

In Table 4 are given the dates of the opening and prorogation of the sessions of the various Dominion Parliaments from 1867 to 1936.

#### 4.—Duration and Sessions of Dominion Parliaments, 1867-1936.

Order of Parliament.	Session.	Date of Opening.	Date of Prorogation.	Days of Session.	Date of Election, Writs Returnable, Dissolution and Length of Parliament. <sup>7</sup>
1st Parliament.....	1st	Nov. 1, 1867	May 22, 1868	118 <sup>1</sup>	Aug., Sept., 1867. <sup>3</sup> Sept. 24, 1867. <sup>4</sup> July 8, 1872. <sup>5</sup> 4 y., 9 m., 15 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	April 15, 1869	June 22, 1869	69	
	3rd	Feb. 15, 1870	May 12, 1870	87	
	4th	Feb. 15, 1871	April 14, 1871	59	
	5th	April 11, 1872	June 14, 1872	65	
2nd Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 5, 1873	Aug. 13, 1873	81 <sup>2</sup>	July, Aug., Sept., 1872. <sup>3</sup> Sept. 3, 1872. <sup>4</sup> Jan. 2, 1874. <sup>5</sup> 1 y., 4 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Oct. 23, 1873	Nov. 7, 1873	16	
3rd Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 26, 1874	May 26, 1874	62	Jan. 22, 1874. <sup>3</sup> Feb. 21, 1874. <sup>4</sup> Aug. 17, 1878. <sup>5</sup> 4 y., 5 m., 25 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 4, 1875	April 8, 1875	64	
	3rd	Feb. 10, 1876	April 12, 1876	63	
	4th	Feb. 8, 1877	April 28, 1877	80	
	5th	Feb. 7, 1878	May 10, 1878	93	
4th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 13, 1879	May 15, 1879	92	Sept. 17, 1878. <sup>3</sup> Nov. 21, 1878. <sup>4</sup> May 18, 1882. <sup>5</sup> 3 y., 5 m., 28 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 12, 1880	May 7, 1880	86	
	3rd	Dec. 9, 1880	Mar. 21, 1881	103	
	4th	Feb. 9, 1882	May 17, 1882	98	
5th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 8, 1883	May 25, 1883	107	June 20, 1882. <sup>3</sup> Aug. 7, 1882. <sup>4</sup> Jan. 15, 1887. <sup>5</sup> 4 y., 5 m., 10 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 17, 1884	April 19, 1884	94	
	3rd	Jan. 29, 1885	July 20, 1885	173	
	4th	Feb. 25, 1886	June 2, 1886	98	
6th Parliament.....	1st	April 13, 1887	June 23, 1887	72	Feb. 22, 1887. <sup>3</sup> April 7, 1887. <sup>4</sup> Feb. 3, 1891. <sup>5</sup> 3 y., 9 m., 27 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 23, 1888	May 22, 1888	90	
	3rd	Jan. 31, 1889	May 2, 1889	92	
	4th	Jan. 16, 1890	May 16, 1890	121	
7th Parliament.....	1st	April 29, 1891	Sept. 30, 1891	155	Mar. 5, 1891. <sup>3</sup> April 25, 1891. <sup>4</sup> April 24, 1896. <sup>5</sup> 5 y., 0 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 25, 1892	July 9, 1892	136	
	3rd	Jan. 26, 1893	April 1, 1893	66	
	4th	Mar. 15, 1894	July 23, 1894	131	
	5th	April 18, 1895	July 22, 1895	96	
	6th	Jan. 2, 1896	April 23, 1896	111	
8th Parliament.....	1st	Aug. 19, 1896	Oct. 5, 1896	48	June 23, 1896. <sup>3</sup> July 13, 1896. <sup>4</sup> Oct. 9, 1900. <sup>5</sup> 4 y., 2 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Mar. 25, 1897	June 29, 1897	97	
	3rd	Feb. 3, 1898	June 13, 1898	131	
	4th	Mar. 16, 1899	Aug. 11, 1899	149	
	5th	Feb. 1, 1900	July 18, 1900	168	
9th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 6, 1901	May 23, 1901	107	Nov. 7, 1900. <sup>3</sup> Dec. 5, 1900. <sup>4</sup> Sept. 29, 1904. <sup>5</sup> 3 y., 9 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 13, 1902	May 15, 1902	90	
	3rd	Mar. 12, 1903	Oct. 24, 1903	227	
	4th	Mar. 10, 1904	Aug. 10, 1904	154	
10th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 11, 1905	July 20, 1905	191	Nov. 3, 1904. <sup>3</sup> Dec. 15, 1904. <sup>4</sup> Sept. 17, 1908. <sup>5</sup> 3 y., 9 m., 4 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Mar. 8, 1906	July 13, 1906	128	
	3rd	Nov. 22, 1906	April 27, 1907	157	
	4th	Nov. 28, 1907	July 20, 1908	236	
11th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 20, 1909	May 19, 1909	120	Oct. 26, 1908. <sup>3</sup> Dec. 3, 1908. <sup>4</sup> July 29, 1911. <sup>5</sup> 2 y., 7 m., 28 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Nov. 11, 1909	May 4, 1910	175	
	3rd	Nov. 17, 1910	July 29, 1911	196 <sup>8</sup>	
12th Parliament.....	1st	Nov. 15, 1911	April 1, 1912	139	Sept. 21, 1911. <sup>3</sup> Oct. 7, 1911. <sup>4</sup> Oct. 6, 1917. <sup>5</sup> 6 y., 0 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Nov. 21, 1912	June 6, 1913	173 <sup>9</sup>	
	3rd	Jan. 15, 1914	June 12, 1914	148	
	4th	Aug. 18, 1914	Aug. 22, 1914	5	
	5th	Feb. 4, 1915	April 15, 1915	71	
	6th	Jan. 12, 1916	May 18, 1916	127	
	7th	Jan. 18, 1917	Sept. 20, 1917	207 <sup>10</sup>	
13th Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 18, 1918	May 24, 1918	68	Dec. 17, 1917. <sup>3</sup> Feb. 27, 1918. <sup>4</sup> Oct. 4, 1921. <sup>5</sup> 3 y., 7 m., 6 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Feb. 20, 1919	July 7, 1919	138	
	3rd	Sept. 1, 1919	Nov. 10, 1919	71	
	4th	Feb. 26, 1920	July 1, 1920	127	
	5th	Feb. 14, 1921	June 4, 1921	111	

<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.