



CANADIAN TIMELINE

20 000 BC	First Nations hunters continue migration from Asia to North America across Bering Strait.
13 000 BC	Niagara Falls was created as the glaciations retreated northward.
10 000 BC	Clovis and Folsom cultures migrated from the US into areas of Canada.
8 000 BC	Plano culture emerged from the American Southwest and extended as far north as southern Manitoba and Ontario. Settlement of Canada's Pacific coast was taking place.
6 000 BC	The Archaic Boreal culture emerged. The Maritime Archaic group reached Labrador.
1 000 BC	Iroquoian Agriculture began, but no group depended on it totally for subsistence.
128-302 AD	The Serpent Mound was built on a bluff overlooking Rice Lake, Ontario.
200	The first Plains Peoples inhabited the prairies.
500	First Nations peoples began growing corn in southern Ontario.
1000	Norse settle at L'anse aux Meadows.
1535	Jacques Cartier refers to land as "Canada".
1600	First trading post built in Canada at Tadoussac.
1608	Quebec "City" established by Champlain.
1639	The first coal was mined in Canada at Grand Lake, New Brunswick.
1667	Iron ore mined at Trois-Rivières.
1720	French settlers arrive to farm on Île St. Jean (P.E.I.).
1754	The population of New France was reported to be 55,000. The Battle of the Plains of Abraham.
1763	The Treaty of Paris was signed. The Royal Proclamation was issued.
1775	Siege on Quebec City by American General Montgomery was repulsed.
1776	The first loyalists arrived, resulting in the formation of New Brunswick and Upper Canada.

1778	Captain James Cook sights Vancouver Island.
1791	Constitutional Act created colonies of Upper and Lower Canada.
1807	The Montreal Curling Club (first significant sporting club in Canada) was founded.
1812	Governor Miles Macdonell arrived at Red River to establish Selkirk's colony.
1813	Battle of Crysler's Farm – decisive battle of the "War of 1812".
1814	The Treaty of Ghent, ending the "War of 1812", was signed.
1815	John A. Macdonald was born in Glasgow, Scotland.
1821	Agreement was reached to merge the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company, creating a near monopoly of the fur trade in British North America.
1826	Bytown grew from a campsite established by John By. Site would eventually become the City of Ottawa.
1829	Welland Canal opened.
1832	Cholera Epidemic kills an estimated 10% of the population.
1840	Rev James Evans devised the system of Cree syllabics by which the Cree language became written. The Great Auk became extinct.
1841	First session of the Parliament in the United Canadas.
1840-1860	The Underground Railroad operated in Canada.
1842	Geological Survey of Canada founded.
1844	The Capital of Canada was moved from Kingston to Montreal, Canada East.
1845	The first volume of Francois-Xavier Garneau's, "Histoire du Canada" was published in Quebec.
1846	Oregon Boundary Treaty establishes border between Canada and the United States.
1857	The world's first commercial oil production began at Petrolia, Ontario. Queen Victoria announced that she had chosen Ottawa to be the new capital of Canada.
1862	Gold discovered at Williams Creek, British Columbia.
1863	The Quebec Conference convened. The 72 resolutions became the basis of Confederation.
1864	The Charlottetown Conference was held.
1867	The British North America Act was passed by the British Parliament, joining the colonies of Canada (Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in one federal union. Confederation received royal proclamation.
1869	The Hudson's Bay Company surrendered Rupert's Land to the Canadian Government.

1870	Manitoba joined Confederation. Northwest Territories joined Confederation.
1871	British Columbia joined Confederation.
1873	Prince Edward Island joined Confederation as Canada's 7th province.
1875	Fort Calgary was established.
1879	Sir Sandford Fleming first proposed standard time zones.
1880	British sovereignty over the Arctic Islands passed to Canada.
1884	Joseph Burr Tyrrell discovered the partial skull of a Cretaceous dinosaur near the Red Deer River in Alberta .
1885	The last spike was driven for the Canadian Pacific Railway.
1886	The original parliament buildings in Ottawa were opened.
1893	The Ontario government created Algonquin park, Canada's first provincial park.
1896	The Klondike Gold Rush began.
1898	Yukon joined Confederation.
1905	Alberta and Saskatchewan joined Confederation.
1914	Canada enters World War I.
1915	Nellie McClung presented the Alberta legislature with a petition demanding that women be given the right to vote. The right was granted. John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Fields".
1917	Battle of Vimy Ridge.
1918	The Armistice with Germany ended World War I.
1921	Frederick Banting and Charles Best first isolated insulin, an achievement for which they received the Nobel Prize.
1927	Canadian, Davidson Black discovered a fossil molar of Peking Man in a cave near Beijing China.
1929	The Privy Council ruled that women were legally 'persons' and therefore could hold seats in the Canadian Senate.
1932	The TransCanada telephone system was established.
1935	Arthur Jeffrey Dempster discovered uranium -235, used in producing the first nuclear chain reaction. 1000 unemployed men boarded freight cars in Vancouver to begin the "On to Ottawa" trek.
1939	Canada enters World War II.

1940 Martin Kamen discovered carbon-14 later used to date archaeological objects.

1945 Canada joined the United Nations at its founding.

1946 The famous schooner "Bluenose" sank off the coast of Haiti.

1949 Newfoundland joined Confederation.

1955 Dinosaur Provincial Park created in Red Deer, Alberta.

1982 The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms came into effect.

1999 Nunavut joined Confederation.

2005 Fuel prices surpass the \$1.00 per litre mark.
