

4.—Members of the Seventeenth Ministry, as at July 15, 1954

(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 Health and Welfare.....	Hon. PAUL MARTIN.....	Apr. 18, 1945	Dec. 12, 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 Finance and Receiver General.....	Hon. W. E. HARRIS.....	Jan. 18, 1950	July 1, 1954
Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.....	Hon. GEORGE PRUDHAM.....	Dec. 13, 1950	Dec. 13, 1950
Postmaster General.....	Hon. ALCIDE CÔTÉ.....	Feb. 13, 1952	Feb. 13, 1952
Minister of Fisheries.....	Hon. JAMES SINCLAIR.....	Oct. 15, 1952	Sept. 17, 1953
Minister of National Defence.....	Hon. RALPH O. CAMPNEY.....	Oct. 15, 1952	July 1, 1954
Leader of the Government in the Senate and Solicitor General.....	Hon. WILLIAM R. MACDONALD.....	May 12, 1953	May 12, 1953 Jan. 12, 1954
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.....	Hon. JOHN W. PICKERSGILL.....	June 12, 1953	July 1, 1954
Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.....	Hon. JEAN LESAGE.....	Sept. 17, 1953	Sept. 17, 1953
Minister of Transport.....	Hon. GEORGE C. MARLER.....	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1954
Secretary of State of Canada.....	Hon. ROCH PINAUD.....	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1954

¹ Appointee was not necessarily sworn in on date given.

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 July 15, 1954, there were 11 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 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