1923. ⁵
15th Parliament.....	4th	Feb. 5, 1925	June 27, 1925	143	3 y., 7 m., 26 d. ⁶
	1st	Jan. 7, 1926	July 2, 1926	177 ⁸	Oct. 29, 1923. ³
					Dec. 7, 1925. ⁴
16th Parliament.....	1st	Dec. 9, 1926	—	—	July 2, 1926. ⁵
					208 d. ⁶
					Sept. 14, 1926. ³
					Nov. 2, 1926. ⁴

*Not including days (59) of adjournment from May 19 to July 18. ²Not including days (25) of adjournment from Dec. 19, 1912, to Jan. 14, 1913. ³Period of general elections. ⁴Writs returnable. ⁵Dissolution of Parliament. ⁶Duration of Parliament in years, months and days. The life of a Parliament is counted from the date of return of election writs to the date of dissolution, both days inclusive. ⁷Not including days (39) of adjournment from Feb. 7 to April 19, 1917. ⁸Including days (13) of adjournment from Mar. 3 to Mar. 15. ⁹The ordinary legal limit of duration for each parliament is five years.

A brief *résumé* of the history of parliamentary representation follows. Attention may be drawn to the growth in the number of members of both the Senate and the House of Commons since Confederation and to the greatly increased unit of representation in the Lower House.

3.—The Senate.

The British North America Act, 1867, provides in sections 21 and 22 that "the Senate shall consist of seventy-two members, who shall be styled Senators. In relation to the constitution of the Senate, Canada shall be deemed to consist of three divisions,—(1) Ontario; (2) Quebec; (3) The Maritime Provinces, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; which three divisions shall be equally represented in the Senate as follows:—Ontario by twenty-four Senators; Quebec by twenty-four Senators; and the Maritime Provinces by twenty-four Senators, twelve thereof representing New Brunswick and twelve thereof representing Nova Scotia. In the