

1850.

- March 10, Gov. Blanchard arrived in Victoria, B.C.
- April 19, Great Britain and the United States made the Bulwer-Clayton Treaty, "for facilitating and protecting the construction of a ship canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans."
- May 14, Parliament met in Toronto. It was announced in the speech from the throne that the control of the internal post office of British North America had been vested in the provincial authorities.
- June 29, The last part of Table Rock, Niagara, fell. Coal was discovered in Vancouver Island.
- July 25, In Westminster Abbey Rev. Francis Fulford, D.D., was consecrated Bishop of Montreal.
- Aug. 10, Parliament at Toronto was prorogued. In October the first Agricultural Exhibition in Canada was held in Montreal.
- Dec. 19, Mr. Brown published, in the *Globe*, a copy of Cardinal Wiseman's manifesto, and some very caustic comments thereon.

1851.

- Feb. 22, Hon. James Morris was made Postmaster-General, being the first postmaster to enter the Ministry.
- April 6, The Canadian Government took control of the post office of Canada.
- May 20, Parliament met in Toronto. First postage stamp was issued by Canada.
- Aug. 2, Royal assent was given to an Act which abolished the law of primogeniture in Canada. St. Mary's College, Montreal, was opened.
- Aug. 31, Parliament, Toronto, was prorogued.
- Oct. 4, A violent storm swept over Prince Edward Island, doing great damage. In October the Lafontaine-Baldwin Ministry, "The Great Ministry," resigned. In October the government offices were moved from Toronto to Quebec, the Governor making Spencerwood his residence.
- Oct. 15, Lady Elgin turned the first sod for the Northern Railway.