

In Table 4 are given the dates of the opening and prorogation of the sessions of the various Dominion Parliaments from 1867 to 1931.

## 4.—Duration and Sessions of Dominion Parliaments, 1867-1931.

Number of Parliament.	Session.	Date of Opening.	Date of Prorogation.	Days of Session.	Elections, Writs Returnable, Dissolutions and Lengths of Parliaments. <sup>7</sup>
1st Parliament.....	1st	Nov. 1, 1867	May 22, 1868	118 <sup>1</sup>	
	2nd	April 15, 1869	June 22, 1869	69	Aug., Sept., 1867. <sup>3</sup>
	3rd	Feb. 15, 1870	May 12, 1870	87	Sept. 24, 1867. <sup>4</sup>
	4th	Feb. 15, 1871	April 14, 1871	59	July 8, 1872. <sup>5</sup>
	5th	April 11, 1872	June 14, 1872	65	4 y., 9 m., 15 d. <sup>6</sup>
2nd Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 5, 1873	Aug. 13, 1873	81 <sup>2</sup>	July, Aug., Sept., 1872. <sup>3</sup>
	2nd	Oct. 23, 1873	Nov. 7, 1873	16	Sept. 3, 1872. <sup>4</sup>
3rd Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 26, 1874	May 26, 1874	62	Jan. 2, 1874. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 4, 1875	April 8, 1875	64	1 y., 4 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Feb. 10, 1876	April 12, 1876	63	Jan. 22, 1874. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Feb. 8, 1877	April 28, 1877	80	Feb. 21, 1874. <sup>4</sup>
	5th	Feb. 7, 1878	May 10, 1878	93	Aug. 17, 1878. <sup>5</sup>
4th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 13, 1879	May 15, 1879	92	4 y., 5 m., 25 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 12, 1880	May 7, 1880	86	
	3rd	Dec. 9, 1880	Mar. 21, 1881	103	Sept. 17, 1878. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Feb. 9, 1882	May 17, 1882	98	Nov. 21, 1878. <sup>4</sup>
5th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 8, 1883	May 25, 1883	107	May 18, 1882. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 17, 1884	April 19, 1884	94	3 y., 5 m., 29 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Jan. 29, 1885	July 20, 1885	173	June 20, 1882. <sup>3</sup>
6th Parliament.....	1st	Apr. 13, 1887	June 25, 1887	72	Aug. 7, 1882. <sup>4</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 23, 1888	May 22, 1888	90	Jan. 15, 1887. <sup>5</sup>
	3rd	Jan. 31, 1889	May 2, 1889	92	4 y., 5 m., 10 d. <sup>6</sup>
	4th	Jan. 16, 1890	May 18, 1890	121	Feb. 22, 1887. <sup>3</sup>
7th Parliament.....	1st	Apr. 29, 1891	Sept. 30, 1891	155	Apr. 7, 1887. <sup>4</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 25, 1892	July 9, 1892	136	Feb. 3, 1891. <sup>5</sup>
	3rd	Jan. 26, 1893	April 1, 1893	66	3 y., 9 m., 27 d. <sup>6</sup>
	4th	Mar. 15, 1894	July 23, 1894	131	Mar. 5, 1891. <sup>3</sup>
	5th	Apr. 18, 1895	July 22, 1895	96	Apr. 25, 1891. <sup>4</sup>
8th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 2, 1896	April 23, 1896	111	Apr. 24, 1896. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Aug. 19, 1896	Oct. 5, 1896	48	5 y., 0 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Mar. 25, 1897	June 29, 1897	97	
	4th	Feb. 3, 1898	June 13, 1898	131	June 23, 1896. <sup>3</sup>
	5th	Mar. 16, 1899	Aug. 11, 1899	149	July 13, 1896. <sup>4</sup>
9th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 1, 1900	July 18, 1900	168	Oct. 9, 1900. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 6, 1901	May 23, 1901	107	4 y., 2 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Feb. 13, 1902	May 15, 1902	90	Nov. 7, 1900. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Mar. 12, 1903	Oct. 24, 1903	227	Dec. 5, 1900. <sup>4</sup>
10th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 10, 1904	Aug. 10, 1904	154	Sept. 29, 1904. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 11, 1905	July 20, 1905	191	3 y., 9 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Mar. 8, 1906	July 13, 1906	128	Nov. 3, 1904. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Nov. 22, 1906	April 27, 1907	157	Dec. 15, 1904. <sup>4</sup>
11th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 20, 1909	May 19, 1909	120	Sept. 17, 1908. <sup>5</sup>
	2nd	Nov. 11, 1909	May 4, 1910	175	3 y., 9 m., 4 d. <sup>6</sup>
	3rd	Nov. 17, 1910	July 29, 1911	196 <sup>8</sup>	Oct. 26, 1908. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Nov. 15, 1911	April 1, 1912	139	Dec. 3, 1908. <sup>4</sup>
	5th	Nov. 21, 1912	June 6, 1913	173 <sup>9</sup>	July 29, 1911. <sup>5</sup>
12th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 15, 1914	June 12, 1914	148	2 y., 7 m., 28 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Aug. 18, 1914	Aug. 22, 1914	5	
	3rd	Feb. 4, 1915	April 15, 1915	71	Sept. 21, 1911. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Jan. 12, 1916	May 18, 1916	127	Oct. 7, 1911. <sup>4</sup>
	5th	Jan. 18, 1917	Sept. 20, 1917	207 <sup>10</sup>	Oct. 6, 1917. <sup>5</sup>
13th Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 18, 1918	May 24, 1918	68	6 y., 0 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 20, 1919	July 7, 1919	138	
	3rd	Sept. 1, 1919	Nov. 10, 1919	71	Dec. 17, 1917. <sup>3</sup>
	4th	Feb. 26, 1920	July 1, 1920	127	Feb. 27, 1918. <sup>4</sup>
	5th	Feb. 14, 1921	June 4, 1921	111	Oct. 4, 1921. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Adjourned from Dec. 21, 1867, to Mar. 12, 1868, to allow the local Legislatures to meet. <sup>2</sup>Adjourned May 23 till Aug. 13. <sup>3</sup>Period of general elections. <sup>4</sup>Writs returnable. <sup>5</sup>Dissolution of Parliament. <sup>6</sup>Duration 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. <sup>7</sup>The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years. <sup>8</sup>Not including days (59) of adjournment from May 19 to July 18. <sup>9</sup>Not including days (25) of adjournment from Dec. 19, 1912 to Jan. 14, 1913. <sup>10</sup>Not including days (39) of adjournment from Feb. 7 to Mar. 19, 1917.