

HISTORY OF CANADA.

1497. June 24, John and Sebastian Cabot discovered Canada.
1500. The Portuguese mariner Cotereau visits Canada, and is said to have discovered the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
1517. June 11, Sir Thomas Pert's expedition, which is accompanied by Sebastian Cabot, enters Hudson's Bay, but does not explore it, owing to the timidity of the commander.
1524. Francis I. despatches an expedition under Verazzano, who takes possession of the North-east coast of America, which he calls New France.
1535. Jacques Cartier ascends the St. Lawrence as far as the present site of Montreal, and carries several of the natives, with their chief, to France.
1540. The French erect the fort of Charlesbourg.
1549. Roberval sails for Canada, and is lost.
1581. The French again trade to Canada.
1591. A French fleet sails to Canada.
1598. Henry IV. of France commissions the Marquis de la Roche to conquer Canada, but the undertaking proves a failure.
1608. July 3, Quebec founded by Champlain.
1627. Richelieu intrusts the government of the colony to the company of a Hundred Associates.
1629. Quebec taken by the English.
1632. March 17, Quebec and all Canada restored to the French by the Treaty of St. Germain.
- 1648-49. The colony suffers much from the incursions of the Iroquois Indians.
1663. Louis XIV. erects Canada into a royal government, with the laws and usages of France.
1666. Canada is granted to the French West India Company.
1667. Peace is made with the Indians.
1690. Sir William Phipps is despatched from New England to conquer Canada. Quebec Oct. 16, and re-embarks without effecting any conquests, Oct. 22.
1711. The British American colonies send another fleet to conquer Canada, but it is wrecked at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, August 22.
1713. April 13, The peace of Utrecht restores tranquillity to Canada.
1746. Shirley, governor of Massachusetts, projects the conquest of Canada, but only carries his arms into Nova Scotia.
1755. The English again attack Canada.
1759. Battle of Quebec, and death of General Wolfe, Sep. 13. The town surrenders to the British, September 18.
1760. Entire reduction of Canada by the British.
1763. Feb. 10. Canada ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Paris.
1765. Canada submits to the Stamp Act.
1774. Legislative Council of twenty-three members appointed.
1775. The American forces invade Canada, and land at St. John's, Sept. 10. Gen. Montgomery takes St. John's, Nov. 3, Montreal, Nov. 12, and in company with Arnold, assaults Quebec, Dec. 31. He is killed in the action, and the Americans surrender to General Carleton.
1776. June 18, The Americans evacuate Canada.
1791. March 4, Pitt proposes the Quebec Bill, by which Canada is divided into the Upper and Lower Provinces, and receives a representative constitution.
1792. The first House of Assembly is opened by Lieutenant-Governor Clarke.
1793. Canada is erected into a bishopric.