

- annexed to Canada by Imperial Order in Council of July 31. Oct. 21, Signing of contract with the present Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
1881. Apr. 4, Second Dominion Census: population 4,324,810. May 2, First sod turned for Canadian Pacific Railway as a company line.
1882. May 8, Provisional District of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Athabaska and Alberta formed. May 25, First meeting of the Royal Society of Canada. Aug. 23, Regina established as seat of government of the Northwest Territories.
1884. Aug. 11, Settlement of the boundary of Ontario and Manitoba.
1885. Mar. 26 - May 16, Riel's second rebellion in the Northwest. Apr. 24, Engagement at Fish Creek. May 2, Engagement at Cut Knife. May 12, Taking of Batoche. May 16, Surrender of Riel. July 20, The Electoral Franchise Act. Nov. 7, Last spike of Canadian Pacific Railway main line driven at Craigellachie, B.C. Nov. 16, Execution of Riel.
1886. June 13, Vancouver destroyed by fire. June 28, First through train of the Canadian Pacific Railway left Montreal for Port Moody. July 31, Census of Manitoba: population 108,640.
1887. Interprovincial Conference at Quebec. Apr. 4, First Colonial Conference at London. Apr. 16, Welland Canal opened for navigation.
1890. Mar. 31, The Manitoba School Act abolishing separate schools.
1891. Apr. 5, Third Dominion Census: population 4,833,239. June 6, Death of Sir John A. Macdonald.
1892. Feb. 29, Washington Treaty, providing for arbitration of the Bering Sea Seal Fisheries question. July 22, Boundary Convention between Canada and United States. Fire destroyed the greater part of St. John's, Newfoundland; \$20,000,000 damage.
1894. June 28, Second Colonial Conference at Ottawa.
1895. Sept. 10, Opening of new Sault Ste. Marie Canal. Second confederation talks of Canada and Newfoundland fail.
1896. August, Gold discovered in the Klondyke. Railroad completed across Newfoundland from St. John's to Port aux Basques.
1897. June 22, Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. July, Third Colonial Conference at London. Dec. 17, Award of Bering Sea Arbitration Court.
1898. June 13, The Yukon District established as a separate Territory. Aug. 1, British Preferential Tariff came into force. Aug. 23, Meeting at Quebec of the Joint High Commission between Canada and the United States. Dec. 25, Imperial penny (2-cent) postage introduced.
1899. Oct. 11, Outbreak of the South African War. Oct. 29, First Canadian Contingent left Quebec for South Africa.
1900. Feb. 27, Battle of Paardeberg. Apr. 26, Great fire at Ottawa and Hull.
1901. Jan. 22, Death of Queen Victoria and accession of King Edward VII. Apr. 1, Fourth Dominion Census: population 5,371,315. Sept. 16 - Oct. 21, Visit to Canada of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. Dec. 12, First transatlantic wireless signal received by Marconi at St. John's, Newfoundland. Population of Newfoundland and Labrador, 220,984.
1902. May 31, Peace signed at Vereeniging ending the South African War. June 30, Fourth Colonial Conference at London.
- December, First message sent by wireless from Canada to the United Kingdom via Cape Breton, N.S.
1903. Jan. 24, Signing of the Alaskan Boundary Convention. Oct. 20, Award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission.
1904. Feb. 1, Dominion Railway Commission established. Apr. 19, Great fire at Toronto. Oct. 8, Incorporation of Edmonton. An Anglo - French Convention settled the question of shore rights for French fishermen. France surrendered these rights in return for cash indemnities and territorial concessions in Africa.
1905. Sept. 1, Creation of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
1906. Roald Amundsen, in the schooner *Gjoa*, arrived at Nome, Alaska, the first completed traverse of the North - West Passage. June 24, First separate census of the three Prairie Provinces: population 808,646. Oct. 8, Interprovincial Conference at Ottawa.
1907. Apr. 15-May 14, Fifth Colonial Conference at London. Oct. 17, Transatlantic wireless open for public service. Dec. 6, First recorded passenger flight in Canada of a heavier - than - air machine (Dr. Graham Bell's tetrahedral kite, *Cygnét*).
1908. Jan. 2, Establishment at Ottawa of a branch of the Royal Mint. July 20-31, Quebec tercentenary celebrations. Visit of George, Prince of Wales, to Quebec.
1909. Jan. 11, Signing of International Boundary Waters Convention between Canada and United States. Feb. 23, First flight in British Empire of a heavier - than - air machine under its own power piloted by a British subject (McCurdy's *Silver Dart* at Braddock's Bay, N.S.).
1910. May 6, Death of King Edward VII. Accession of King George V. Sept. 7, North Atlantic Coast Fisheries Arbitration Award of The Hague Tribunal defining United States fishing rights. Trade agreements made with Germany, Belgium, Holland and Italy. Oct. 11, Inauguration at Berlin (now Kitchener) of Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission's transmission system.
1911. May 23 - June 20, Imperial Conference at London. June 1, Fifth Dominion Census: population 7,206,643. Population of Newfoundland and Labrador 242,619.
1912. Mar. 29 - Apr. 9, First Canada-West Indies Trade Conference held at Ottawa. Appointment of Dominions Royal Commission. May 15, Boundaries Extension Act settling boundaries of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.
1914. Aug. 4, War with Germany; Aug. 12, with Austria - Hungary; Nov. 5, with Turkey. Aug. 18-22, Special war session of Canadian Parliament. Oct. 16, First Canadian Contingent of over 33,000 troops landed at Plymouth, England.
1915. February, First Canadian Contingent landed in France and proceeded to Flanders.
1916. Jan. 12, Number of Canadian troops increased to 500,000. Feb. 3, Destruction by fire of the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa. June 1, Census of Prairie Provinces: population 1,698,137. Sept. 1, Corner-stone of new Houses of Parliament laid by Duke of Connaught.
1917. Feb. 12 - May 15, Imperial Conference. Mar. 20 - May 2, Meetings at London of Imperial War Cabinet. Mar. 21-Apr. 27, Imperial War Conference. Sept. 20, Parliamentary franchise in Federal elections extended to women. Dec. 6, Serious explosion at Halifax, N.S.