

3.—Members of the Seventeenth Ministry as at Mar. 31, 1952

(According to precedence of Ministers)

NOTE.—A complete list of the members of Federal 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.

Office	Occupant	Date of First Appointment ¹	Date of Appointment to Present Portfolio
Prime Minister and President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.	Rt. Hon. LOUIS STEPHEN ST. LAURENT.....	Dec. 10, 1941	Nov. 15, 1948
Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Defence Production....	Rt. Hon. C. D. HOWE.....	Oct. 23, 1935	{ Jan. 19, 1948 Mar. 22, 1951
Minister of Agriculture.....	Rt. Hon. J. G. GARDINER.....	Oct. 28, 1935	Oct. 28, 1935
Minister of Public Works.....	Hon. ALPHONSE FOURNIER.....	Oct. 6, 1942	Oct. 6, 1942
Minister of National Defence.....	Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON.....	Oct. 13, 1944	Dec. 12, 1946
Minister of Transport.....	Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER.....	Apr. 18, 1945	Apr. 18, 1945
Minister of National Health and Welfare.....	Hon. PAUL MARTIN.....	Apr. 18, 1945	Dec. 12, 1946
Minister of Finance and Receiver General.....	Hon. D. C. ABBOTT.....	Apr. 18, 1945	Dec. 10, 1946
Minister of National Revenue.....	Hon. J. J. McCANN.....	Apr. 18, 1945	Apr. 18, 1945
Leader of the Government in the Senate.....	Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON.....	Aug. 29, 1945	Aug. 29, 1945
Minister of Labour.....	Hon. M. F. GREGG.....	Jan. 19, 1948	Aug. 7, 1950
Minister of Fisheries.....	Hon. R. W. MAYHEW.....	June 11, 1948	June 11, 1948
Secretary of State for External Affairs.....	Hon. L. B. PEARSON.....	Sept. 10, 1948	Sept. 10, 1948
Minister of Justice and Attorney General.....	Hon. S. S. GARSON.....	Nov. 15, 1948	Nov. 15, 1948
Minister of Resources and Development.....	Hon. R. H. WINTERS.....	Nov. 15, 1948	Jan. 18, 1950
Secretary of State of Canada.....	Hon. F. GORDON BRADLEY.....	Apr. 1, 1949	Apr. 1, 1949
Minister of Veterans Affairs.....	Hon. HUGUES LAPOINTE.....	Aug. 24, 1949	Aug. 7, 1950
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.....	Hon. W. E. HARRIS.....	Jan. 18, 1950	Jan. 18, 1950
Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.....	Hon. GEORGE PRUDHAM.....	Dec. 13, 1950	Dec. 13, 1950
Postmaster General.....	Hon. ALCIDE CÔTÉ.....	Feb. 13, 1952	Feb. 13, 1952

¹ Appointee was not necessarily sworn in on date given.

Administrative duties in the various departments of government became so burdensome during World War II that Parliamentary Assistants were appointed to assist six Cabinet Ministers with their parliamentary duties. The practice was extended after the War to include Parliamentary Assistants for 13 Ministers, as listed below:—

To Minister of Trade and Commerce.....	G. J. McILRAITH
To Minister of Labour.....	PAUL E. CÔTÉ
To Minister of Agriculture.....	ROBERT McCUBBIN
To Minister of Fisheries.....	J. WATSON MACNAUGHT
To Minister of Veterans Affairs.....	L. A. MUTCH
To Minister of National Defence.....	J. A. BLANCHETTE
To Minister of Finance.....	JAMES SINCLAIR
To Minister of Transport.....	W. M. BENIDICKSON
To Postmaster General.....	L. LANGLOIS
To Secretary of State for External Affairs.....	JEAN LESAGE
To Minister of National Defence.....	R. O. CAMPNEY
To Minister of National Health and Welfare.....	E. A. McCUSKER
To Minister of Defence Production.....	JOHN H. DICKEY

The Privy Council.—The Queen's Privy Council for Canada is composed of about seventy members who are sworn of the Council by the Governor General, on the advice of the Prime Minister, and who retain their membership for life. The Council consists, chiefly, of present and former Ministers of the Crown. It does not meet as a functioning body and its constitutional responsibilities as adviser