

1896.

The year 1896, having 366 days, is a leap year. The additional day given to February in every fourth year arises from the fact that the true length of the civil year is nearly one-quarter of a day longer than the common year of 365 days. The exact length being, however, about eleven minutes less than 365½ days, it is necessary to omit three leap years in every four hundred years. Hence the rule to make every year divisible by four a leap year, except the even hundred, or last year in each century, which is only a leap year when the number of the century is divisible by four. The year 1900 will, according to this rule, not be counted as a leap year.

Principal Articles of the Calendar for the Year 1896.

Golden Number.....	16	Dominical Letters.....	E D
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Solar Cycle.....	1	Julian Period.....	6609

Fixed and Movable Festivals.

*New Year's Day (Wednesday).....	Jan. 1	*Birth of Queen Victoria (Sunday).....	May 24
†Epiphany.....	" 6	Pentecost (Whitsunday).....	" 24
Septuagesima Sunday.....	Feb. 2	Trinity Sunday.....	" 31
Shrove Sunday.....	" 16	Corpus Christi.....	" 31
Ash Wednesday.....	" 19	Accession of Queen Victoria.....	June 4
First Sunday in Lent.....	" 23	Proclamation.....	" 20
St. David (Sunday).....	Mar. 1	St. John Baptist.....	" 21
St. Patrick (Tuesday).....	" 17	*Dominion Day (Wednesday).....	July 1
Lady Day.....	" 25	*Labor Day (Monday).....	Sept. 7
Palm Sunday.....	" 29	St. Michael.....	" 29
*Good Friday.....	April 3	†All Saints Day.....	Nov. 9
Easter Sunday.....	" 5	Birth of Prince of Wales.....	" 1
*Easter Monday.....	" 6	1st Sunday in Advent.....	" 29
Low Sunday.....	" 12	St. Andrew (Monday).....	" 30
St. George (Thursday).....	" 23	Immaculate Conception.....	Dec. 8
Rogation Sunday.....	May 10	St. Thomas.....	" 21
†Ascension Day (Holy Thursday).....	" 14	*Christmas Day (Friday).....	" 25

* Bank Holidays throughout the Dominion.

† Bank Holidays in Province of Quebec only.

The year 5657 of the Jewish era commences on September 8, 1896.

Ramadan (month of abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on February 15, 1896.

The year 1314 of the Mohammedan era commences on June 12, 1896.

Eclipses.

In the year 1896 there will be two eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I.—Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Feb. 13th, visible in the South Atlantic, Southern and Antarctic Oceans. Partly visible as a partial eclipse at the Cape of Good Hope.

II.—A partial Eclipse of the Moon, Feb. 28th, visible throughout the Eastern Hemisphere. Magnitude of Eclipse, 0.87 of Moon's diameter.

III.—A total Eclipse of the Sun, August 9th, visible in Europe and Asia. The line of central or total phase of the Eclipse passes through the northern portion of Norway, Southern Nova Zembla, Siberia and Northern China, meeting the Pacific Ocean near the northern Coast of the Japan Islands. The Eclipse begins on the earth generally at 2h 43m. p.m., Greenwich mean time, is central at 4h. 37m. p.m., and ends on the earth generally at 7h. 35m. Greenwich mean time.

IV.—A partial Eclipse of the Moon, August 22nd and 23rd, visible in North and South America.

First contact with Penumbra, 11h. 8m. p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Last " " Shadow, 0h. 24m. a.m., " " "

" " " Penumbra, 3h. 31m. a.m., " " "

" " " " 4h. 47m. a.m., " " "

Magnitude of Eclipse, 0.734 of Moon's diameter. The first contact with the Shadow will be 100° from the north point of the Moon's limb towards the East, and the last contact, 153° from the North towards the West.

Jewish Calendar.

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Jan. 16	New Moon,	Shebat 1	Sept. 8	New Year,	Tishri 1
Feb. 15	" "	Adar 1	" 10	Fast of Guedaliah,	" 3
" 28	Purim,	" 14	" 17	Day of Atonement,	" 10
Mch. 15	New Moon,	Nisan 1	" 22	Feast of Tabernacles,	" 15
" 29	Passover,	" 15	" 29	" Eighth Day,	" 22
April 14	New Moon,	Iyar 1	" 30	Rejoicing of the	" 23
May 13	" "	Sivan 1		Law,	" 23
" 18	Pentecost,	Tamuz 6	Oct. 8	New Moon,	Heshvan 1
June 12	New Moon,	Ab 1	Nov. 6	" "	Kislev 1
July 11	" "	" 9	" 30	Re-dedication of the Tem-	" 25
" 19	Fast of Ab (Destruction of	Elul 1	Dec. 6	New Moon,	Tebeth 1
Aug. 10	New Moon,				

The year 5656 is a perfect common year of 355 days, and the year 5657 is an ordinary bissextile year of 384 days.