

1912. S.S. Titanic sinks off Newfoundland; recovered bodies are buried in Halifax.
1913. Canadian economy goes into a slump
1914. Canada automatically enters First World War as Britain declares war on Germany (August 4)
1916. Lady Minto Hospital opened in Cochrane. Fire burns Cochrane, Ontario.
1917. French munitions ship Mont Blanc catches fire & explodes in Halifax harbor on December 6<sup>th</sup>, with 2,000 killed. Canadians capture Vimy Ridge after British and French attempts fail. Income tax introduced by federal govt as "temporary wartime measure"
1918. Under the War Measures Act, manufacture & sale of intoxicating beverages is prohibited in Canada.
1922. Foster Hewitt makes the world's first radio broadcast of a hockey game
1923. Canada deals with U.S. without British participation in signing Halibut Treaty. Typhoid epidemic in Cochrane.
1926. Old age pension started by federal government. 1926 Royal Commission (Duncan) recommends restoration of preferential Maritime railway freight rates.
1928. Supreme Court of Canada rules that women are not "persons" who can be elected to public office. 1929 British Privy Council overrules Supreme Court "non-person" decision
1929. New York Stock Market crash
1931. Statute of Westminster grants Canada full autonomy from Britain
1934. The Dionne quintuplets are born in Callander, Ontario
1939. Canada enters World War II after remaining neutral for 1 week; pro-war party in Quebec wins provincial election. Ground surveys underway in far west for airports.
1940. Ogdensburg Agreement co-ordinates industrial output of Canada and U.S.
1941. CAT train took material to FT ST John for airport construction.
1942. US soldiers arrived Cochrane to set up radar post. Construction of ALCAN highway. Construction boom due to American and Canadian military bases eliminated unemployment in Newfoundland. Canadian raid on French port of Dieppe is a disaster; British later claim it was useful rehearsal for D-Day
1944. Canadian troops go further inland than other Allied unit on D-Day (June 6). Saskatchewan elects Tommy Douglas & first socialist government in North America.
1949. Newfoundland becomes Canada's tenth province on March 31st
1951. Mid-century census records Canada's population as 14 million. Royal Commission (Massey) reports that Canadian culture is dominated by American influences
1952. First television stations in Canada begin broadcasting in Montreal (Sept. 6) and Toronto (Sept. 8)
1955. Montreal Canadiens hockey star Maurice "Rocket" Richard is suspended for fighting; riots break out in Montreal
1959. Canadian government cancels the Avro Arrow; many engineers on the project end up working for NASA. St Lawrence Seaway opens.
1960. "Quiet Revolution" begins in Quebec
1962. Trans-Canada Highway officially opens
1965. The Auto Pact, forerunner of NAFTA, signed by United States and Canada
1969. The federal government becomes officially bilingual
1970. The FLQ, a militant separatist group in Quebec, kidnaps British diplomat & murders Quebec cabinet minister
1976. Parti Quebecois under Rene Levesque wins Quebec provincial election on separatist platform
1980. The majority of Quebecers reject separation from Canada by referendum vote. -30-