

The Legislature of each province is unicameral, consisting of a Legislative Assembly, except for the Province of Quebec where there is a Legislative Council as well as a Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly is elected by the people for a statutory term of five years but may be dissolved within that period by the Lieutenant-Governor on the advice of the Premier of the province.

13.—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 (sq. miles) | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | Land | Fresh Water | Total |
| Ontario ¹ | July 1, 1867 | Act of Imperial Parliament — The British North America Act, 1867 (30-31 Vict., c. 3), and Imperial Order in Council, May 22, 1867. | 363,282 | 49,300 | 412,582 |
| Quebec ² | July 1, 1867 | | 523,860 | 71,000 | 594,860 |
| Nova Scotia..... | July 1, 1867 | | 20,743 | 325 | 21,068 |
| New Brunswick..... | July 1, 1867 | | 27,473 | 512 | 27,985 |
| Manitoba ³ | July 15, 1870 | Manitoba Act, 1870 (33 Vict., c. 3) and Imperial Order in Council, June 23, 1870..... | 219,723 | 26,789 | 246,512 |
| British Columbia.... | July 20, 1871 | Imperial Order in Council, May 16, 1871..... | 359,279 | 6,976 | 366,255 |
| Prince Edward Island | July 1, 1873 | Imperial Order in Council, June 26, 1873..... | 2,184 | -- | 2,184 |
| Saskatchewan ⁴ | Sept. 1, 1905 | Saskatchewan Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 42)..... | 237,975 | 13,725 | 251,700 |
| Alberta ⁴ | Sept. 1, 1905 | Alberta Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 3)..... | 248,800 | 6,485 | 255,285 |
| Newfoundland..... | Mar. 31, 1949 | Act to approve the Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada, 1949 (13 Geo. VI, c. 1)..... | 147,994 | 7,370 | 155,364 |
| Yukon Territory ⁵ | June 13, 1898 | Yukon Territory Act, 1898 (61 Vict., c. 6)..... | 205,346 | 1,730 | 207,076 |
| Northwest Territories— ⁶ | | | | | |
| Mackenzie ⁷ | Jan. 1, 1920 | Order in Council, Mar. 16, 1918..... | 493,225 | 34,265 | 527,490 |
| Keewatin ⁸ | Jan. 1, 1920 | | 218,460 | 9,700 | 228,160 |
| Franklin ⁷ | Jan. 1, 1920 | | 541,753 | 7,500 | 549,253 |
| Canada | | | 3,610,097 | 235,677 | 3,845,774 |

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 Mar. 1, 1927, in consequence of the Award of the Judicial Committee of the British Privy Council, whereby approximately 112,000 sq. miles of territory (formerly considered as part of Quebec) was assigned to Newfoundland.

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

⁴ Saskatchewan and Alberta created as provinces in 1905 from the area formerly comprised in the provisional Districts of Assiniboia, Athabaska, Alberta and Saskatchewan, established May 17, 1882, by minute of Canadian Privy Council, concurred in by Dominion Parliament and Order in Council, Oct. 2, 1895.

⁵ Established as a provisional District in the Northwest Territories in 1895 and proclaimed the Yukon Judicial District on Aug. 16, 1897; was separated from the Northwest Territories and constituted the Yukon Territory in June 1898.

⁶ Rupert's Land, acquired under the Rupert's Land Acts 1867-68, and the undefined Northwestern Territory were transferred by the Imperial Government to be admitted into union with Canada as the North West Territories by Order in Council June 23, 1870 (effective July 15, 1870). The Northwest Territories were defined by the Northwest Territories Amendment Act, 1905, as that part of Rupert's Land and Northwestern Territory except such portions thereof as form Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the District of Keewatin and Yukon Territory. In 1912, part of Rupert's Land (the District of Ungava) was annexed to Quebec and the remainder, south and west of James and Hudson Bays as far north as the 60th parallel, to Ontario and Manitoba.

⁷ Established as provincial Districts in 1895.

⁸ The District of Keewatin, created in 1876, was withdrawn from the Government of the Northwest Territories until July 24, 1905, when it was enlarged by those portions of the Districts of Saskatchewan and Athabaska not included in the Province of Saskatchewan and placed under the jurisdiction of the reorganized Northwest Territories.