

- 1804-06. Overland expedition of Lewis and Clark. They wintered at mouth of Columbia river in 1805.
1806. The North West Company established, at Fraser's Lake, their first trading post, west of the Rocky Mountains.
1806. Messrs. Fraser and Stuart, the first of any white men, descended Fraser river to its mouth.
1811. Astoria established.
1811. Mr. Thompson, of the North West Company, the first of any white men, descended the Columbia from its head waters in Kootenay, to its mouth, and, on returning, established the trading post of Fort Okanagan. Thompson river is named after him.
1812. War between Great Britain and the United States.
1813. Astoria captured by H. M. S. "Raccoon."
1818. Treaty of Peace of Ghent, following the war of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States. Astoria restored to the United States.
1821. Coalition of the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company.
- 1824-44. Negotiations between Great Britain and the United States respecting the "Oregon" territory.
1838. Twenty-one years trading license granted to the Hudson's Bay Company of all British North America, outside of established provinces.
1843. Fort Victoria, in Vancouver Island, established by the Hudson's Bay Company.
1846. Oregon Boundary Treaty.
1849. Colonizing grant of Vancouver Island to the Hudson's Bay Company, terminable with their trading license of 1838.
1858. Gold discovered on the mainland. Hudson's Bay Company's Trading License revoked. Vancouver Island re-acquired by the Crown.
1866. British Columbia (the mainland colony) and Vancouver Island colony united, as one colony, under the name of British Columbia.
1871. The colony joined Canada as a province.

Boundaries.—The boundaries of the province, subject to questions respecting the delimitation of the Alaska and eastern boundaries, are as follows:—On the north, the parallel of 60°; on the west, Alaska and the Pacific Ocean; on the south, the parallel of 49° (U. S. boundary); and on the east, the Rocky Mountains and the Meridian 120°. Vancouver Island is wholly within the province, though extending southerly beyond the 49th parallel.

Former Divisions of the Country.—Captain Vancouver called coast generally "New Georgia." North West Company gave name of "New Caledonia" to northern interior of mainland. Van-