

4.—Duration and Sessions of Dominion Parliaments, 1867-1940—concluded.

Order of Parliament.	Session.	Date of Opening.	Date of Prorogation.	Days of Session.	Date of Election, Writs Returnable, Dissolution, and Length of Parliament. <sup>1</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	
14th Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 8, 1922	June 28, 1922	113	} Dec. 6, 1921. <sup>3</sup> } Jan. 14, 1922. <sup>4</sup> } Sept. 5, 1925. <sup>5</sup> } 3 y., 7 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 31, 1923	June 30, 1923	151	
	3rd	Feb. 28, 1924	July 19, 1924	143	
	4th	Feb. 5, 1925	June 27, 1925	143	
15th Parliament.....	1st	Jan. 7, 1926	July 2, 1926	177 <sup>11</sup>	} Oct. 29, 1925. <sup>3</sup> } Dec. 7, 1925. <sup>4</sup> } July 2, 1926. <sup>5</sup> } 6 m., 26 d. <sup>6</sup>
16th Parliament.....	1st	Dec. 9, 1926	Apr. 14, 1927	73 <sup>12</sup>	} Sept. 14, 1926. <sup>3</sup> } Nov. 2, 1926. <sup>4</sup> } May 30, 1930. <sup>5</sup> } 3 y., 7 m., 0 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 26, 1928	June 11, 1928	138	
	3rd	Feb. 7, 1929	June 14, 1929	128	
	4th	Feb. 20, 1930	May 30, 1930	100	
17th Parliament.....	1st	Sept. 8, 1930	Sept. 22, 1930	15	} July 28, 1930. <sup>3</sup> } Aug. 18, 1930. <sup>4</sup> } Aug. 15, 1935. <sup>5</sup> } 4 y., 11 m., 29 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Mar. 12, 1931	Aug. 3, 1931	145	
	3rd	Feb. 4, 1932	May 26, 1932	113	
	4th	Oct. 6, 1932	May 27, 1933	169 <sup>13</sup>	
	5th	Jan. 25, 1934	July 3, 1934	160	
	6th	Jan. 17, 1935	July 5, 1935	170	
18th Parliament.....	1st	Feb. 6, 1936	June 23, 1936	139	} Oct. 14, 1935. <sup>3</sup> } Nov. 9, 1935. <sup>4</sup> } Jan. 25, 1940. <sup>5</sup> } 4 y., 3 m., 13 d. <sup>6</sup>
	2nd	Jan. 14, 1937	Apr. 10, 1937	87	
	3rd	Jan. 27, 1938	July 1, 1938	156	
	4th	Jan. 12, 1939	June 3, 1939	143	
	5th	Sept. 7, 1939	Sept. 13, 1939	7	
	6th	Jan. 25, 1940	Jan. 25, 1940	1	

<sup>1</sup> The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years. <sup>2</sup> Adjourned from Dec. 21, 1867, to Mar. 12, 1868, to allow the local legislatures to meet. <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> Not including days (81) of adjournment from May 23 until Aug. 13. <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. <sup>11</sup> Including days (13) of adjournment from Mar. 3 to Mar. 15. <sup>12</sup> Not including days (54) of adjournment from Dec. 15 to Feb. 8. <sup>13</sup> Not including days (65) of adjournment from Nov. 25 to Jan. 30

Subsection 3.—The Senate.

The British North America Act, 1867, provides in Sects. 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 case of Quebec, each of the twenty-four senators representing the province shall be appointed for

\* A senator's sessional indemnity is \$4,000.