

## EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1897.

1897. Jan. 2nd. Death of Hon. Thos. McGreevy at one time member of House of Commons and representing Quebec East.
- Jan. 4. Death of Sir Joseph Hickson, formerly general manager of the Grand Trunk Ry., and Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic, 1892.
- Jan. 11. Signing of the Anglo-American General Arbitration Treaty by United States Secretary of State Olney and by British Ambassador Sir Julian Pauncefote.
- Jan. 21. Appointment of Sir Henry Strong, Chief Justice of Canada, to be member of the Privy Council of England.
- Jan. 30. United States and Great Britain agree to determine the boundary between Canada and Alaska by a Commission.
- Feb. 2. The Anglo-Venezuelan Arbitration Treaty signed at Washington by Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador, and Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan Minister to United States.
- Feb. 11. Serious fire in the West Block, Dominion Public Buildings, Ottawa.
- March 20. Mgr. Merry del Val, the Papal Ablegate left Liverpool for Canada.
- March 25. Opening of the second session of the Eight Parliament of Canada.
- April 12. Death of Senator Bechard at Montreal.
- April 19. Hon. John W. Foster appointed special agent of the United States to Great Britain in respect to the Behring Sea Seal Question.
- April 20. Nova Scotia general provincial elections, Liberal Government sustained.
- April 22. The Canadian Finance Minister brings down the Budget and the Tariff Resolutions.
- May 11. General elections, Province of Quebec. Conservative Government overthrown.
- May 22. Hon. E. J. Flynn, Premier of Quebec, tendered his resignation to the Lieut.-Governor.
- May 24. The Lieut.-Governor of Quebec sent for Hon. F. G. Marchand to form a new government.
- May 26. Hon. Mr. Marchand and his colleagues of the Government of Quebec sworn into office.
- June 1. Dominion Senate unanimously adopted an Address of congratulation to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, on the 60th Anniversary of Her accession to the Throne.
- June 2. House of Commons of Canada unanimously adopt Address of Congratulation to the Queen.
- June 12. The Colonial Premiers entertained by the Liverpool (Eng.) Chamber of Commerce. Hon. Mr. Laurier responded to the toast of the "Commerce and the Empire."
- June 14. Colonial Premiers entertained by the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce. Ratification of the Boundary Treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela.
- June 18. Colonial Premiers entertained by the Imperial Institute, London.
- June 19. March of the Imperial and Colonial troops through East London.
- June 20. Thanksgiving services in all churches throughout the Empire.
- June 21. Queen received Royal Visitors, Ambassadors and Colonial Premiers.
- June 22. The Queen's State Progress through London. Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's. General illuminations. Publication of Jubilee honours, the Canadians honoured being Sir Donald Smith, to be a Peer (Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal); Hon. W. Laurier, to be a Privy Councillor and G. C. M. G.; Sir Richard Cartwright and Sir Oliver Mowat, to be G. C. M. G.; Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, Hon. L. H. Davies and Mr. Sandford Fleming, to be K. C. M. G.; Chief Justice Taylor of Manitoba, Chief Justice Tait of Quebec and Hon. J. H. Hagarty, retiring Chief Justice of Ontario, to be Knights; Messrs. J. M. Courtney, J. L. McDougall, W. White and L. H. Frechette, to be C. M. G.
- Special celebration of the Diamond Jubilee throughout the Empire.
- June 24-30. Continuation of the Jubilee celebration. Receptions of members of British Parliament, of Mayors, Provosts and Chairmen of County Councils, of 10,000 school children; dinners for over 300,000 of the poor of London. Illumination of Windsor Castle. Review of fleet at Spithead by the Prince of Wales, 165 ships of war in line, besides 14 foreign ships of war which joined in. State garden party at Buckingham, over 6,000 persons present, etc., etc.
- Conference of Premiers and Colonial Secretary.
- June 29. Gov. General prorogued Canadian Parliament.
- July 1. Review at Aldershot by the Queen of 30,000 troops representative of all parts of the Empire.