

May 22, The MacNab-Taché Government resigned.

May 24, The Taché-Macdonald Government was formed.

July 1, Parliament adjourned.

Aug. 12, The first Legislature of Vancouver Island met at Victoria.

The Allan Line of steamships was established ; the pioneer ships were the "Canadian," "North American," "Indian," and "Anglo-Saxon."

Oct. 27, The first passenger train went from Montreal to Toronto.

Nov. 5, A violent hurricane swept over Montreal.

1857.

Feb. 26, Parliament met in Toronto.

March 12, A passenger train went through a bridge over the Des Jardins Canal, near Hamilton ; 60 people were killed.

Gold miners flocked to British Columbia.

April 27, Mr. Brown, in the Assembly, re-introduced a resolution "that in the opinion of this House the representation of the people in Parliament should be based on population, without regard to a separating line between Upper and Lower Canada."

St. Hyacinthe, Lower Canada, was incorporated as a city.

About this time the "Double Majority" principle was silently dropped.

The Jacques Cartier Normal School in Montreal, the McGill Normal School in Montreal, and the Laval Normal School in Quebec, were established.

June 26, The steamer "Montreal" was burnt near Cap Rouge, and 250 immigrants, mostly Scotch, lost their lives. Financial panic : hard times.

July 9, Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, D.D., was consecrated the first Bishop of Huron.

July 23, The Grand Jury, at Quebec, reported bills for manslaughter against the owner and officers of the steamer "Montreal."

Aug. 5, The shore end of the Atlantic submarine telegraph cable was, by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, taken from the U.S. war frigate "Niagara," and made fast ashore.