

1899. January 1. Letter postage in Canada reduced to two cents.  
 January 20. Doukhoborts arrived in Canada and settled in the North-West. In round numbers 7,500 of them arrived during the year.  
 February 2. Paris International Exhibition Commission for Canada appointed. Hon. J. I. Tarte, Chief Commissioner.  
 February 18. General elections in New Brunswick. Government successful.  
 May 23. First celebration of 'Empire Day' in Canada.  
 May 24. Celebration of Queen's 80th birthday.  
 May 27. Mr. P. A. McIntyre gazetted Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.  
 June 5. Sir Wilfrid Laurier submitted to the Commons of Canada the latest proposal of the Anglo-American Commission relative to the Alaska-Canada boundary question.  
 June 16. Serious explosion of fire damp at Caledonia Mines, Nova Scotia, resulted in about 30 deaths.  
 July 25. Hon. Mr. Mulock moved in Dominion House of Commons a resolution (unanimously adopted) for the construction of a Pacific cable to be owned by Great Britain, Australia and Canada, the latter's share of the cost to be  $\frac{1}{3}$  and her representation to be  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the board of control, consisting of eight members.  
 August 1. Hon. Thos. Bain, M.P. for South Wentworth, elected Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.  
 September 28. Dawson (Yukon Territory) connected with British Columbia by telegraph.  
 October 1. Mgr. Falconio, the Pope's Apostolic Delegate, arrived in Canada.  
 October 18. Hon. George W. Ross becomes Premier of Ontario.  
 October 25. Hon. Peter Mitchell, one of the 'Fathers of Confederation,' died.  
 November 16. Manitoba Legislature dissolved.  
 November 19. Sir William Dawson died.  
 November 25. Sir William Macdonald gave \$62,000 to endow a chair of geology in McGill University.  
 November 25. First of a fleet of 35 vessels to carry structural steel and coke ovens to Sydney, C.B., for construction of iron and steel works there, left Philadelphia.  
 Scott Act election in Westmoreland County, N.E. Majority for Act 256.  
 December 7. General elections in Manitoba. Resulted in defeat of Hon. Thos. Greenway.
1900. January 6. Resignation of Hon. Thos. Greenway and his Cabinet.  
 January 10. Hon. H. J. Macdonald's Ministry sworn into office in Manitoba.  
 January 10. Dawson City visited by fire. Loss \$500,000.

As the war in South Africa is a prominent event in the history of Canada, a following summary of events has been prepared :—

- May 18, 1899. Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, announced in House of Commons that a meeting between Sir Alfred Milner, High Commissioner for South Africa, and President Krüger, had been arranged.  
 May 30. President Krüger and Sir Alfred Milner arrived at Bloemfontein to discuss the grievances of the Uitlanders.  
 June 6. Conference concluded; (8) announced that the Conference has proved a failure.  
 June 14. Transvaal Raad accepted the franchise proposals made by Krüger as his final concession to Great Britain, but suspended their operations till they were referred to popular vote.  
 July 11. Government of Queensland offered Great Britain a force of 250 mounted infantry, with a machine gun, for service in South Africa, in case of hostilities between Great Britain and the Transvaal.  
 July 18. The Transvaal Volksraad adopted Bill providing for a seven years' retroactive franchise.  
 July 26. New franchise law promulgated in the Transvaal.  
 July 31. Commons of Canada passed, unanimously, a resolution expressing sympathy with the Imperial authorities in their efforts to obtain for the subjects of Her Majesty who have taken up their abode in the Transvaal such measure of justice and political recognition as may be found necessary to secure them in full possession of equal rights and privileges.  
 August 1. Senate of Canada passed unanimous resolutions similar to those passed by the Commons relative to the treatment of British subjects in the Transvaal.