

- (Victory Bonds.) Dec. 6, Disastrous explosion at Halifax, N.S., caused by collision between the *Imo* and the *Mont Blanc*, laden with powerful explosives. Dec. 17, General Election and Union Government sustained.
1918. Feb. 23, Appointment of Canada Registration Board. Mar. 18, Opening of first session of 13th Parliament. Mar. 21, Germans launch critical offensive on West Front. Mar. 30, Gen. Foch appointed Generalissimo. March-April, Second battle of the Somme. April 17, Secret session of Parliament. May 23, Parliament prorogued. June-July, Prime Minister and colleagues attend Imperial War Conferences in London. July 18, Allies assume successful offensive on West Front. Aug. 12, Battle of Amiens. Aug. 26-28, Capture of Monchy le Preux. Sept. 2-4, Breaking of Drocourt-Quéant line. Sept. 16, Austrian Peace Note. Sept. 19, Establishment of Khaki University of Canada. Sept. 27-29, Crossing of Canal du Nord and capture of Bourslon Wood. Sept. 30, Bulgaria surrenders and signs armistice. Oct. 1-9, Capture of Cambrai. Oct. 5, Epidemic of Spanish Influenza causes closing of churches and abandonment of public meetings. Oct. 6, First German Peace Note. Oct. 20, Capture of Denain. Oct. 21, Appointment of Siberian Economic Commission. Oct. 25-Nov. 2, Capture of Valenciennes. Oct. 28, Issue of Fifth War Loan for \$300,000,000 in the form of Victory Bonds. Oct. 31, Turkey surrenders and signs armistice. Nov. 4, Austria-Hungary surrenders and signs armistice. Nov. 10, Flight into Holland of German Emperor. Capture of Mons. Nov. 11, Germany surrenders and signs armistice. Spontaneous rejoicings throughout the Empire at the prospect of victorious peace. Dec. 1, National Thanksgiving Services for victory and peace.

III.—FIFTY YEARS OF CANADIAN PROGRESS, 1867 TO 1917.

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In this article it is proposed to pass under statistical review the progress achieved by Canada during the fifty years of its existence as a federal Union. The official statistics of the Dominion will be presented for the purpose of indicating this progress in the main departments of national activity, including especially the increase of territory and population, the production and utilization of natural resources