

THE DOMINION OF CANADA—*Concluded.*

Provinces and Districts.	Date of Organization or Admission.	Statute or Order in Council.	AREA, SQUARE MILES.		
			Water.	Land.	Total.
Districts created— <i>Con.</i>					
Assiniboia	May 17, 1882	Minute of Canadian P. C. concurred in by Fed. Parliament, May 17, 1882, and Order in Council, 2nd October, 1895.	600	88,279	88,879
Saskatchewan	" 17, 1882		3,772	103,846	107,618
Alberta	" 17, 1882		362	101,521	101,883
Athabaska	" 17, 1882		8,805	243,160	251,965
Yukon	June 13, 1898	Act of Federal Parliament.	* 649	196,327	196,976
Mackenzie	Oct. 2, 1895	Order in Council, Privy Council of Canada.	29,548	532,634	562,182
Ungava	" 2, 1895	" " ..	5,852	349,109	354,961
Franklin	" 2, 1895	" "	500,000	500,000
Totals	125,755	3,619,819	3,745,574

*By Order in Council, 18th Dec., 1897, the boundaries of Ungava, Keewatin, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukon were changed. Yukon was made a separate territory by Chap. 6, Acts of Canadian Parliament, 1898.

The Province of Newfoundland and the Labrador Coast are not included in the above statement. The area of the Labrador Coast is about 7,000 square miles, and that of Newfoundland 42,734 square miles.

Following are dates and events connected with the discovery and history of Canada:—

- 1497. June 24. Cabot discovered the Eastern Coast of North America.
- 1498. Sebastian Cabot discovered Hudson Strait.
- 1500. Gaspar Cortereal entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 1518. Baron de Lery visited Sable Island.
- 1524. Verrazano explored the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia.
- 1534. June 21. Landing of Jacques Cartier at Esquimaux Bay. First landing on Canadian soil.
- 1535. July. Second visit of Cartier. August 10. Cartier anchored in a small bay at the mouth of St. John River, which in honour of the day he named after St. Lawrence. The name was afterwards extended to the Gulf and River. Sept. 14. Cartier landed at Stadacona (Quebec). Oct. 2. Cartier visited Hochelaga (Montreal).
- 1540. Third visit of Cartier.
- 1541. Cartier's men sowed turnip seed near Cape Diamond.
- 1542-3. The Sieur de Roberval and his party wintered at Cap Rouge, near Quebec. The name 'Nova Gallia' appeared on Ulpius's globe.
- 1557. Sept. 1. Death of Jacques Cartier.
- 1558. Diego Homem's map showed the Bay of Fundy for the first time.
- 1576-7-8. Martin Frobisher made voyages of discovery to Arctic Canada.
- 1579. Sir Francis Drake took possession of the Pacific Coast and named the country New Albion.
- 1585. John Davis discovered Davis' Straits.
- 1586. Davis made his second voyage to Arctic Canada.
- 1587. Davis made his third voyage to Arctic Canada.
- 1592. Juan de Fuca discovered the Straits of Juan de Fuca.
- 1598. The Marquis de la Roche landed 60 convicts on Sable Island, where they were left for five years without relief, only twelve being found alive at the end of that time. First attempt to colonize Acadie. First trading company formed to do business in Canada—Dupont-Gravé & Chauvin of Harfleur.