

Subsection 2.—The Ministry

A system of government based upon the British, by which a Cabinet or Ministry (composed of members of the House of Commons or the Senate), responsible to Parliament, holds office while it enjoys the confidence of the people's representatives, is found in Canada. The Cabinet is actually a committee of the King's Privy 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 a Minister may hold more than one portfolio at the same time, or may be without portfolio.

2.—Prime Ministers Since Confederation

NOTE.—A complete list of the members of Dominion Ministries from Confederation to 1913 appears in the 1912 Year Book, pp. 422-429. Later Ministries will be found in the corresponding tables of subsequent editions of the Year Book.

| Ministry | Prime Minister | Length of Administration |
|----------|---|---|
| 1 | Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD..... | July 1, 1867 - Nov. 6, 1873 |
| 2 | HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE..... | Nov. 7, 1873 - Oct. 16, 1878 |
| 3 | Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD..... | Oct. 17, 1878 - June 6, 1891 |
| 4 | HON. SIR JOHN J. C. ABBOTT..... | June 16, 1891 - Dec. 5, 1892 |
| 5 | HON. SIR JOHN S. D. THOMPSON..... | Dec. 5, 1892 - Dec. 12, 1894 |
| 6 | HON. SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL..... | Dec. 21, 1894 - Apr. 27, 1896 |
| 7 | Right Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER..... | May 1, 1896 - July 8, 1896 |
| 8 | Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER..... | July 11, 1896 - Oct. 6, 1911 |
| 9 | Right Hon. Sir ROBERT L. BORDEN..... | Oct. 10, 1911 - Oct. 12, 1917 (Conservative Administration) |
| 10 | Right Hon. Sir ROBERT L. BORDEN..... | Oct. 12, 1917 - July 10, 1920 (Unionist Administration) |
| 11 | Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN..... | July 10, 1920 - Dec. 29, 1921 (Unionist—"National Liberal and Conservative Party") |
| 12 | Right Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING..... | Dec. 29, 1921 - June 28, 1926 |
| 13 | Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN..... | June 29, 1926 - Sept. 25, 1926 |
| 14 | Right Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING..... | Sept. 25, 1926 - Aug. 6, 1930 |
| 15 | Right Hon. RICHARD BEDFORD BENNETT..... | Aug. 7, 1930 - Oct. 23, 1935 |
| 16 | Right Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING..... | Oct. 23, 1935 - — |

3.—Members of the Sixteenth Dominion Ministry as at Feb. 1, 1945

(According to precedence of the Ministers)

| Office | Occupant | Date of Appointment ¹ |
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| Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council, Secretary of State for External Affairs..... | Right Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING, C.M.G..... | Oct. 23, 1935 |
| Minister of Mines and Resources..... | HON. THOMAS ALEXANDER CRRERAR..... | Oct. 23, 1935 |
| Member of the Administration and Minister without portfolio..... | HON. JAMES H. KING, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., LL.D..... | May 26, 1942 |
| Minister of Veterans Affairs..... | HON. IAN ALISTAIR MACKENZIE, K.C..... | Oct. 23, 1935 Sept. 19, 1939 Oct. 13, 1944 |
| Minister of National Defence for Air..... | HON. JAMES LORIMER ILSLEY, K.C..... | Oct. 23, 1935 |
| Minister of Finance..... | HON. JOSEPH ENOIL MICHAUD, K.C..... | July 8, 1940 |
| Minister of Transport..... | HON. CLARENCE DECATUR HOWE..... | Oct. 7, 1942 |
| Minister of Munitions and Supply and Minister of Reconstruction..... | HON. CLARENCE DECATUR HOWE..... | Oct. 23, 1935 Apr. 9, 1940 Oct. 13, 1944 |
| Minister of Agriculture..... | HON. JAMES GARFIELD GARDINER..... | Oct. 28, 1935 |
| Secretary of State..... | HON. NORMAN ALEXANDER MCLARTY, K.C..... | Jan. 23, 1939 Dec. 15, 1941 |

¹For footnote, see end of table, p. 52.