

Council for Canada. Without enlarging upon the features of the system, it may be sufficient to note that the Cabinet is responsible to the House of Commons, and, following established precedent, resigns office when it becomes evident that it no longer holds the confidence of the people's representatives. Members of the Cabinet are chosen by the Prime Minister; each generally assumes charge of one of the various Departments of Government, although one Minister may hold more than one portfolio at the same time, while other Ministers may be without portfolio.

The Prime Ministers since Confederation and the dates of their tenures of office, together with the members of the Sixteenth Ministry, are given in Table 2. The complete list of the members of the King's Privy Council for Canada, as at Mar. 1, 1937, is added as Table 3.

2.—Ministries since Confederation and Members of the Sixteenth Ministry.

NOTE.—A complete list of the members of Dominion Ministries from Confederation to 1913 appeared in the Year Book of 1912, pp. 422-429. A list of the members of Dominion Ministries from 1911 to 1921 appeared in the Year Book of 1920, pp. 651-653. A list of the members of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Ministries appeared on pp. 76-77 of the 1927-28 Year Book. Members of the Fourteenth Ministry are listed at p. 69 of the 1930 Year Book and members of the Fifteenth Ministry on p. 67 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

1. Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister. From July 1, 1867, to Nov. 6, 1873.
2. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Prime Minister. From Nov. 7, 1873, to Oct. 16, 1878.
3. Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister. From Oct. 17, 1878, to June 6, 1891.
4. Hon. Sir John J. C. Abbott, Prime Minister. From June 16, 1891, to Dec. 5, 1892.
5. Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, Prime Minister. From Dec. 5, 1892, to Dec. 12, 1894.
6. Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister. From Dec. 21, 1894, to April 27, 1896.
7. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Prime Minister. From May 1, 1896, to July 8, 1896.
8. Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister. From July 11, 1896, to Oct. 6, 1911.
9. Rt. Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden, Prime Minister. (Conservative Administration.) From Oct. 10, 1911, to Oct. 12, 1917.
10. Rt. Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden, Prime Minister. (Unionist Administration.) From Oct. 12, 1917, to July 10, 1920.
11. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister. (Unionist—"National Liberal and Conservative Party".) From July 10, 1920, to Dec. 29, 1921.
12. Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister. From Dec. 29, 1921, to June 28, 1926.
13. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister. From June 29, 1926, to Sept. 25, 1926.
14. Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister. From Sept. 25, 1926, to Aug. 6, 1930.
15. Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, Prime Minister. From Aug. 7, 1930, to Oct. 23, 1935.
16. Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister. From Oct. 23, 1935.

SIXTEENTH DOMINION MINISTRY.

(According to precedence of the Ministers as at the formation of the Cabinet.)

Office.	Occupant.	Date of Appointment.
Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council, Secretary of State for External Affairs.....	Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G.	Oct. 23, 1935
Member of the Administration and Minister without portfolio.....	Hon. Raoul Dandurand, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Mines and Resources ¹	Hon. Thomas Alexander Crerar.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.....	Hon. Ernest Lapointe, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Public Works.....	Hon. Pierre Joseph Arthur Cardin, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Finance.....	Hon. Charles Avery Dunning.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Postmaster General.....	Hon. John Campbell Elliott, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Trade and Commerce.....	Hon. William Daum Euler.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Secretary of State of Canada.....	Hon. Fernand Rinfret.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of National Defence.....	Hon. Ian Alistair Mackenzie.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Pensions and National Health.....	Hon. Charles Gavan Power, M.C., K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of National Revenue.....	Hon. James Lorimer Halsey, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Fisheries.....	Hon. Joseph Enoil Michaud, K.C.	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Labour.....	Hon. Norman McLeod Rogers.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Transport ²	Hon. Clarence Decatur Howe.....	Oct. 23, 1935
Minister of Agriculture.....	Hon. James Garfield Gardiner.....	Oct. 28, 1935

¹The Departments of Mines, Interior, Immigration and Colonization, and Indian Affairs were organized into the new Department of Mines and Resources on Dec. 1, 1936.

²The Department of Railways and Canals and the Department of Marine, together with the Civil Aviation Branch of the Department of National Defence were organized into the new Department of Transport on Nov. 2, 1936.