

# Canada In 1954

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## JANUARY

—U.S. senators interview Igor Jouzenko in Montreal.  
 18—Senator W. H. Dennis, 66, Halifax newspaper publisher, dies.  
 20—Ontario highways minister Doucett orders probe into Fort William highways diversion.  
 24—Undersecretary of State Home Wrong, 59, dies.  
 25—Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of Supreme Court appointed chairman of rail conciliation board.  
 28—Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes becomes Canadian Army's fifth general.  
 30—Fourteen killed in bus-transport crash at Yamamichie, Que.

## FEBRUARY

1—New \$320,000 transport building of Canadian Navy, Halifax, collapses.  
 4—Prime Minister St. Laurent leaves for world tour.  
 11—Senate approves increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for members of Commons and Senate.  
 12—Montreal police claim break-up of international baby market.  
 13—Six-month Noranda mine strike settled. Miss Agnes Macphail, 65, first woman M.P. dies.  
 17—One dead, 87 hurt when CPR passenger trains collide near Montreal.  
 19—Land subsidence damages Canadian Industries Ltd. Windsor plant.  
 24—Quebec legislative assembly approves provincial income tax.  
 25—Broulan Reef, Porcupine district, miners end seven-month strike.  
 27—Peter Balcombe sentenced to be hanged for murder of Marie Anne Carrier of Burville, Que.

## MARCH

8—Prime Minister St. Laurent visits Canadian brigades in Korea.  
 17—Prime Minister St. Laurent returns from world tour.  
 22—Four federal by-elections return two Liberals, two Progressive Conservatives.  
 27—Harry S. Southam, 78, retired publisher of Ottawa Citizen, dies.  
 30—Toronto subway system opens.

## APRIL

6—Federal budget cuts excise tax on small commodities.  
 8—TCA airliner and RCAF trainer collide over Moose Jaw, 37 dead.  
 13—Premier Angus Macdonald of Nova Scotia, 64, dies.  
 15—Vancouver tug Chelan sinks off Alaska; 14 drowned.  
 16—Detroit Red Wings win Stanley Cup four games to three over Montreal Canadiens.  
 22—Raymond Arthur Davies, 46, of Montreal, sentenced to two years for passport fraud.  
 23—Dr. Alfred Valdmanis, 47, arrested on charges of defrauding Newfoundland government.

## MAY

10—Three firms, 11 individuals, charged in Ontario highway probe.  
 11—St. Catharines Teepees win Memorial Cup, beating Edmonton Oil Kings four games to none, one tied. Penticton V's win Allan Cup in seventh game against Sudbury Wolves.  
 26—Lionel Conacher, M.P., 54, Canada's greatest athlete of half-century, dies.  
 29—RCAF Korean airlift ends.  
 31—Federal Emergency Powers Act expires.

## JUNE

2—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia visits Ottawa.  
 6—Instructor and four sea cadets drown when whaler upsets off Toronto.  
 8—Fire destroys five Winnipeg buildings; damage \$3,000,000.  
 12—Collistee from Hamilton Bury Fit Stable wins Queen's Plate.  
 28—Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden, visit Ottawa.  
 30—Solar eclipse not visible to observer groups at Mattice, Ont.

## JULY

1—Federal cabinet changes; Harris succeeds Abbott in finance, Campney succeeds Claxton in defence; Marler as transport minister succeeds Chevrier, now head of St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.  
 2—Lightning storm causes \$300,000 damage at Halifax.  
 11—Senator W. A. Buchanan, 76, editor and publisher, dies.  
 13—Twelve Negro children drown in boat accident on Lake of Two Mountains near Montreal. Two companies, four men, ordered for trial in Ontario highways probe.  
 15—Quintuplet Marie Dionne leaves Quebec convent for health reasons.  
 17—B.C. Progressive Conservative Association executive votes non-confidence in National Leader Drew. Pat Fletcher, Saskatoon, wins Canadian open golf title.  
 24—Pat Costello, Detroit, wins singles and Buffalo Westsides take team title at Canadian Henley regatta.  
 25—Trans-Canada Pipelines given conditional permit to build line from Alberta to East.  
 28—Canada to serve on commission supervising Indochina armistice.  
 30—Field Marshal Earl Alexander opens British Empire Games.

