

The Legislative Assembly, elected for a statutory term of five years, has 52 members. Premiers since Confederation are listed in the 1960 Year Book, p. 118.

Each member of the Executive Council and the Legislative Assembly receives a sessional allowance of \$3,400 and \$1,000 for expenses. There is also paid to each member a living allowance of \$15 for each day's attendance at the session and for each Saturday, Sunday or holiday that intervenes between two sittings of the House; the allowance of \$15 in any session is not paid in respect of more than 40 days. Each member also receives an allowance of 25 cents per mile of the distance between his place of residence and the city of Victoria, reckoning such distance, going and coming, according to the nearest mail route. In addition, the Premier receives a salary of \$15,000 and each member of the Executive Council \$12,500. The Leader of the Opposition has a special allowance of \$3,500 for expenses, the Speaker receives a special allowance of \$3,500 and the Deputy Speaker an allowance of \$1,000.

33.—Legislatures of British Columbia, 1937-60, as at Jan. 1, 1961

NOTE.—Legislatures from Confederation to 1923 are given in the 1924 Year Book, p. 83, and for 1924-37 in the 1938 edition, p. 118.

Date of Election	Legislature	Number of Sessions	Date of First Opening	Date of Dissolution
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.....	4	Feb. 7, 1957	Aug. 3, 1960
Sept. 12, 1960	26th.....	1	Jan. 26, 1961	1

¹ Life of Legislature not expired at Jan. 1, 1961.

34.—Twenty-Sixth Ministry of British Columbia, as at Jan. 1, 1961

(Party standing at latest General Election, Sept. 12, 1960: 32 Social Credit, 16 Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and 4 Liberal.)

NOTE.—Ministers are shown at date of original appointment as a Minister and at date of appointment to present portfolio, despite the formation of a new Ministry consequent upon the appointment of a new Premier.

Office	Name	Date of First Appointment	Date of Present Appointment ¹
Premier, President of the Council and Minister of Finance.	HON. WILLIAM ANDREW CECIL BENNETT.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Feb. 15, 1954
Provincial Secretary, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Minister of Social Welfare....	HON. WESLEY DREWETT BLACK...	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 20, 1959
Attorney General and Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce....	HON. ROBERT WILLIAM BONNER...	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 28, 1957
Minister of Lands and Forests.....	HON. RAY GILLIS WILLISTON.....	Apr. 14, 1954	Feb. 28, 1956
Minister of Agriculture.....	HON. FRANCIS XAVIER RICHTER...	Nov. 28, 1960	Nov. 28, 1960
Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources..	HON. WILLIAM KENNETH KIERNAN	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 18, 1960
Minister of Highways.....	HON. PHILIP ARTHUR GAGLARDI...	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 15, 1955
Minister of Labour and Minister of Education.	HON. LESLIE RAYMOND PETERSON.	Sept. 27, 1956	Nov. 28, 1960
Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance.	HON. ERIC CHARLES FITZGERALD MARTIN.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Mar. 20, 1959
Minister of Public Works.....	HON. WILLIAM NEELANDS CHANT.	Mar. 15, 1955	Mar. 15, 1955
Minister of Recreation and Conservation and Minister of Commercial Transport.....	HON. EARLE CATHERS WESTWOOD.	Sept. 27, 1956	Nov. 28, 1960
Member of Executive Council without Portfolio.....	HON. BUDA HOSMER BROWN....	Nov. 28, 1960	Nov. 28, 1960

¹ Minister not necessarily sworn in on date of appointment.