

- Ocean and the Behring Sea, the *modus* to go into operation on 1st December; (2) that representatives of the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, including Canada, be designated to enter, with as little delay as possible, upon the consideration of all unsettled questions between Canada and the United States, with a view to their settlement by treaty—this to include the sealing question and any other matter which either government may choose to bring forward. The reply of the Canadian Government was that Canada could not assent to the first proposition, but was willing that a joint commission should be appointed by the Queen and the President for the purpose of settling matters in dispute between Canada and the United States.
- October 15. Canadian sterling loan, 2½ per cent (first at that rate floated by any colony of the Empire), floated in London, Eng. The loan was for £2,000,000 sterling, 50 years. Price realized per £100 was £91. 10s. 5d., and the net amount realized was £1,808,016.
- October 16. Windsor, Nova Scotia, destroyed by fire. Estimated loss, \$1,500,000.
- October 23. International Fur Seal Conference assembled in Washington. Countries represented were Russia, Japan and the United States. Great Britain declined to take part on account of Canada's opposition.
- October 26. Nominations for the North-west Territories elections took place. First under the new arrangement requiring re-election of Executive Council on acceptance of office. Hon. Mr. Haultain and his colleagues returned by acclamation.
- Hon. F. Peters, Premier of Prince Edward Island, resigned. Hon. A. B. Warburton succeeded.
- October 27. General elections in Newfoundland result adversely to the Government.
- October 28. Opening of 3rd session of 3rd Legislature of North-west Territories.
- October 29. Hon. Jas. Mitchell, Premier of New Brunswick, resigned; Hon. Henry R. Emmerson succeeding.
- November 9. Sir W. Laurier arrived in Washington in connection with the Behring Sea sealing subject and with the several questions upon which differences have arisen between the Governments of the United States and Canada.
- November 16. Seal experts agree unanimously on propositions touching the fur seal herd of Behring Sea.
- November 18. Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, G.C.M.G., sworn in Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Hon. David Mills sworn in Minister of Justice in the Laurier Ministry. Hon. T. R. McInnes, sworn in Lieut. Governor of British Columbia.
- December 8. Privy Council of England decision given affirming the power of the Provincial Lieut.-Governor to appoint Queen's Council, thus settling a dispute between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments carried on ever since confederation.
- December 18. Correspondence between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. John W. Foster, in re pelagic sealing, published.
- December 19. Great gale swept coast of Newfoundland, doing much damage to fishing fleet.
- December 22. Dominion Government notified that the arbitrators, appointed to fix the amount of compensation to be paid by the United States to Canadian sealers illegally seized, had agreed upon the sum of \$463,454.

## BY ELECTIONS DURING 1897.

Ontario, North.....	Feb.	4..	Duncan Grahame, Liberal Patron elected.
Simcoe, East.....	"	4..	W. H. Bennett... Liberal Conservative elected.
Bonaventure.....	Mar.	17..	J. F. Guité..... Liberal
Wright.....	"	23..	L. N. Champagne..... "
Champlain.....	April	7..	F. A. Marcotte... Conservative
Colchester.....	"	20..	F. McClure..... Liberal
Prince, West.....	"	27..	S. F. Perry..... "
Macdonald (Man.).....	"	27..	J. G. Rutherford... "
Winnipeg.....	"	27..	R. W. Jamieson... "
Témiscouata.....	Nov.	6..	C. A. Gauvreau... "
Rimouski.....	"	6..	J. A. Ross..... "
Drummond and Arthabaska.....	"	13..	L. Lavergne..... "
Toronto Centre.....	"	30..	G. H. Bertram... "
Nicolet.....	Dec.	21..	J. H. Leduc..... "