

4.—Duration and Sessions of Dominion Parliaments, 1918-1941

NOTE.—Similar information for the first to the twelfth Parliaments, covering the period from Confederation to 1917, will be found at p. 46 of the 1940 Year Book.

Order of Parliament	Session	Date of Opening	Date of Prorogation	Days of Session	Date of Election, Writs Returnable, Dissolution, and Length of Parliament ¹
13th Parliament.....	1st	Mar. 18, 1918	May 24, 1918	68	Dec. 17, 1917 ² Feb. 27, 1918 ³ Oct. 4, 1921 ⁴ 3 y., 7 m., 6 d. ⁵
	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 ² Jan. 14, 1922 ³ Sept. 5, 1925 ⁴ 3 y., 7 m., 26 d. ⁵
	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 ⁶	Oct. 29, 1925 ² Dec. 7, 1925 ³ July 2, 1926 ⁴ 6 m., 26 d. ⁵
16th Parliament.....	1st	Dec. 9, 1926	Apr. 14, 1927	73 ⁷	Sept. 14, 1926 ² Nov. 2, 1926 ³ May 30, 1930 ⁴ 3 y., 7 m., 0 d. ⁵
	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 ² Aug. 18, 1930 ³ Aug. 15, 1935 ⁴ 4 y., 11 m., 29 d. ⁵
	2nd	Mar. 12, 1931	Aug. 3, 1931	145	
	3rd	Feb. 4, 1932	May 26, 1932	113	
	4th	Oct. 6, 1932	May 27, 1933	169 ⁸	
	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 ² Nov. 9, 1935 ³ Jan. 25, 1940 ⁴ 4 y., 3 m., 13 d. ⁵
	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	
19th Parliament.....	1st	May 16, 1940	Nov. 5, 1940	85 ⁹	Mar. 26, 1940 ² Apr. 17, 1940 ³
	2nd	Nov. 7, 1940	10	-	

¹ The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years. ² Date of general elections. ³ Writs returnable. ⁴ Dissolution of Parliament. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Including days (13) of adjournment from Mar. 3 to Mar. 15. ⁷ Not including days (54) of adjournment from Dec. 15 to Feb. 8. ⁸ Not including days (65) of adjournment from Nov. 25 to Jan. 30. ⁹ Not including days (89) of adjournment from Aug. 8 to Nov. 4. ¹⁰ Not available at the time of going to press.

Subsection 3.—The Senate*

From an original membership of 72 at Confederation the Senate, through the addition of new provinces and the general growth of the Dominion, now has 96 members, the latest change in representation having been made in 1915. The growth of representation in the Senate is traced at pp. 47-49 of the 1940 edition of the Year Book and is summarized, by provinces, in Table 5.

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