

23.—Legislatures and Premiers of British Columbia, 1933-54, and Ministry as at Mar. 31, 1954

Legislatures, 1933-54¹

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

¹ The Ministries from 1933-54 were: 22nd Ministry, sworn in Nov. 15, 1933, under the leadership of Hon. T. D. Pattullo; 23rd Ministry, sworn in Dec. 10, 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. ² 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. * Life of Legislature not expired at Mar. 31, 1954.

Twenty-Fifth Ministry

(Party standing at latest General Election, June 9, 1953: 28 Social Credit, 14 Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, 4 Liberals, 1 Progressive Conservative, 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.....	HON. ROBERT WILLIAM BONNER....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Lands and Forests and Minister of Mines.....	HON. ROBERT EDWARD SOMMERS....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Agriculture.....	HON. WILLIAM KENNETH KIERNAN..	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Public Works.....	HON. PHILIP ARTHUR GAGLARDI..	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Railways, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Minister of Fisheries.....	HON. WILLIAM RALPH TALBOT CHETWYND.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Labour.....	HON. LYLE WICKS.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952
Minister of Education.....	HON. RAY GILLES WILLISTON.....	Apr. 14, 1954	Apr. 14, 1954
Minister of Health and Welfare.....	HON. ERIC CHARLES FITZGERALD MARTIN.....	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1952

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