- 1788. King's College, Windsor, N.S., opened. Sailing packet service established between Great Britain and Halifax.
- 1789. Quebec and Halifax Agricultural Societies established.
- 1790. Spain surrenders her exclusive rights on the Pacific coast. Population of Canada, 161,311. (This census does not include what becomes in the next year Upper Canada.)
- 1791. The Constitutional Act divides the province of Quebec into Upper and Lower Canada, each with a lieutenant-governor and legislature. The Act goes into force Dec. 26. Sept. 12, Colonel J. G. Simcoe, first lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada.
- 1792. Sept. 17, First legislature of Upper Canada opened at Newark (Niagara). Dec. 17, First legislature of Lower Canada opened at Quebec. Vancouver island circumnavigated by Vancouver.
- 1793. April 18, First issue of the "Upper Canada Gazette." June 28, Jacob Mountain appointed first Anglican bishop of Quebec. July 9, Importation of slaves into Upper Canada forbidden. Rocky mountains crossed by (Sir) Alexander Mackenzie. York (Toronto) founded by Simcoe.
- 1794. Nov. 19, Jay's Treaty between Great Britain and the United States.
- 1795. Pacific Coast of Canada finally given up by the Spaniards.
- 1796. Government of Upper Canada moved from Niagara to York (Toronto).
- 1798. St. John's Island (population 4,500) re-named Prince Edward Island.
- 1800. Founding of New Brunswick College, Fredericton (now University of N.B.). The Rocky mountains crossed by David Thompson.
- 1803. Settlers sent by Lord Selkirk to Prince Edward Island.
- 1806. Nov. 22, Issue of "Le Canadien"
  —first wholly French newspaper.
  Population—Upper Canada, 70,718;
  Lower Canada, 250,000; New Brunswick, 35,000; P.E.I., 9,676.
- 1807. Simon Fraser explores the Fraser river. Estimated population of Nova Scotia, 65,000.
- 1809. Nov. 4, First Canadian steamer runs from Montreal to Quebec.
- 1811. Lord Selkirk's Red River settlement founded, on land granted by Hudson's Bay Company.
- 1812. June 18, Declaration of war by the United States. July 12, Americans under Hull cross the Detroit river. Aug. 16, Detroit surrendered by

- Hull to Brock. Oct. 13, Defeat of the Americans at Queenston Heights and death of Gen. Brock.
- 1813. Jan. 22, British victory at Frenchtown. April 27, York (Toronto) taken and burned by the Americans. June 5, British victory at Stoney Creek. June 24, British, warned by Laura Secord, capture an American force at Beaver Dams. Sept. 10, Commodore Perry destroys the British flotilla on lake Erie. Oct. 5, Americans under Harrison defeat the British at Moraviantown. Tecumseh killed. Oct. 26, Victory of French-Canadian troops under de Salaberry at Chateauguay. Nov. 11, Defeat of the Americans at Crysler's Farm. British storm Fort Niagara and burn Buffalo.
- 1814. March 30, Americans repulsed at La Colle. May 6, Capture of Oswego by the British. July 5, American victory at Chippawa. July 25, British victory at Lundy's Lane. July, British from Nova Scotia invade and occupy northern Maine. Sept. 11, British defeat at Plattsburg on lake Champlain. Dec. 24, Treaty of Ghent ends the war. Population—Upper Canada, 95,000; Lower Canada, 335,000.
- 1815. July 3, Treaty of London regulates trade with the United States. The Red River settlement destroyed by the Northwest Company but restored by Governor Semple.
- 1816. June 19, Governor Semple killed.
  The Red River settlement again destroyed.
- 1817. July 18, First treaty with the Northwest Indians. Lord Selkirk restores the Red River settlement. Opening of the Bank of Montreal; first note issued Oct. 1. Population of Nova Scotia, 81,351.
- 1818. Oct. 20, Convention at London regulating North American fisheries. Dalhousie College, Halifax, founded. Bank of Quebec founded.
- 1819-22. Franklin's overland Arctic expedition.
- 1820. Oct. 16, Cape Breton re-annexed to Nova Scotia.
- 1821. March 26, The Northwest Company absorbed by the Hudson's Bay Company. Charter given to Mc-Gill College.
- 1822. Population of Lower Canada, 427,465.
- 1824. Population of Upper Canada, 150,066; of New Brunswick, 74,176.
- 1825. Oct. 6, Great fire in the Miramichi district, N.B. Opening of the Lachine canal. Population of Lower Canada, 479,288.
- 1826. Founding of Bytown (Ottawa).