

Canadian History Timeline, A.D. 1000-1984 (This is only part of the document on the Internet)

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17th CENTURY:

1670. Hudson's Bay Company is formed and granted trade rights over all territory draining into Hudson's Bay

18th CENTURY:

1713. Treaty of Utrecht cedes French Acadia, Newfoundland, Hudson Bay and the "country of the Iroquois" to England

1759. British troops under Wolfe defeat French forces under Montcalm at Quebec; both generals are killed; Quebec falls. Governor of Nova Scotia invites New Englanders to settle.

1789. Alexander Mackenzie journeys to the Beaufort Sea, following what would later be named the Mackenzie River.

19th CENTURY:

1818. 49th parallel is British North America/U.S. border/Lake of the Woods to Rockies.

1821. Hudson's Bay Company merges with rivals, Montreal-based North West Company.

1849. The 49th parallel boundary extended to Pacific Ocean (bisecting Point Roberts!).

1854. Reciprocity (free trade) begins between British North America and the United States

1857. Queen Victoria names Ottawa as Canada's capital

1864. Quebec Conference sets out terms of union for British North American colonies

1867. Confederation of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario forms the Dominion of Canada. Sir John A. Macdonald becomes Canada's first prime minister

1869. Hudson's Bay Company surrenders territorial rights to Rupert's Land to Crown

1873. Global economic depression begins.

1874. Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm established at Guelph.

1876. Intercolonial Railway linking central Canada to Maritime provinces completed.

1885. Transcontinental railway is completed in Eagle Pass, B.C.; 9 days later, Louis Riel is hanged in Regina.

1897. Klondike gold rush begins

1899. Boer War begins; first Canadian troops to serve overseas are sent to South Africa

20th CENTURY

1900. Federal immigration policy entices Eastern Europeans to Canadian West

1901. Marconi receives first transatlantic radio message at St. John's, Newfoundland

1903. Canada loses Alaska Boundary dispute as British representative sides with US. Prospector in northern Ontario stumbles across the world's richest silver vein.

1910. Cochrane, Ontario incorporated. Northland published. 20 businesses burned.

1911. First BIG FIRE burns town of Cochrane on July 11.

1912. S.S. Titanic sinks off Newfoundland; recovered bodies are buried in Halifax.

1913. Canadian economy goes into a slump