## AUGUST

3—Duke of Edinburgh on northern tour sees first aluminum produced at Kitimat, B.C.  
 4—University of British Columbia oarsmen win eights at B.E. Games; Doug Hepburn, Vancouver heavyweight weight-lifting champion.  
 5—Wilbert Coffin, 43, convicted at Perce, Que., of murder of one of three American hunters.  
 6—Quintuplet Emilie Dionne, 20, dies at Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que.  
 7—Roger Bannister wins B. E. Games mile in 3:58.8 with John Landy second in 3:59.6; final games standing: England 514½; Australia 363½; Canada 339.  
 10—St. Lawrence power project construction starts at Cornwall.  
 14—Riot and fire at Kingston penitentiary does \$2,000,000 damage; Marlene Stewart, Ponthill, Ont., wins Canadian women's open golf title.  
 15—Riot at St. Vincent de Paul

prison near Montreal.  
 17—Duke of Edinburgh sails on royal yacht "om Goose Bay, winding up tour of Canadian North.  
 18—Railway unions at Ottawa agree to arbitrate dispute. Government tells U.S. Canada will build canal on Canadian side when traffic warrants.  
 19—Canada to withdraw "substantial proportion" of forces from Korea.  
 21—Harvie Ward, San Francisco, wins Canadian amateur golf title.  
 22—Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra arrive at Quebec.  
 25—Trades and Labor Congress agrees to sign no-raiding pact with CCL.

## SEPTEMBER

1—J. S. McLean, 78, chairman of board of Canada Packers, dies.  
 6—Toronto Maple Leafs win International Baseball League pennant, ousted in playoffs.  
 9—Marilyn Bell, 18, Toronto, swims across Lake Ontario from Youngstown, N.Y., to Toronto.  
 11—Hurricane Edna causes one death, heavy damage, in Maritimes.  
 15—Dr. George Dorey of Toronto appointed United Church Moderator; general council releases autonomy on differences between Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths.  
 17—Mayor Camillien Houde of Montreal announces retirement due to ill-health. Dr. Alfred Valdmanis pleads guilty to defrauding Newfoundland government of \$200,000, sentenced to four years.  
 18—Prime Minister St. Laurent in Quebec speech criticizes autonomy policy of Premier Duplessis.  
 25—Peterborough Trailermen win senior lacrosse title beating Victoria Shamrocks four games to one.  
 26—Premier Duplessis pledges defence of Quebec's rights under BNA.

## OCTOBER

4—Colombo plan conference at Ottawa attended by 14 nations.  
 5—Federal-provincial tax deadlock broken when St. Laurent and Duplessis meet at Montreal.  
 8—Montreal vice probe report orders dismissal of police director Albert Langlois.  
 10—Ford Motors' 5,700 workers at Windsor, Ont., strike for new contract.  
 15—Eighty-two dead, one missing, damage \$24,000,000 as hurricane Hazel floods Humber valley and Holland marsh in Ontario.  
 25—Jean Drapeau elected Montreal mayor.  
 27—Mrs. Mary Bell, 48, Belleville, Ont., acquitted of murder in poison death of husband.

