

66. Commencing with the first voyage of Cartier, the following are the principal events of importance in the history of this country :—

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34. July 4. Landing of Jacques Cartier in the neighbourhood of the Miramichi River.  
The Bay of Chaleurs was so named by him on account of the great heat of the weather.
35. July. Second visit of Cartier.  
August 10. Cartier anchored in a small bay at the mouth of the St. John River, which, in honour of the day, he named after St. Lawrence. The name was afterwards extended to the gulf and river.
40. Third visit of Cartier.
- 42-43. The Sieur de Roberval and his party wintered at Cap Rouge.
98. The Marquis de la Roche landed 40 convicts on Sable Island, where they were left for five years without relief, and only twelve were found alive at the end of that time.
03. First visit of Samuel de Champlain to Canada.
05. Founding of Port Royal (Annapolis), Acadia (derived from an Indian word "Cadie," a place of abundance), by the Baron de Poutrincourt.
08. Second visit of Champlain. Founding of Quebec, the first permanent settlement of Canada. The name is said to be an Indian one, "Kebec," a strait. 28 settlers wintered there, including Champlain.
11. Establishment of a trading post at Hochelaga.
13. St. John's, Newfoundland, founded.
15. Champlain sailed up the Ottawa River, crossed Lake Nipissing and descended French River into Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, returning by Lake Ontario.
20. Population of Quebec, 60 persons.
29. July. Capture of Quebec by the English under Sir David Kirke. 117 persons wintered there.
32. Canada ceded to France by the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye.
34. July 4. The town of Three Rivers founded.  
August 13. Fort Richelieu (Sorel) founded.
35. Dec. 25. Death of Champlain at Quebec.
42. May 18. Ville Marie (Montreal) founded by Maisonneuve.
- 42-1667. Frequent and serious wars between the French and the Iroquois Indians.
67. White population of New France, 3,918.
70. April 21. Hudson's Bay Company founded.
72. Count de Frontenac appointed Governor. Population, 6,705.
73. June 13. Cataragui (Kingston) founded.
89. August 5. Massacre at Lachine by Indians, and capture of the fort at Montreal, which they held till October.
90. Capture of Port Royal by Sir Wm. Phipps, and unsuccessful attack upon Quebec.
92. Population of New France, 12,431.
98. Death of Frontenac. Population, 13,355.
01. August 4. Ratification of a treaty of peace with the Iroquois at Montreal.
13. Treaty of Utrecht, by which Hudson's Bay and adjacent territory, Nova Scotia (Acadia) and Newfoundland were ceded to the English.
20. Population of New France, 24,434, and of St. John's Island (Prince Edward Island) about 100.
21. January 27. Mail stage established between Quebec and Montreal.
39. Population of New France, 42,701.
45. Louisbourg, Cape Breton, taken by the English.
48. Restoration of Louisbourg to the French in exchange for Madras by the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.
49. June 21. The City of Halifax founded by Lord Halifax. 2,544 British emigrants brought out by the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, the first English Governor of Nova Scotia.
52. March 23. Issue of the Halifax *Gazette*, the first paper published in Canada.