

1861. Street Railways operated in Montreal and Toronto. Bank of British Columbia received a royal charter.
Trent Affair.—Capt. Wilkes boarded (8th November) British Mail Packet Trent and carried off Messrs. Mason and Slidell, Confederate Commissioners. 18th December. British Government demand surrender of Mason and Slidell. Demand acceded to by United States Government and war averted.
1862. Conference at Charlottetown *re* Confederation. Manitoulin Island Treaty with Indians arranged by Hon. William Macdougall. Victoria, B.C., incorporated as a city.
1863. Royal Assent given to Separate School Bill passed by the Canadian Legislature.
1864. Quebec Conference held. Resolutions passed in favour of Confederation of British North American provinces. Raid from St. Albans into Canada. School system of Nova Scotia enlarged and established.
1866. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick accepted Confederation with Canada.
Great fire in Quebec, 2,129 houses burned in St. Roch and St. Sauveur suburb.
May 17. Termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, in consequence of notice given by the United States. It lasted 11 years.
June 1. Invasion of Canada by Fenians. Battle of Ridgeway.
June 8. Flight of Fenians across the border from Pigeon Hill. First meeting of Parliament in the new buildings at Ottawa. At this meeting the final resolutions necessary on the part of the province of Canada to effect the confederation of the provinces were passed.
November 17. Union of Vancouver Island and British Columbia proclaimed.
1867. February 10. The British North American Act passed by the Imperial Parliament.
July 1. Union of the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the name of the Dominion of Canada. The names of Upper and Lower Canada were changed to Ontario and Quebec, respectively. Dominion day established. Lord Monck was the first Governor General of the Dominion, and the first Parliament met on the 6th November, Sir John A. Macdonald being Premier.
1868. April 7. Hon. T. D'Arcy McGee, M.P., murdered at Ottawa.
July 31. The Rupert's Land Act passed by the Imperial Government providing for the acquisition by the Dominion of the North-west Territories.
April 1. Uniform rate of 3 cents for letters throughout the Dominion adopted. Post Office Savings Banks established in the Dominion.
1869. February 2. Lord Lisgar became Governor General.
June 22. Bill passed providing for the Government of the North-west Territories.
October 29. Hon. Wm. McDougall appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. Red River Rebellion.
November 19. Deed of surrender signed, Hudson's Bay Company's sale and transfer to Her Majesty.
1870. March 4. Thomas Scott shot at Fort Garry. Loss of SS. "City of Boston" which sailed from Halifax; never heard of; 191 persons lost.
May 11. £300,000 paid by the Dominion for Hudson Bay Co.'s rights in North-west Territories.
May 25. Fenians crossed the frontier at Trout River, in Quebec, but were driven back by the volunteers.
July 15. Addition of the North-west Territories to the Dominion and admission of the province of Manitoba into the confederation. This province was created out of a portion of the newly acquired territory.
September 24. Arrival at Fort Garry of the expedition under Colonel (now Lord) Wolseley, when the rebels were found to have dispersed.
1871. Pacific Railway surveys begun. Post cards issued. Stone Fort and Manitoba Post Indian Treaties (Nos. 1 and 2) negotiated.
May 8. Signing of the Treaty of Washington. New Brunswick School Act passed.
June 28. Imperial Act respecting establishment of provinces in Canada passed.
July 1. Dominion currency made uniform.
July 20. Admission of British Columbia into the confederation. British Columbia granted responsible government.
Population of the four provinces, 3,485,761; of Manitoba, 18,995; of British Columbia, 36,224, and of Prince Edward Island, 94,021. Total, 3,635,001.
November 11. The last regular troops left Quebec.
1872. Abolition of dual representation. Dominion archives established. Earl of Dufferin became Governor General. Manitoba *Free Press* established.
1873. April 1. Wreck of S.S. "Atlantic" near Halifax; 547 persons drowned.
May 20. Death of Sir George E. Cartier in London. North-west Angle Indian Treaty (No. 3) signed by Hon. Alex. Morris.
May 1. Hon. Joseph Howe made Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. June 1. Hon. Joseph Howe died. July 1. Admission of Prince Edward Island into the confederation.