

- 1899.** 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 11. Boer war began.
- 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 Westmorland County, N.B. 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.
- February 27. Semlin Administration of British Columbia dismissed by the Lieutenant Governor.
- March 23. Hon. Mr. Fielding delivered Budget Speech in the Dominion Commons.
- April 3. Queen Victoria visits Ireland.
- April 14. Formal opening of Paris Exhibition
- April 26. Fire in Ottawa and Hull. Seven lives lost, 15,000 persons rendered homeless and nearly \$10,000,000 losses sustained. Insurance amounted to about \$4,000,000, and subscriptions to \$956,963. Subscriptions were received from Canada, \$500,781; from Great Britain, \$363,248; from British Colonies, \$53,606; from United States, \$33,505; from France, \$1,036.
- May 28. The Free State formally annexed to Great Britain and named the Orange River Colony.
- June 9. General Provincial Elections in British Columbia.
- June 14. Premier Martin of British Columbia resigned.
- June 15. James Dunsmuir sworn in as Premier of British Columbia.
- June 21. Hon. Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbinière appointed Lieutenant-Governor British Columbia, vice Hon. T. R. McInnes removed.
- July 3. Death by drowning of Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Justice for the Dominion in Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Cabinet.
- July 7. British Preferential Tariff reduced to two thirds of the general Canadian Customs Tariff.
- July 29. King Humbert of Italy assassinated.
- July 30. Japanese Government prohibited emigration of Japanese to Canada.
- August 7. Hon. A. G. Jones became Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.
- August 31. Hon. R. H. Emmerson, Premier of New Brunswick, resigned and Hon. L. J. Tweedie succeeded him.
- September 25. Death of Hon. F. G. Marchand, Premier of Quebec.
- September 29. Hon. R. R. Roblin became Premier of Manitoba, succeeding Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald.
- September 30. Hon. S. N. Parent succeeded Hon. F. G. Marchand as Premier of Quebec.
- October 15. Hon. D. H. McMillan became Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and Administrator of Keewatin.
- October 25. The Transvaal formally proclaimed part of the British Empire.
- October 30. Official announcement made that the population of the United States on July 1, 1900, was 76,295,220, being an increase of 13,225,464 in ten years.
- November 7. General Elections in the Dominion. Government sustained.
- December 7. Provincial Elections in Province of Quebec. Government sustained. Of 74 seats the Liberals captured 65, of which 31 were carried by acclamation.
- December 12. Provincial Elections in Prince Edward Island. Government sustained by 21 to 9.
- December 14. Ontario Government transferred to New Board of Governors, its rights in Upper Canada College.