

Sept. 1, The Act abolishing imprisonment for debt in Canada went into effect.

Decimal currency, 20 cts. silver, 10 cts. silver, 5 cts. silver, and 1 cent copper, was introduced into Canada.

Dec. 9, Hon. Robert Baldwin died.

Dec. 15, The railway from Halifax to Truro was opened.

1859.

Jan. 10, The Prince of Wales, at Shorncliffe, gave the 100th Regiment its colors.

Jan. 29, Parliament met in Toronto.

Feb. 14, Queensboro, the capital of British Columbia, was laid out.

Feb. 24, In Westminster Abbey Rev. George Hills was consecrated Bishop of Columbia.

May 4, Parliament was prorogued.

In May the Government offices were moved from Toronto to Quebec.

June 4, There was a severe frost throughout Canada.

June 30, Emile Gravelet Blondin walked a tight-rope over the Niagara River.

July 27, Captain Pickett, with American soldiers, took possession of San Juan Island.

Nov. 20, Rev. John Joseph Lynch was consecrated Catholic Bishop of Toronto.

Nov. 28, The bodies of Lount and Matthews were removed from the "potter's-field" to the Necropolis, Toronto.

Dec., John Sheridan Hogan, journalist, was murdered at River Don, Toronto.

Dec. 28, The *Nor'-Wester* appeared at Fort Garry, the first newspaper in Red River district.

1860.

Feb. 28, Parliament met in Quebec.

The Baptists opened a college at Woodstock, U.C.

The first oil well was sunk at Petrolea, U.C.

The Assembly purchased the Earl of Selkirk's estates in Prince Edward Island.

May 19, Parliament was prorogued in Quebec.

The British and the Americans nearly came to blows, on the west coast, over the San Juan boundary question.