

1748. Cape Breton given back to the French.  
 1749. City of Halifax founded.  
 1752. March 23rd. Issue of the *Halifax Gazette*, the first paper published in Canada.  
 1754. Population of New France 55,009.  
 1755. Expulsion of the Acadians—about 6,000.  
 1758. Final capture of Louisbourg by the English.  
 1759. Capture of Fort Niagara by General Prideaux.

September 12. Battle of the Plains of Abraham—Defeat of the French by General Wolfe. Death of the two leaders, Generals Wolfe and Montcalm. Loss of the English 700, and of the French 1,500.

September 18. Surrender of Quebec to the English.

1760. Unsuccessful attack on Quebec by General de Lévis.

September 8. Capitulation of Montreal, and termination of the possession by France of Canada.

Population of New France 70,000. General Murray was the first Governor General of the Province of Quebec.

1764. June 21. Issue of the *Quebec Gazette*.\*

1766. General Carleton appointed Governor General.

1768. Separation of Prince Edward Island from Nova Scotia.

1774. Passing of the "Quebec Act," which gave to the French Canadians the free exercise of the Roman Catholic religion, and the enjoyment of their civil rights, as well as the protection of their own civil laws and customs. The Act also provided for the establishment of a Legislative Council appointed by the Crown.

1775. Unsuccessful attack upon Quebec by the Americans.

1776. The Americans driven out of Canada.

1784. Population of Canada, 113,012. About this time began the migration into Canada and Nova Scotia of the United Empire Loyalists as they were called, that is, of those settlers in the American States who had remained faithful to the British cause. This migration lasted for several years, and though it is not possible to arrive at any exact figures, it is probable that the number altogether was not less than 40,000. The Loyalists were well treated by the British Government, and large grants of land were made to them in various parts of the country. The banks of the St. Lawrence and shores of Lake Ontario in particular, were settled by about 10,000, on lands allotted to them by the Government.

Separation of New Brunswick from Nova Scotia.

1791. Division of the Province of Quebec into two Provinces, viz, Upper and Lower Canada. Each Province to have its own Legislative Council and Assembly. Population of Canada, 161,311.

\* This has generally been considered as the first paper published in Canada, but though the *Halifax Gazette* only lasted a very short time, it certainly has the right to be considered the first.