

1857. Decimal currency system adopted. Ottawa named the capital by Her Majesty. Great Western Railway completed.
1859. New Westminster, B.C., founded by Colonel Moody.
1860. Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., visited Canada.
1861. Civil War in United States.
- 1865, 1866. Confederation agreed upon by the four provinces.
1866. Termination of Reciprocity Treaty with United States. First Fenian invasion at Ridgeway, Ont.
1867. Dominion inaugurated July 1st.
1869. Intercolonial Railway commenced.
1870. Manitoba and North-West organized.
1871. British Columbia enters the Union. C.P.R. surveys commenced.
1873. Prince Edward Island enters Union. Mackenzie administration formed. Sir George Cartier died.
1875. North-West Territory separated from Manitoba, to be governed by a council.
1876. Intercolonial Railway opened for traffic, Quebec to Halifax. Supreme Court established at Ottawa.
1878. Mackenzie Government defeated at the polls.
1879. Protective Tariff or "National Policy" adopted.
1885. Outbreak in the North-West fomented by Louis Riel. Last spike driven in the C.P.R.
1887. First C.P.R. steamer arrives at Vancouver from Yokohama. Interprovincial conference held at Quebec.
1891. Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald died June 6th. Sir John Abbott, premier.
1892. Hon. A. Mackenzie died April 7th. Sir A. Campbell died April 24th. Sir John Abbott resigned owing to ill health. Sir John Thompson, premier.
1893. Sir John Abbott died.
1894. Sir John Thompson died at Windsor Castle. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, premier.
1895. Proclamation granting the designation of Yukon, Franklin, Ungava and Mackenzie to these new remote districts. Sault Ste. Marie Canal opened.
1896. Sir Mackenzie Bowell resigns the premiership in favor of Sir Chas. Tupper. Defeat of the government. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, premier.