

# CHAPTER II.—HISTORY AND CHRONOLOGY

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### Section 1.—History

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### Section 2.—Chronology

NOTE.—*The Prime Ministers, dates of elections and lengths of sessions of Federal Parliaments are given in Tables 2 and 5, respectively, of Chapter III. Changes in Provincial Legislatures and Ministries from Confederation to 1923 are given at pp. 75-84 of the 1924 Year Book, from 1924 to 1937 at pp. 110-118 of the 1938 Year Book and from 1938-49 at pp. 86-98 of this edition. References to these matters are, therefore, not included in the Chronology.*

1497. June 24, Eastern coast of North America discovered by John Cabot in the service of King Henry VII of England.
1498. Cabot discovered Hudson Strait.
1501. Gaspar Corte-Real visited Newfoundland and Labrador on behalf of Portugal.
1524. Verrazano explored the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. French claims to Newfoundland were based on his exploration.
1534. July 24, Jacques Cartier, on his first voyage, erected a cross at Gaspe, claiming the land for the King of France.
1535. Cartier, on his second voyage, explored the St. Lawrence to Stadacona (Quebec) (Sept. 14), and Hochelaga (Montreal) (Oct. 2).
1541. Cartier's third voyage. He planted wheat, cabbages, turnips, and lettuces near Cap Rouge River.
- 1542-43. De Roberval and his party wintered at Cap Rouge, and were rescued by Cartier on his fourth voyage.
1583. Sir Humphrey Gilbert, provided with letters patent by Queen Elizabeth, visited Newfoundland and formally proclaimed English sovereignty over it.
1603. June 22, Champlain's first landing in Canada, at the site of Quebec.
1604. De Monts settled colony on island in the St. Croix River.
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. James I granted a patent to John Guy of Bristol, for a "plantation" in Newfoundland, and settlement followed.
- 1610-11. Hudson explored Hudson Bay and James Bay.
1611. Brûlé explored 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.
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 in Nova Scotia.
1627. New France and Acadia granted to the Company of One Hundred 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.
1641. Resident population of New France, 240.
1642. May 17, Founding of Ville-Marie (Montreal) by Maisonneuve.
1646. Exploration of the Saguenay by Dablon.
1647. July 16, Lake St. John discovered by de Quen.
1648. Mar. 5, Council of New France created.
1654. August, Acadia taken by an expedition from New England. Population of Newfoundland estimated at 1,750.
1655. Nov. 3, Acadia restored to France by Treaty of Westminster.
1656. Acadia granted by Cromwell to La Tour, Temple, and Crowne.
1662. The French landed soldiers and settlers and founded a colony and fortified harbour at Placentia, Newfoundland.
1663. Company of One Hundred Associates dissolved. April, Sovereign Council of New France established.
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.
1668. Mission at Sault Ste. Marie founded by Marquette.