

- May 1st. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., forms a government which is sworn into office.
- May 8th. Lieut.-Governor Chapleau calls upon Hon. E. J. Flynn to form a government for Quebec, Hon. Mr. Taillon having resigned to become Postmaster General in the Federal Ministry.
- May 13th. Hon. W. H. Tuck made Chief Justice of New Brunswick.
- May 17th. The Roman Catholic bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa, issue a mandement respecting the Manitoba School Question.
- May 25th. Manitoba census taken; population, 193,425.
- June 9th. The 3rd Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire began its first sitting in London, England.
- June 23rd. General elections in Canada resulting in victory for the Liberals.
- July 8th. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., resigns the premiership.
- July 10th. Hon. Wilfred Laurier invited by His Excellency to form a cabinet.
- July 11th. Hon. Mr. Laurier sworn in as President of the Council.
- July 13th. The Laurier Government assumes office.
- July 14th. Hon. Mr. Hardy becomes Premier of the province of Ontario in consequence of Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat becoming Minister of Justice in the Laurier administration.
- July 15th. The Canadian yacht "Glencairn" wins in the International race.
- July 17th. The Canadian team victorious at Bisley. Hon. Mr. Mitchell becomes Premier of New Brunswick in consequence of Hon. Mr. Blair becoming Minister of Railways in the Laurier cabinet.
- July 20th. Hon. Mr. Murray becomes Premier of the province of Nova Scotia in consequence of Hon. Mr. Fielding becoming Minister of Finance under Hon. Mr. Laurier.
- July 21st. Completion of the Ontario Government by the swearing in of Messrs. Balfour and Davis.
- July 30th. Hon. Mr. Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Henri Joly, Messrs. Davies, Mulock, Fisher, Borden and Fitzpatrick returned by acclamation.
- August 19th. Meeting of the Canadian Parliament. Hon. J. D. Edgar appointed Speaker of the Commons.
- August 25th. Sir Mackenzie Bowell becomes Leader of the Conservatives in the Senate. Bye-elections in North Grey and in Queen's and Sunbury. Hon. Mr. Patterson, Controller of Customs, elected for the first and Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals for the second.
- August 27th. Conservative caucus in Ottawa resulting in selection of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., as leader of the party.
- September 2nd. Introduction of Messrs. Blair and Patterson in the Commons.
- September 8th. First division in the Commons; Government sustained by a majority of 34.
- September 14th. The liquor bar in connection with the House of Commons ordered to be closed.
- September 20th. Moncton Sugar Refinery destroyed by fire.
- September 29th. North-west Territories Legislature meets.
- October 5th. Prorogation of the Dominion Parliament.
- October 7th. Canadian Pacific Railway telegraphers' strike ended.
- October 9th. North-west Territories' Legislature passes a resolution demanding full powers as granted to the other Provincial Legislatures.
- October 13th. Supreme Court of Canada gives judgment on Fisheries reference case.
- October 31st. North-west Territories Legislature prorogued.
- November 9th. Pacific Cable Conference reassembled at London, Eng. Lord Selborne Under Secretary for Colonies, presiding, present:—G. H. Murray, C.B., for the Treasury; Sir Donald Smith and Hon. A. G. Jones representing Canada; Sir Saul Samuel and Mr. Duncan Gillies representing Australia; and Mr. Mercer, Secretary.
- November 12th. Agreement to appoint arbitration tribunal to determine boundaries between Venezuela and Great Britain signed by Great Britain and the United States.
- November 17th. Tariff inquiry begins at Toronto, Hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of Finance and Controller of Customs forming Committee of Privy Council for the purpose.
- November 24th. Behring's Sea Commission meet at Victoria, B.C., Mr. Justice Putman on behalf of the United States and Mr. Justice King on behalf of Great Britain, Arbitrators.
- December 9th. Hon. A. R. McClellan appointed Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick.

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In the Public Accounts Blue-book for 1896 are published the awards of the arbitrators appointed to adjust the accounts between the Dominion and the former province of Canada.