

Section 2.—Provincial Governments.

Table 10 gives the names and areas, as in 1940, of the several provinces, territories, and provisional districts of the Dominion, together with the dates of their creation or admission into the Confederation and the legislative process by which this was effected.

10.—Provinces and Territories of Canada, with Present Areas, Dates of Admission to Confederation, and Legislative Process by which Admission was Effected.

Province, Territory, or District.	Date of Admission or Creation.	Legislative Process.	Present Area (square miles).		
			Land.	Fresh 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..	363,282	49,300	412,582 ¹
Quebec.....	" 1, 1867		523,534	71,000	594,534 ²
Nova Scotia.....	" 1, 1867		20,743	325	21,068
New Brunswick.....	" 1, 1867		27,473	512	27,985
Manitoba.....	" 15, 1870		Manitoba Act, 1870 (33 Vict., c. 3) and Imperial Order in Council, June 23, 1870	219,723	26,789
British Columbia..	" 20, 1871	Imperial Order in Council, May 16, 1871	359,279	6,976	366,255
P. E. Island.....	" 1, 1873	Imperial Order in Council, June 26, 1873	2,184	"	2,184
Yukon.....	June 13, 1898	Yukon Territory Act, 1898 (61 Vict., c. 6).....	205,346	1,730	207,076
Saskatchewan.....	Sept. 1, 1905	Saskatchewan, Act 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 42).....	237,975	13,725	251,700 ⁵
Alberta.....	" 1, 1905	Alberta Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 3).....	248,800	6,485	255,285 ⁵
Mackenzie.....	Jan. 1, 1920	Order in Council, Mar. 16, 1918.....	493,225	34,265	527,490 ⁶
Keewatin.....	" 1, 1920		218,460	9,700	228,160 ⁶
Franklin.....	" 1, 1920		546,532	7,500	554,032
Totals.....				3,466,556	228,307

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

² Extended by 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 (Mar. 1, 1927), whereby some 112,400 square miles of territory, formerly considered as part of Quebec, were assigned to Newfoundland.

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

⁴ Too small to be enumerated.

⁵ 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.

⁶ By Order in Council, 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 governs 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 unicameral, 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.