## NOVEMBER

1—Dominion Bank and Bank of Toronto to amalgamate.  
 8—Six federal by-elections return four Liberals, one Progressive Conservative, one CCF.  
 10—Viscount Montgomery arrives at Ottawa.  
 11—William Breckon of Burlington, Ont., wins world wheat crown at Royal Winter Fair.  
 12—Field Marshal Montgomery opens Royal Winter Fair. Queen Mother Elizabeth arrives at Ottawa from United States.  
 14—French Premier Mendes-France and wife arrive at Quebec.  
 15—Graham Towers, 57, resigns as governor of Bank of Canada.  
 17—Queen Mother Elizabeth leaves Ottawa for New York.  
 18—James E. Coyne, 44, becomes governor of Bank of Canada. Chief Justice E. A. McPherson of Manitoba, 75, dies.  
 21—Laurier statue unveiled in Quebec City. HMCS Labrador returns to Halifax after circling North America.  
 22—Government arbitrator Chief Justice Sloan of British Columbia awards non-operating railway employees some fringe benefits, recommends subsidizing railways in some respects.  
 26—Uranium deposits found near Bancroft, Ont.; A. H. McDonald, 35, elected leader of Saskatchewan Liberal party.  
 27—Edmonton Eskimos beat Montreal Alouettes 26-25 in Grey Cup. University of Toronto wins intercollegiate rugby title over University of Western Ontario.

## DECEMBER

1—Stewart Bates succeeds Donald Mansur as head of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.  
 5—Strike threat called off in Winnipeg transportation.  
 8—George Drew, Opposition leader, leaves hospital after treatment for meningitis.  
 10—Canso Causeway, 4,200 feet long, completed between Nova Scotia mainland and Cape Breton.  
 17—TCA airliner makes forced landing near Milton airport, 16 passengers and seven crew escape before explosion. Sqdn. Ldr. A.R. MacKenzie at Ottawa press conference tells of imprisonment in Red China.  
 18—Prisoners riot at Headingley jail, Manitoba.  
 20—Toronto city council votes for probe of mayoral entertainment expenses.

# World Dates of 1954

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## JANUARY

2—Sixteen persons trampled to death in Japanese New Year celebration.  
 8—Commonwealth finance ministers conference opens at Sydney, Australia.  
 10—British Comet airliner crashes in Mediterranean; 35 dead.  
 12—Queen Elizabeth opens New Zealand Parliament. Alpine avalanches cause 200 deaths in Austria.  
 21—First atomic-powered submarine launched at Groton, Conn.

## FEBRUARY

1—European storms claim more than 40 lives, including 30 in Britain.  
 3—Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh arrive at Sydney, Australia. Stampede of Hindu pilgrims at Ganges causes 350 deaths.  
 10—Mario Scelba becomes premier of Italy.  
 15—Queen opens Australian Parliament.  
 18—Big Four foreign ministers at Berlin agree on later meeting with Red China at Geneva.  
 20—Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya lose 119 dead in four-day outbreak.  
 21—Prime Minister St. Laurent arrives at New Delhi from Pakistan.

## MARCH

1—U.S. explodes first H-bomb in Pacific. Five members of U.S. House of Representatives at Washington wounded when Puerto Rican fire shots from gallery.  
 4—Twenty killed U.S. Air Force C-47 crash in French Alps.  
 7—Russia beats Canada (Toronto East Yorks) 7-2 in world hockey championship final.  
 13—British airliner crash at Singapore kills 33; seven saved.  
 17—Prime Minister St. Laurent returns to Ottawa.  
 27—Dublin-owned Royal Tan wins Grand National Steeplechase.  
 28—British troopship Empire Windrush burns at Algiers; four killed, 1,500 saved.

## APRIL

2—Longshoremen at New York end costly 29-day strike.  
 5—Pierre S. du Pont, 84, retired chemical magnate, dies.  
 8—Thirty-seven killed in air collision between TCA plane and RCAF trainer over Moose Jaw, Sask. British airliner vanishes in Mediterranean with 21 aboard.  
 13—Australia grants political asylum to Vladimir Petrov, Russian embassy secretary.  
 20—Australian police at Darwin rescue Mrs. Petrov from Soviet guards on Europe-bound plane.  
 29—Russian embassy staff departs from Australia; Australian staff leaves Moscow.  
 30—Greek earthquake kills 24 near Athens.

