

IMPORTANT DATES

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- 1856 First legislature on Vancouver Island.
- 1858 Great gold excitement.
British Columbia (mainland) a colony.
James Douglas appointed Governor of British Columbia.
- 1859 New Westminster founded as capital of British Columbia.
San Juan difficulty.
- 1860-1 Cariboo mines discovered.
- 1862 Cariboo wagon road begun.
- 1864 Governor Douglas retires and is knighted.
First session Legislative Council of British Columbia.
Trouble with Chilcotin Indians.
- 1866 Union of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.
- 1868 Removal of Capital to Victoria.
- 1871 British Columbia enters Confederation.
- 1873 Discovery of gold in Cassiar.
- 1876 Lord Dufferin visits British Columbia.
- 1878 Secession resolution passed by Local Legislature.
- 1883 Gold discoveries in Kootenai.
- 1885 First through train over the C. P. R.
- 1886 Vancouver City destroyed by fire (June 13th).
Esquimalt dry-dock completed.
First through train over Island Railway, August 13th.
- 1888 Death of John A. Cameron, "Cariboo Cameron."
- 1895 The Kootenai quartz mining excitement begins.
- 1898 Atlin gold mines discovered.
- 1903 Hon. Richard McBride becomes Premier.