

9.—Provinces and Territories of Canada, with present Areas, Dates of Admission to Confederation and Legislative Process by which this was effected.

Province, Territory or District.	Date of Admission or Creation.	Legislative Process.	Present Area (square miles).		
			Land.	Water.	Total.
Ontario.....	July 1, 1867	{Act of Imperial Parliament—The British North America Act, 1867 (30-31 Vict., c. 3), and Imperial Order in Council of May 22, 1867.	365,880	41,382	407,262 ¹
Quebec.....	" 1, 1867		583,895	10,439	594,434 ²
Nova Scotia.....	" 1, 1867		21,068	360	21,428
New Brunswick.....	" 1, 1867		27,911	74	27,985
Manitoba.....	" 15, 1870		Manitoba Act, 1870 (33 Vict., c. 3) and Imperial Order in Council, June 23, 1870.	231,926	19,906
British Columbia.....	" 20, 1871	Imperial Order in Council, May 16, 1871	353,416	2,439	355,855
P. E. Island.....	" 1, 1873	Imperial Order in Council, June 26, 1873	2,184	-	2,184
Saskatchewan.....	Sept. 1, 1905	Saskatchewan Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 42).....	240,200	11,500	251,700 ⁴
Alberta.....	" 1, 1905	⁴ Alberta Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 3)	250,925	4,340	255,265 ⁴
Yukon.....	June 13, 1898	Yukon Territory Act, 1898 (61 Vict., c. 6).....	206,427	649	207,076
Mackenzie.....	Jan. 1, 1920	Order in Council, March 16, 1918.	493,225	34,285	527,490 ⁵
Keewatin.....	" 1, 1920		218,460	9,700	228,160 ⁵
Franklin.....	" 1, 1920		546,532	7,500	554,032 ⁵
Total.....			3,542,049	142,674	3,684,723

¹ The area of Ontario was extended by the Canada (Ontario Boundary) Act, 1889, and the Ontario Boundaries Extension Act, 1912 (2 Geo. V, c. 40).

² Extended by Order in Council of July 6, 1896 (confirmed by c. 3, Acts of 1898), and Quebec Boundaries Extension Act, 1912 (2 Geo. V, c. 45), and diminished in consequence of the award of the Judicial Committee of the British Privy Council (March 1, 1927), whereby some 112,400 square miles of territory, formerly considered as part of Quebec, were transferred to the Government of Newfoundland.

³ Extended by Extension of Boundaries of Manitoba Act, 1881, and Manitoba Boundaries Extension Act, 1912 (2 Geo. V, c. 32).

⁴ Alberta and Saskatchewan now cover approximately the area formerly comprised in the districts of Assiniboia, Athabaska, Alberta and Saskatchewan, established May 17, 1882, by minute of Canadian P.C., concurred in by Dominion Parliament and Order in Council of Oct. 2, 1895.

⁵ By an Order in Council of June 23, 1870, Rupert's Land, acquired under the Rupert's Land Acts of 1867 and 1868, and the undefined Northern Territories were admitted into the Confederation. The original Northwest Territories, mentioned in the Manitoba Act, 1870, were established by the Northwest Territories Act, 1880 (43 Vict., c. 25), the district of Keewatin having been previously defined by an Act of the Dominion Parliament (39 Vict., c. 21). The provisional districts of Yukon, Mackenzie, Franklin and Ungava were defined in an Order in Council of Oct. 2, 1895, their boundaries being changed by Order in Council of Dec. 18, 1897. By Order in Council of July 24, 1905, the area of Keewatin, not included in the Northwest Territories, was annexed to the latter from Sept. 1, 1905. By the Extension of Boundaries Act, 1912, Ungava was made a part of the province of Quebec, and the remaining area of the Northwest Territories south of 60° N. latitude was divided between Manitoba and Ontario.

In each of the provinces the King is represented by a Lieutenant-Governor appointed by the Governor-General in Council, and governing with the advice and assistance of his Ministry or Executive Council, which is responsible to the Legislature and resigns office when it ceases to enjoy the confidence of that body. The Legislatures of all the provinces with the exception of Quebec are now uni-cameral,¹ consisting of a Legislative Assembly elected by the people. In Quebec there is a Legislative Council as well as a Legislative Assembly. For detailed description of the Provincial Governments, the reader is referred to pp. 101-115 of the 1922-23 edition of the Year Book.

The Lieutenant-Governors of the provinces, together with the names of the Ministers of the present administrations, are given in Table 10. Details regarding Provincial Legislatures and Ministries since Confederation were given on pp. 75-84 of the 1924 Year Book.

¹The Legislative Council of Nova Scotia ceased to exist in 1928.