

3.—Members of the Seventeenth Ministry, as at Dec. 31, 1953

(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 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. ARBOTT	Apr. 18, 1945	Dec. 10, 1946
Minister of National Revenue	Hon. J. J. McCANN	Apr. 18, 1945	Apr. 18, 1945
Minister of Labour	Hon. M. F. GREGG	Jan. 19, 1948	Aug. 7, 1950
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 Public Works	Hon. ROBERT H. WINTERS	Nov. 15, 1948	Sept. 17, 1953
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 PRUDEHAM	Dec. 13, 1950	Dec. 13, 1950
Postmaster General	Hon. ALCIDÉ CÔTÉ	Feb. 13, 1952	Feb. 13, 1952
Minister of Fisheries	Hon. JAMES SINCLAIR	Oct. 15, 1952	Sept. 17, 1953
Solicitor General and Associate Minister of National Defence	Hon. RALPH O. CAMPNEY	Oct. 15, 1952	{Oct. 15, 1952 Feb. 12, 1953
Leader of the Government in the Senate	Hon. WILLIAM R. MACDONALD	May 12, 1953	May 12, 1953
Secretary of State	Hon. JOHN W. PICKERSGILL	June 12, 1953	June 12, 1953
Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources ²	Hon. JEAN LESAGE	Sept. 17, 1953	Sept. 17, 1953

¹ Appointee was not necessarily sworn in on date given.

² Name of Office changed from Resources and Development on Dec. 16, 1953.

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 and at Dec. 31, 1953, there were 12 Parliamentary Assistants, as follows:—

To Prime Minister	W. S. WEIR
To Minister of Agriculture	ROBERT MCCUBBIN
To Minister of Fisheries	J. WATSON MACNAUGHT
To Minister of Veterans Affairs	C. E. BENNETT
To Minister of National Defence	J. A. BLANCHETTE
To Minister of Transport	L. LANGLOIS
To Postmaster General	T. A. M. KIRK
To Minister of Finance	W. M. BENEDICKSON
To Minister of National Health and Welfare	F. G. ROBERTSON
To Minister of Defence Production	JOHN H. DICKEY
To Secretary of State for External Affairs	R. PINARD
To Minister of Public Works	M. BOURGET

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