

1846. Oregon Boundary Treaty. Quebec theatre destroyed, 46 lives lost. Montreal Witness founded. Kingston and Hamilton incorporated as cities.
1847. Navigation laws repealed. Electric telegraph line established between Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. Quebec Chronicle established. Ship fever ravaged Lord Elgin became Governor General.
1848. The St. Lawrence Canals open for navigation. Responsible Government granted by the Imperial Parliament to Nova Scotia and to New Brunswick. Fredericton incorporated as a city.
1849. April 25. Riots in Montreal over the passage of the Rebellion Losses Bill, and burning of Parliament Library at Montreal. Vancouver Island proclaimed British Colony.
July 28. Assent given to an Imperial Act to authorize the Legislatures of Her Majesty's Colonies to establish and regulate Posts, &c.
1850. The first sod of the Northern Railway turned by Lady Elgin. (The road was opened from Toronto to Bradford on 13th June, 1853, and was the first locomotive railway in operation in Upper Canada.) The Robinson Treaties with the Indians of the northern shores of Lake Huron and Superior concluded. (The main features of these treaties, viz.:—Annuities, reserves of land and liberty to fish on the domains of the Crown not alienated—have been followed in the subsequent treaties.) Welland Canal enlarged. Bulwer-Clayton Treaty signed.
1851. Transfer of the control of the postal system from the British to the provincial governments and adoption of a uniform rate of postage, viz.: 3 pence per journey. The use of postage stamps was also introduced. First submarine cable laid between Canada between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, 10 miles long. Population of Upper Canada, 952,004; of Lower Canada, 890,261; of New Brunswick, 193,800, and of Nova Scotia, 276,854. Responsible Government granted by Imperial Parliament to Prince Edward Island. Young Men's Christian Association organized in Montreal; first in America. First Provincial Council (Roman Catholic) held at Quebec. Aug. 2. Act incorporating Trinity College, Toronto, assented to.
1852. Commencement of the Grand Trunk Railway. Fire in Montreal rendered homeless 10,000 people. General hospital saved though all surrounding buildings were destroyed. Municipalities Loan Fund Act passed in Upper Canada.
1853. The number of members in the Legislative Assembly was increased from 84 to being 65 from each province. May 9. First ocean steamer arrived in Quebec. Railway between Montreal and Portland opened.
1854. January 27. Main line of the Great Western Railway opened for traffic. Abolition of Seigneurial Tenure in Lower Canada and settlement of the Clergy Reserve question. June 5. Reciprocity Treaty with the United States signed at Washington. It provided for mutual rights of fishing in certain Canadian and American waters, for free interchange of the products of the sea, the soil, the forest and the mine; it allowed Americans the use of the St. Lawrence River and Canadian canals on the same terms as British subjects, and gave Canadians the right to navigate Lake Michigan. The Treaty was proclaimed by the President of the United States on the 16th March, 1855, at which date it came into operation. First screw steamer from Liverpool to the St. Lawrence River. Sugar refining established in Montreal. Oil wells first opened in Canada. First sod turned of railway from Halifax to Truro.
1855. Ottawa incorporated as a city. Opening of the Niagara Suspension Bridge. Money order system established in the province of Canada. Registration of letters post offices established.
1853. The Legislative Council of the province of Canada became an elective chamber. Allan steamship line commenced regular fortnightly steam service between Canada and Great Britain. Submarine Cable laid between Cape Breton Island and Newfoundland. First meeting of Legislature of Vancouver Island. Railway between Montreal and Toronto opened.
1857. March 12. Desjardins Canal railway accident, 60 lives lost. St. Hyacinthe (P.Q.), incorporated as a city. City of Three Rivers incorporated. Steamship "Montreal" lost near Quebec, 253 lives lost.
1858. Adoption of the decimal system of currency. Selection by the Queen of the city of Ottawa as the Capital of the Dominion and permanent seat of Government made known to the Legislature on 16th March. Atlantic cable laid between England and Nova Scotia. Representative Institutions granted to mainland British Columbia. Railway from Halifax to Truro opened. 100th Regiment recruited in Canada.
April. Gold found in British Columbia.
September. Gold found in Tangier River, Nova Scotia.
1859. New Westminster founded by Colonel Moody. Allan line of steamers made weekly trips. Money order system established in Nova Scotia. Western newspaper appeared in Fort Garry, the first newspaper in the Red River region.
1860. The beginnings of Winnipeg made their appearance.