

- September 1. Laying of the corner stone of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa by the Prince of Wales. These buildings, together with the Departmental Buildings, have been erected at a total cost up to 30th June, 1885, of \$4,360,873.
1861. Population of Upper Canada, 1,396,091 ; of Lower Canada, 1,111,566 ; of New Brunswick, 252,047 ; of Nova Scotia, 330,857 ; of Prince Edward Island, 80,857 ; of Vancouver's Island, exclusive of Indians, 3,024.
- 1866, June 1. Invasion of Canada by Fenians—Battle of Ridgeway.  
 June 3. Withdrawal of the Fenians into the United States.  
 June 8. First meeting of Parliament in the New Buildings at Ottawa. At this meeting, the final resolutions necessary to effect the Confederation of the Provinces, were passed.
- 1867, February 10. The British North America Act received the Royal assent.  
 July 1. Union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia under the name of the Dominion of Canada. The names of Upper and Lower Canada were changed to Ontario and Quebec respectively.
- 1869-70. Red River rebellion. Shooting of Thomas Scott in March 1870. Cession by the Hudson's Bay Company of their territory to the Imperial Government, the Company retaining their trading privileges, and certain quantities of land. Transfer of the territory by the Imperial to the Dominion Government, who paid the Company £300,000 as purchase money. The Province of Manitoba was made out of a portion of the territory and admitted into the Confederation. Fenians crossed the boundary into the Province of Quebec, but were driven back by the Volunteers.
1871. Admission of British Columbia into the Confederation.  
 Population of the Dominion, 3,485,761.
1872. Abolition of dual representation.
1873. May 2. Death of Sir George E. Cartier.  
 Admission of Prince Edward Island into the Confederation.
1876. Opening of the Intercolonial Railway.
1877. Great fire in St. John, New Brunswick.
1878. Award of the Halifax Commission in favor of the Dominion and Newfoundland to the extent of \$5,500,000.
1879. Adoption of a protective tariff, otherwise called the National Policy.
1880. Death of the Hon. George Brown.
1881. Contract let for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.  
 Population of the Dominion, 4,324,810.
- 1885, March 26. Outbreak of rebellion in the North-West.  
 April 24. Engagement at Fish Creek.  
 May 12. Battle of Batoche, defeat of the rebels, and subsequent suppression of the rebellion.

The above information has been taken from Dr. Taché's introduction to the 4th vol. Census, 1871, and from different histories of Canada, principally Lovell's, Dent's, Jeffers' and Withrow's.