

- May 26. Judicial Committee of Privy Council of England decided that while exclusive power to make fisheries regulations is vested in the Dominion, the issue of licenses and the collection of revenue belong to the provinces, except in the cases of Manitoba and the North-west Territories.
- June 3. Australian Federal Constitution carried by Tasmania, South Australia and Victoria, but rejected by New South Wales.
- June 7. M. C. Cameron appointed Lieutenant Governor of North-west Territories.
- June 13. Death of Sir Adolphe Chapleau. By Chap. 6, Acts of Parliament of Canada, the District of Yukon was constituted and declared to be a separate territory under the name of the Yukon Territory. The first Commissioner appointed under the Act was William Ogilvie, appointed by Order in Council dated 4th July, 1898.
- August 23. Joint High Commission met at Quebec; Lord Herschell was appointed chairman. Rt. Hon. Sir W. Laurier, Honourables Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Louis Davies, Mr. John Charlton, M.P., and Sir James S. Winter (Newfoundland), formed the British and Canadian part of the Commission. The Honourables Charles W. Fairbanks, George Grey, John W. Foster, Nelson Dingley, jr., John A. Kasson and T. Jefferson Coolidge represented the United States. The Joint High Commission sat in Quebec till 2nd September, when it adjourned to 20th September. After continued sessions from that date to 10th October, it again adjourned to meet in Washington on 1st November. Another adjournment took place on 23rd December. Commission resumed on 5th January, 1899, and adjourned 20th February to meet 2nd August, 1899. Mr. Gray became Peace Commissioner at Paris and Mr. Faulkner was appointed. Mr. Dingley died in Washington on the 13th January, 1899, and was replaced by Hon. L. E. Payne. Lord Herschell died in Washington 1st March, 1899.
- September 11. Great fire in New Westminster.
- September 21. Monument to Champlain unveiled in Quebec city.
- September 26. Death of M. C. Cameron, Lieutenant-Governor of North-west Territories.
- September 29. Plebiscite on question of legislative prohibition of liquor traffic resulted in a vote for prohibition, 278,380; against, 264,693. About 44 per cent of the number of voters on the lists polled their votes.
- October 4. Mr. A. E. Forget appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the N.W.T.
- November 4. Haultain-Ross Government (N.W.T.) sustained at the polls.
- November 12. Earl of Minto sworn in as Governor General of Canada, being the eighth since Confederation.
- December 13. Announced that Lord Strathcona gives a million dollar endowment for Royal Victoria College for Women, in connection with McGill University.
- December 25. Two cent postage rate went into operation between Canada, Great Britain and several of the British Colonies.
1899. January 1. Letter postage in Canada reduced to two cents.
- January 20. Doukhoborts arrived in Canada and settled in the North-West. In round numbers 7,500 of them arrived during the year.
- February 2. Paris International Exhibition Commission for Canada appointed. Hon. J. I. Tarte, Chief Commissioner.
- February 18. General elections in New Brunswick. Government successful.
- May 23. First celebration of 'Empire Day' in Canada.
- May 24. Celebration of Queen's 80th birthday.
- May 27. Mr. P. A. McIntyre gazetted Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.
- June 5. Sir Wilfrid Laurier submitted to the Commons of Canada the latest proposal of the Anglo-American Commission relative to the Alaska-Canada boundary question.
- June 16. Serious explosion of fire damp at Caledonia Mines, Nova Scotia, resulted in about 30 deaths.
- July 25. Hon. Mr. Mulock moved in Dominion House of Commons a resolution (unanimously adopted) for the construction of a Pacific cable to be owned by Great Britain, Australia and Canada, the latter's share of the cost to be $\frac{1}{3}$ and her representation to be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the board of control, consisting of eight members.
- August 1. Hon. Thos. Bain, M.P. for South Wentworth, elected Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.
- September 28. Dawson (Yukon Territory) connected with British Columbia by telegraph.
- October 1. Mgr. Falconio, the Pope's Apostolic Delegate, arrived in Canada.
- October 18. Hon. George W. Ross becomes Premier of Ontario.
- October 25. Hon. Peter Mitchell, one of the 'Fathers of Confederation,' died.
- November 16. Manitoba Legislature dissolved.
- November 19. Sir William Dawson died.