1899. November 25. Sir William Macdonald gave \$62,000 to endow a chair of geology in McGill University.

November 25. First of a fleet of 35 vessels to carry structural steel and coke ovens to Sydney, C.B., for conscruction of iron and steel works there, left Philadelphia.

Scott Act election in Westmoreland County, N.B. Majority for Act 256.

December 7. General elections in Manitoba, resulted in defeat of Hon. Thos. Greenway.

January 6. Resignation of Hon. Thos. Greenway and his Cabinet.
 January 10. Hon. H. J. Macdonald's Ministry sworn into office in Manitoba.
 January 10. Dawson City visited by fire. Loss \$500,000.

January 10.

February 27. Semlin Administration of British Columbia dismissed by the Lieutenant Governor.

March 23. Hon. Mr Fielding delivered Budget Speech in the Dominion Commons. April 3.

Queen Victoria visits Ireland.

Formal opening of Paris Exhibition April 14.

Fire in Ottawa and Hull. Seven lives lost, 15,000 persons rendered April 26. homeless and nearly \$10,000,000 losses sustained. Insurance amounted to about \$4,000,000, and subscriptions to \$956,963. Subscriptions were received from Canada, \$500,781; from Great Britain, \$363,248; from British Colonies, \$53,606; from United States, \$33,505; from France, \$1,036.

May 28. The Free State formally annexed to Great Britain and named the Orange

River Colony.

General Provincial Elections in British Columbia. June 9. June 14.

Premier Martin of British Columbia resigned.

June 15. James Dunsmuir sworn in as Premier of British Columbia.

June 21. Hon. Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbinière appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, vice Hon. T. R. McInnes removed.

Death by drowning of Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Justice for the Dominion in Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Cabinet.

British Preferential Tariff reduced to two thirds of the general Canadian July Customs Tariff.

July 29. King Humbert of Italy assassinated. July 30. Japanese Government prohibited emi August 7. Hon. A. G. Jones became Lieuten August 31. Hon. R. H. Emmerson. Premier Japanese Government prohibited emigration of Japanese to Canada.

August 7. Hon. A. G. Jones became Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

August 31. Hon. R. H. Emmerson, Premier of New Brunswick, resigned and Hon. L. J. Tweedie succeeded him.

September 25. Death of Hon. F. G. Marchand, Premier of Quebec.

September 29. Hon. R. R. Roblin became Premier of Manitoba, succeeding Hon.

Hugh J. Macdonald.

Hon, S. N. Parent succeeded Hon, F. G. Marchand as Premier of September 30. Quebec.

Hon, D. H. McMillan became Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and October 15. Administrator of Keewatin.

The Transvaal formally proclaimed part of the British Empire. October 25.

ober 30. Official announcement made that the population of the United States on July 1, 1900, was 76,295,220, being an increase of 13,225,464 in ten years. October 30.

November 7. General Elections in the Dominion. Government sustained. December 7. Provincial Elections in Province of Quebec. Government sustained. Of 74 seats the Liberals captured 65, of which 31 were carried by acclamation. ember 12. Provincial Elections in Prince Edward Island. Government sus-December 12.

tained by 21 to 9. December 14. Ontario Government transferred to New Board of Governors, its

rights in Upper Canada College.

1901. January 1. Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed.

New Zealand adopted penny postage on letters. The Government of Manitoba leased the Northern Pacific Railway January 15. lines of the Province for 999 years and subsequently (Feb. 11) transferred its lease to the Canadian Northern Railway Company, retaining option to purchase in 1929, and securing control for 30 years over freight rates of the line within the Province and between Port Arthur, Ont., and all points in Mani-

toba. January 22. Queen Victoria died after a glorious reign of nearly 64 years. January 22. Accession of His Imperial Majesty King Edward VII.

January 23. Great fire in Montreal; loss to insurance companies \$2,202,300. ruary 8. Canadian Parliament passed an address of condolence to King Edward VII. upon the death of Queen Victoria. February 8.

Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (now Prince and Princess of March 16. Wales) sailed from Portsmouth (Eng.) for Australia to take part in the opening ceremonies of the first Parliament of the new Commonwealth.