- 1605. Founding of Port Royal (Annapolis, N.S.).
- 1608. Champlain's second visit. July 3, Founding of Quebec.
- 1609. July, Champlain discovered Lake Champlain.
- 1610-11. Hudson explored Hudson Bay and James Bay.
- 1611. Brûlé ascended the Ottawa River.
- 1612. Oct. 15, Champlain made Lieutenant-General of New France.
- 1613. June, Champlain ascended the Ottawa.
- 1615. Champlain explored Lakes Nipissing, Huron, and Ontario (discovered by Brûlé and Le Caron).
- 1616. First schools opened at Tadoussac and on the site of the City of Three Rivers.
- 1617. Arrival at Quebec of the first colonist, Louis Hébert and his family.
- 1620. Population of New France, 60 persons.
- 1621. Code of laws issued and register of births, deaths, and marriages opened in Quebec. Nova Scotia granted to Sir William Alexander by King James I.
- 1622. Lake Superior discovered by Brûlé.
- 1623. First British settlement of Nova Scotia.
- 1627. New France and Acadia granted to the Company of 100 Associates.
- 1628. Port Royal taken by Sir David Kirke.
- 1629. Apr. 24, Treaty of Susa between France and England. July 20, Quebec taken by Sir David Kirke.
- 1632. Mar. 29, Canada and Acadia restored to France by the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye.
- 1633. May 23, Champlain made first Governor of New France.
- 1634. July 4, Founding of Three Rivers.
- 1634-35. Exploration of the Great Lakes by Nicolet.
- 1635. Dec. 25, Death of Champlain at Quebec. Founding of the first college at Quebec.
- 1640. Discovery of Lake Erie by Chaumonot and Brébeuf.
- Resident population of New France, 240.
- 1642. May 17, Founding of Ville-Marie (Montreal) by Maisonneuve.
- 1646. Exploration of the Saguenay by Dablon.
- 1647. Lake St. John discovered by de Quen.
- 1648. Mar. 5, Council of New France created.
- 1649. Mar. 16-17, Murder of Fathers Brébeuf and Lalemant by Indians and massacre of the Hurons.
- 1650. Population of New France, 675.
- 1654. August, Acadia taken by an expedition from New England.

- 1656. Acadia granted by Cromwell to La Tour, Temple, and Crowne.
- 1659. June 16, François de Laval arrived in Canada as Vicar-Apostolic.
- 1660. May 21, Dollard des Ormeaux and sixteen companions killed by Iroquois at the Long Sault, Ottawa River.
- 1663. Company of 100 Associates dissolved. Feb. 5, severe earthquake. April, Sovereign Council of New France established. Population of New France, 2,500, of whom 800 were in Quebec. Foundation of the "Grand Seminary" at Quebec by Laval.
- 1664. May, Company of the West Indies founded.
- 1665. Mar. 23, Talon appointed Intendant.
- 1666. Feb.-Mar., First census; population of New France, 3,215.
- 1667. July 21, Acadia restored to France by the Treaty of Breda. Sept.-Oct., Second census; white population of New France, 3,918.
- 1668. Foundation of the "Little Seminary" at Quebec by Laval. Mission at Sault Ste. Marie founded by Marquette.
- 1670. May 2, Charter of the Hudson's Bay Company granted.
- 1671. Population of Acadia, 392.
- 1672. Population of New France, 6,705. April6, Comte de Frontenac, Governor.
- 1673. June 13, Cataraqui (Kingston) founded.
- 1674. Oct. 1, Laval became first Bishop of Quebec.
- 1675. Population of New France, 7,832.
- 1678. Niagara Falls visited by Hennepin.
- 1679. Ship Le Griffon built on Niagara River above the Falls by La Salle. Third census; population of New France, 9,400; of Acadia, 515.
- 1681. Fourth census; population of New France, 9,677.
- 1682. Frontenac recalled.
- 1683. White population of New France, 10,274; settled Indians, 1,512.
- 1685. First issue of card money. Fifth census; population of New France, 12,515, including 1,538 settled Indians.
- 1686. Population of New France, 12,566, including 1,436 settled Indians; of Acadia, 894.
- 1687. Mar. 18, La Salle assassinated.
- 1688. Sixth census; population of New France, 11,782, including 1,259 settled Indians.
- 1689. June 7, Frontenac reappointed Governor. Aug. 5, Massacre of whites by Indians at Lachine.
- 1690. May 21, Sir William Phips captured Port Royal, but was repulsed in an attack on Quebec (Oct. 16-21).