

Facts About Some First Things in Canada

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Atlantic cable first laid to Canada, August 5, 1868.
First cable message sent by Queen Victoria, August 12, 1868.
First copy of Toronto Daily Globe issued, March 5, 1844.
Northern Railway opened in Ontario, May 16, 1853.
Northwest Territory acquired by purchase, 1870.
British Columbia admitted to Dominion, 1871; Prince Edward Island 1873.
King's College (Toronto University) opened in 1843.

Some General Facts About Canada



Twin Falls
Yoho Valley
B.C.

CANADA is 39 years old, dating from Confederation.

Canada is 147 years old, dating from British Conquest of 1759.

Canada is 371 years old, dating from Cartier's first visit of 1535.

Quebec is 299 years old; Montreal, 265; Halifax, 159; Toronto, 114.

Victoria is 63 years old; Vancouver, 27; Winnipeg, 38.

Hudson's Bay Company is 237 years old.

Of the 33 Fathers of Confederation, only 2 survive.

Of the 48 colonies of the Empire, Canada takes the lead.

Canada was the first colony to ask for and receive self-governing powers.

Canada was the first colony to form a Confederation.

The British North America Act is Canada's Magna Charta.

Forty-two extradition treaties of Great Britain apply to Canada.

Canada has over 700 legislators, federal and provincial.

Canada has had 113 Governors-General, 1534-1905.

Canada has 45 different religious denominations.

Protestants number 59 per cent.; Catholics, 41 per cent.

There are 293 flour mills in the Northwest, with a daily capacity of 18,500 barrels of flour.

There are 1,025 elevators in the Northwest, storage capacity of 45 million bushels.

Canada has the largest elevator in the world—at Port Arthur—capacity, 6 million bushels.

Two thousand threshing outfits were in use in Manitoba, 1905.

Average tax, municipal and school, on a 160-acre farm in Manitoba, \$12.

Fire insurance in force in Canada, end of 1905, 1¼ billion.

Life insurance in force in Canada, end of 1905, 630 millions.

Loan company and building society assets, end of 1904, 176 millions.

Fort Nelson, on Hudson Bay, is as near Liverpool as Montreal.

The British flag was raised on Ellesmere Land, 1904, 1,200 miles north of the U.S. boundary.

Over 1 million ballots were cast in Dominion elections of 1904.

There have been ten general elections since Confederation.

There have been 6 Premiers of Canada and 8 Cabinets since then.

Niagara power within sight, when developed, will aggregate 700,000 h.p.

Canada is hereafter to mint her own gold.

Nine millions of United States money is in circulation in Canada.

Dominion subsidies to provinces, \$4,402,502.