

THE DOMINION OF CANADA—*Concluded.*

Provinces and Districts.	Date of Organization or Admission.	Statute or Order in Council.	AREA, SQUARE MILES.		
			Water.	Land.	Total.
Districts created—<i>Con.</i>					
Assiniboia	May 17, 1882	{ Minute of Canadian P. C. concurred in by Fed. Parliament, May 17, 1882, and Order in Council, 2nd October, 1895. }	1,000	89,340	90,340
Saskatchewan	" 17, 1882		6,000	108,000	114,000
Alberta	" 17, 1882		745	99,255	100,000
Athabaska	" 17, 1882		11,800	239,500	251,300
Yukon	June 13, 1898	Act of Federal Parliament.	*2,000	196,300	198,300
Mackenzie	Oct. 2, 1895	Order in Council, Privy Council of Canada.	82,000	481,200	563,200
Ungava	" 2, 1895	" "	180,000	276,000	456,000
Franklin	" 2, 1895	" "	Unk'n.	Unk'n.	Unk'n.
Great Lakes and Rivers			47,400		47,400
Totals			605,235	3,048,711	†3,653,946

*By Order in Council, 18th Dec., 1897, the boundaries of Ungava, Keewatin, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukon were changed. Yukon was made a separate territory by Chap. 6, Acts of Canadian Parliament, 1898.

† Not including Franklin.

The Province of Newfoundland and the Labrador Coast are not included in the above statement. The area of the Labrador Coast is about 7,000 square miles, and that of Newfoundland 42,734 square miles.

Following are dates and events connected with the discovery and history of Canada:—

- 1497. June 24. Cabot discovered the Eastern Coast of North America.
- 1498. Sebastian Cabot discovered Hudson Strait.
- 1500. Gaspar Cortereal entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 1518. Baron de Lery visited Sable Island.
- 1524. Verrazano explored the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia.
- 1534. June 21. Landing of Jacques Cartier at Esquimaux Bay. First landing on Canadian soil.
- 1535. July. Second visit of Cartier. August 19. Cartier anchored in a small bay at the mouth of St. John River, which in honour of the day he named after St. Lawrence. The name was afterwards extended to the Gulf and River. Sept. 14. Cartier landed at Stadacona (Quebec). Oct. 2. Cartier visited Hochelaga (Montreal).
- 1540. Third visit of Cartier.
- 1541. Cartier's men sowed turnip seed near Cape Diamond.
- 1542-3. The Sieur de Roberval and his party wintered at Cap Rouge, near Quebec. The name 'Nova Gallia' appeared on Ulpius's globe.
- 1557. Sept. 1. Death of Jacques Cartier.
- 1558. Diego Homem's map showed the Bay of Fundy for the first time.
- 1576-7-8. Martin Frobisher made voyages of discovery to Arctic Canada.
- 1585. John Davis discovered Davis' Straits.
- 1586. Davis made his second voyage to Arctic Canada.
- 1587. Davis made his third voyage to Arctic Canada.
- 1598. The Marquis de la Roche landed 60 convicts on Sable Island, where they were left for five years without relief, only twelve being found alive at the end of that time. First attempt to colonize Acadie. First trading company formed to do business in Canada—Dupont-Gravé & Chauvin of Harfleur.