

Section 2.—Public Lands

In Table 2, classifying the land area of Canada by tenure, items 2, 3 and 4 are obtained from Federal Government sources and items 1, 5 and 6 from Provincial Government sources.

2.—Land Area classified by Tenure, by Province, (circa 1953)

Item	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles
1. Alienated from the Crown or in process of alienation.....	6,681	2,173	15,619	16,438	36,000	41,013
2. Federal lands other than National Parks and Indian reserves.....	2	—	13	476	2,067 ¹	1,126
3. National Parks.....	—	7	390	80	—	12
4. Indian reserves.....	—	4	30	59	281	2,437
5. Provincial lands, including leased lands and forest reserves but not Provincial Parks.....	141,269	—	4,691	10,420	465,486	298,341
6. Provincial Parks.....	42	—	—	—	20,026	5,212
Totals, Land Area.....	147,994	2,184	20,743	27,473	523,860	348,141
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles
1. Alienated from the Crown or in process of alienation.....	44,727	104,413	78,377	19,695	67	365,203
2. Federal lands other than National Parks and Indian reserves.....	2	51	11,671	161	1,455,083 ²	1,470,652
3. National Parks.....	1,148	1,496	20,718 ⁴	1,671	3,625 ⁵	29,147
4. Indian reserves.....	819	1,881	2,370	1,283	9	9,173
5. Provincial lands, including leased lands and forest reserves but not Provincial Parks.....	173,027	110,656	135,555	322,388	—	1,661,833
6. Provincial Parks.....	—	1,685 ⁶	109	14,081	—	41,155
Totals, Land Area.....	219,723	220,182	248,800	359,279	1,458,784	3,577,163

¹ Includes the Gatineau Park (70 sq. miles) and the Quebec Battlefields Park (0.36 sq. miles) which are under federal jurisdiction but which are not technically National Parks. ² Less than 1 sq. mile.

³ Includes 952,849 sq. miles set aside by Order in Council as native game preserves in which only Indians and Eskimos may hunt, as game sanctuaries in which hunting and trapping is otherwise forbidden, and as reserves for reindeer grazing, but which are not regarded as National Parks. ⁴ Includes Wood Buffalo Park (13,675 sq. miles) which, although reserved by the Federal Government, is not administered as a National Park. ⁵ That portion of Wood Buffalo Park in N.W.T. ⁶ Includes 1,392 sq. miles of unsurveyed lands—Provincial Park areas.

Subsection 1.—Federal Public Lands

Public lands under the administration of the Federal Government comprise lands in the Northwest Territories, including the Arctic Archipelago and the islands in Hudson Strait, Hudson Bay and James Bay, lands in Yukon Territory, Ordnance and Admiralty Lands, National Parks and National Historic Sites, Forest Experiment Stations, Experimental Farms, Indian reserves and, in general, all public lands held by the several Departments of the Federal Government for various purposes connected with federal administration. The Dominion Lands Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 113) and the Ordnance and Admiralty Lands Act (R.S.C., 1927, c. 58) were repealed in 1950, while the Territorial Lands Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 263) and the Public Lands Grants Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 224) were enacted to replace them and became effective June 1, 1950.