

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

Ministry	Prime Minister	Length of Administration
1	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD.....	July 1, 1867 - Nov. 5, 1873
2	Hon. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.....	Nov. 7, 1873 - Oct. 16, 1878
3	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD.....	Oct. 17, 1878 - June 6, 1891
4	Hon. Sir JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL ABBOTT.....	June 16, 1891 - Nov. 24, 1892
5	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN SPARROW DAVID THOMPSON.....	Dec. 5, 1892 - Dec. 12, 1894
6	Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL.....	Dec. 21, 1894 - Apr. 27, 1896
7	Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER.....	May 1, 1896 - July 8, 1896
8	Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIE.....	July 11, 1896 - Oct. 6, 1911
9	Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN.....	Oct. 10, 1911 - Oct. 12, 1917 (Conservative Administration)
10	Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN.....	Oct. 12, 1917 - July 10, 1920 (Unionist Administration)
11	Rt. Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN.....	July 10, 1920 - Dec. 29, 1921 (Unionist—"National Liberal and Conservative Party")
12	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING.....	Dec. 29, 1921 - June 28, 1926
13	Rt. Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN.....	June 29, 1926 - Sept. 25, 1926
14	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING.....	Sept. 25, 1926 - Aug. 6, 1930
15	Rt. Hon. RICHARD BEDFORD BENNETT.....	Aug. 7, 1930 - Oct. 23, 1935
16	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING.....	Oct. 23, 1935 - Nov. 15, 1948
17	Rt. Hon. LOUIS STEPHEN ST. LAURENT.....	Nov. 15, 1948 - ...

### 3.—Members of the Seventeenth Ministry as at Sept. 15, 1949

(According to precedence of Ministers)

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 subsequent editions of the Year Book. Parliamentary Assistants to the Cabinet Ministers are given in footnotes to Table 9.

Office	Occupant	Date of Appointment <sup>1</sup>
Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council.....	Rt. Hon. LOUIS STEPHEN ST. LAURENT, K.C.	{ Dec. 10, 1941 Nov. 15, 1948
Minister of Trade and Commerce.....	Rt. Hon. CLARENCE DECATUR HOWE.....	{ Oct. 23, 1935 Jan. 19, 1948
Minister of Agriculture.....	Rt. Hon. JAMES GARFIELD GARDINER.....	{ Oct. 28, 1935
Member of the Administration and Minister without Portfolio.....	Hon. JAMES ANGUS MACKINNON.....	{ Jan. 23, 1939 Apr. 1, 1949
Minister of Mines and Resources.....	Hon. COLIN WILLIAM GEORGE GIBSON, M.C., K.C., V.D.	{ July 8, 1940 Apr. 1, 1949
Minister of Labour.....	Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL.....	{ Dec. 15, 1941
Minister of Public Works.....	Hon. ALPHONSE FOURNIER, K.C.	{ Oct. 6, 1942
Minister of National Defence.....	Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON, K.C.	{ Oct. 13, 1944 Dec. 12, 1946
Minister of Transport.....	Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER, K.C.	{ Apr. 18, 1945
Minister of National Health and Welfare.....	Hon. PAUL JOSEPH JAMES MARTIN, K.C.	{ Dec. 12, 1946 Apr. 18, 1945
Minister of Finance and Receiver General....	Hon. DOUGLAS CHARLES ABBOTT, K.C.	{ Dec. 10, 1946 Apr. 18, 1945
Minister of National Revenue.....	Hon. JAMES JOSEPH MCCANN, M.D.	{ Apr. 18, 1945
Member of the Administration and Minister without Portfolio.....	Hon. WISHART MCLEA ROBERTSON.....	{ Aug. 29, 1945
Minister of Veterans Affairs.....	Hon. MILTON FOWLER GREGG, V.C.	{ Sept. 2, 1947 Jan. 19, 1948
Minister of Fisheries.....	Hon. ROBERT WELLINGTON MAYHEW.....	{ June 11, 1948
Secretary of State for External Affairs.....	Hon. LESTER BOWLES PEARSON.....	{ Sept. 10, 1948
Minister of Justice and Attorney General....	Hon. STUART SINCLAIR GARSON.....	{ Nov. 15, 1948
Minister of Reconstruction and Supply.....	Hon. ROBERT HENRY WINTERS.....	{ Nov. 15, 1948
Secretary of State of Canada.....	Hon. F. GORDON BRADLEY.....	{ Apr. 1, 1949
Solicitor General of Canada.....	Hon. HUGUES LAPOINTE.....	{ Oct. 24, 1949
Postmaster General.....	Hon. GABRIEL EDOUARD RINFRET.....	{ Aug. 24, 1949

<sup>1</sup> Where two dates are shown, the first indicates the date of first appointment as a Minister of the Crown and the second the date of appointment to the portfolio held at present.