

## 23.—Legislatures and Premiers of British Columbia 1933-58 and Ministry as at Sept. 1, 1958

Legislatures 1933-58<sup>1</sup>

Date of Election	Legislature	Number of Sessions	Date of First Opening	Date of Dissolution
Nov. 2, 1933 <sup>2</sup>	18th.....	4	Feb. 20, 1934	Apr. 15, 1937
June 1, 1937	19th.....	5	Oct. 26, 1937	July 22, 1941
Oct. 21, 1941	20th.....	4	Dec. 4, 1941	Aug. 31, 1945
Oct. 25, 1945	21st.....	5	Feb. 21, 1946	Apr. 16, 1949
June 15, 1949	22nd.....	4	Feb. 14, 1950	Apr. 10, 1952
June 12, 1952	23rd.....	1	Feb. 3, 1953	Mar. 27, 1953
June 9, 1953	24th.....	4	Sept. 15, 1953	Aug. 13, 1956
Sept. 19, 1956	25th.....	3	Feb. 7, 1957	3

<sup>1</sup> The Ministries from 1933-58 were: 22nd Ministry sworn in Nov. 15, 1933,<sup>3</sup> under the leadership of Hon. T. D. Pattullo; 23rd Ministry sworn in Dec. 9, 1941, under the leadership of Hon. John Hart; 24th Ministry sworn in Dec. 29, 1947, under the leadership of Hon. B. I. Johnson; 25th Ministry sworn in Aug. 1, 1952, under the leadership of Hon. W. A. C. Bennett. <sup>2</sup> Owing to the death of a candidate, polling day was delayed in the Electoral Districts of Vancouver Centre and Victoria City until Nov. 27, 1933. <sup>3</sup> Life of Legislature not expired at Sept. 1, 1958.

## Twenty-Fifth Ministry

(Party standing at latest General Election, Sept. 19, 1956: 39 Social Credit, 10 Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, 2 Liberals and 1 Labour.)

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 15.

Office	Name	Date of First Appointment	Date of Present Appointment
Premier, President of the Council and Minister of Finance.	HON. WILLIAM ANDREW CECIL BENNETT.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Municipal Affairs.....	HON. WESLEY DREWETT BLACK...	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Attorney-General and Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce.....	HON. ROBERT WILLIAM BONNER...	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Lands and Forests.....	HON. RAY GILLIS WILLISTON.....	Apr. 14, 1954	Feb. 28, 1956
Minister of Agriculture.....	HON. NEWTON PHILLIPS STEACY...	Sept. 13, 1957	Sept. 13, 1957
Minister of Mines.....	HON. WILLIAM KENNETH KIERNAN	Aug. 1, 1952	Feb. 28, 1956
Minister of Highways.....	HON. PHILIP ARTHUR GAGIARDI...	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 15, 1955
Minister of Labour and Minister of Railways.	HON. LYLE WICKS.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Education.....	HON. LESLIE RAYMOND PETERSON.	Sept. 27, 1956	Sept. 27, 1956
Minister of Health and Welfare.....	HON. ERIC CHARLES FITZGERALD MARTIN.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Public Works.....	HON. WILLIAM NEELANDS CHANT.	Mar. 15, 1955	Mar. 15, 1955
Minister of Recreation and Conservation....	HON. EARLE CATHERS WESTWOOD.	Sept. 27, 1956	Mar. 28, 1957

## Subsection 11.—Yukon and Northwest Territories

**Yukon Territory.**—The Yukon was created a separate Territory in June 1898. Provision is made for a local Government composed of a Chief Executive, styled Commissioner, and an elective Legislative Council of five members with a three-year tenure of office. The Commissioner administers the Government under instructions from the Governor in Council or the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. The Commissioner in Council has power to make ordinances dealing with the imposition of local taxes, sale of liquor, preservation of game, establishment of territorial offices, maintenance of prisons and municipal institutions, issue of licences, incorporation of companies, solemnization of marriage, property and civil rights, administration of justice and generally all matters of a local nature in the Territory. The seat of local government is at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.