

**The Cabinet.**—The Cabinet is a committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and is responsible to Parliament. By convention the members of the Cabinet are members of either the House of Commons or the Senate. Normally a Cabinet member has a seat in the House of Commons.

The Cabinet initiates nearly all public Bills placed before Parliament and following established precedent resigns office when it becomes evident that it no longer holds the confidence of the representatives of the people. Its members are chosen by the Prime Minister and each generally assumes charge of one of the various departments of government, although a Minister may hold more than one portfolio at the same time or may be without portfolio.

### 3.—Prime Ministers since Confederation, 1867

Ministry	Prime Minister	Length of Administration
1	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD	July 1, 1867 - Nov. 5, 1873
2	HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE	Nov. 7, 1873 - Oct. 16, 1878
3	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD	Oct. 17, 1878 - June 6, 1891
4	HON. Sir JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL ABROTT	June 16, 1891 - Nov. 24, 1892
5	Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN SPARROW DAVID THOMPSON	Dec. 5, 1892 - Dec. 12, 1894
6	HON. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL	Dec. 21, 1894 - Apr. 27, 1896
7	HON. Sir CHARLES TUPPER	May 1, 1896 - July 8, 1896
8	Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER	July 11, 1896 - Oct. 6, 1911
9	Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN	Oct. 10, 1911 - Oct. 12, 1917
10	Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN	(Conservative Administration) Oct. 12, 1917 - July 10, 1920
11	Rt. Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN	(Unionist Administration) July 10, 1920 - Dec. 29, 1921
12	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING	(Unionist—"National Liberal and Conservative Party") Dec. 29, 1921 - June 28, 1926
13	Rt. Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN	June 29, 1926 - Sept. 25, 1926
14	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING	Sept. 25, 1926 - Aug. 6, 1930
15	Rt. Hon. RICHARD BEDFORD BENNETT	Aug. 7, 1930 - Oct. 23, 1935
16	Rt. Hon. WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE KING	Oct. 23, 1935 - Nov. 15, 1948
17	Rt. Hon. LOUIS STEPHEN ST. LAURENT	Nov. 15, 1948 - ...

### 4.—Members of the Seventeenth Ministry as at May 31, 1955

(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 <sup>1</sup>	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. MAHLE	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1954
Secretary of State of Canada	HON. ROCH PINARD	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1954

<sup>1</sup> Appointee was not necessarily sworn in on date given.