

Table 1

Vancouver Island Provincial/Territorial Comparisons*

	<u>Area</u> (Sq. km)	<u>Population</u> (July 1/15)	<u>MLAs</u>	<u>MPs</u>	<u>Senators</u>
British Columbia	944,735	4,631,000 ↑	85	43	6
Vancouver Island	12,407	765,000 ↑	14	7	0
Proposed VI Province Political Representation			50	12	10

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Prince Edward Island	5,660	146,447 ↑	27	4	4
Newfoundland –Labrador	405,212	527,756 ↓	40	7	6
New Brunswick	72,908	753,071 ↓	49	11	10

* VanIsle's population is greater than each of six of Canada's provinces and territories. **Note** comparison with New Brunswick for political representation.

TERRITORIES**

Yukon	482,443	37,428 ↑	19	1	1
Northwest Territories	1.141 million	44,088 ↑	19	1	1
Nunavut	2.093 million	36,919 ↑	22	1	1

** In late 2004, Prime Minister Paul Martin surprised some observers by expressing his personal support for **all three territories gaining provincial status "eventually"**. He cited their importance to the country as a whole and the ongoing need to assert sovereignty in the Arctic, particularly as global warming could make that region more open to exploitation.

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