## MAY

3—Queen Elizabeth unveils Valletta memorial to 2,300 Commonwealth airmen killed in Malta defence.  
 6—Roger Bannister runs 3:59.4 mile at Oxford.  
 7—Viet Minh troops capture Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu.  
 13—President Eisenhower signs St. Lawrence seaway bill.  
 15—Queen Elizabeth, Duke of Edinburgh, return to London after Commonwealth tour.  
 17—U.S. Supreme Court rules segregation in schools unconstitutional.  
 18—Costello coalition wins Republic of Ireland election.  
 22—American evangelist Billy Graham winds up three-month revival campaign in Britain.  
 26—Fire on U.S. aircraft carrier Bennington off Rhode Island, 91 dead.  
 29—Australian Prime Minister Menzies' coalition government wins third three-year term.  
 30—Pope Pius X proclaimed saint at Vatican City.  
 31—Bill Vukovich, Fresno, Cal., wins Indianapolis auto race classic for third time.

## JUNE

1—U.S. atomic energy commission votes against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer.  
 2—Never Say Die first U.S. horse to win English Derby since 1881.  
 4—Fifty-six persons injured in riot in Japanese Parliament.  
 14—Sir Winston Churchill invested as Knight of Garter.  
 17—Pierre Mendes-France succeeds Laniel as French premier.

27—Admiral Earl Mountbatten becomes first sea lord.  
 28—Nobel literature prize awarded American writer Ernest Hemingway.  
 30—British dock workers' strike ends after 26-day tieup.  
 31—Queen Mother Elizabeth given honorary degree at Columbia University, New York. U.S. Navy transport plane, 42 aboard, lost in Atlantic.

## NOVEMBER

2—U.S. elections: House of Representatives, Democrats 232, Republicans 204; Senate, Democrats 48, Republicans 47, Independent 1.  
 3—English-speaking Union dinner at New York presents Queen Mother with \$433,000 for George VI Memorial Fund for Commonwealth students.  
 7—U.S. Air Force plane attacked by Russian-built fighters over Japan, one dead, 10 injured.  
 13—National party government returned in New Zealand elections.  
 14—Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Naguib deposed as Egyptian president.  
 17—Russia at UN agrees to join committee arranging international conference on atomic energy.  
 18—British Commons by 264-4 approves West German rearmament. Queen Mother Elizabeth sails for home from New York.  
 22—Andrei Vishinsky, 70, Russia's chief UN delegate, dies at New York.  
 23—Peiping radio reports 13 Americans captured in Korea sentenced to long terms as alleged spies.  
 28—Enrico Fermi, 53, famed atomic scientist, dies. Fire at Istanbul, Turkey, destroys 1,600 shops.  
 30—Sir Winston Churchill marks 80th birthday at Westminster Hall celebration in London. Johannes Strijdom succeeds Malan as South Africa's prime minister.

## DECEMBER

2—Pope Pius, weak from internal disturbances, gravely ill following heart attack. U.S. Senate censures Joseph McCarthy for failing to co-operate with sub-committee investigating his finances and for acting contrary to senatorial ethics. U.S. and Nationalist China sign mutual defence pact.  
 5—Sqdn. Ldr. A. R. MacKenzie, RCAF, released to Hong Kong after two years in Red Chinese captivity.  
 6—Pope gains strength in rally from critical illness. Johannes Neitz, last German held for war crimes against Canadians, released from military prison in Germany.  
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 11—U.S. aircraft carrier Forrestal, 59,650 tons, christened.  
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FINE LEMONS  
 KENTVILLE, N. S. (CP)—The Annapolis valley, long noted for apples, now is producing giant lemons at the federal experimental farm. One of the lemons displayed at the annual fruitgrowers convention here weighed three pounds.

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