

150 Years of British Columbia History

Crossword Puzzles

As you are aware, the **Historica Foundation of Canada** in partnership with London Drugs and Canadian National developed a 2008 Calendar that presents a day-by-day account of events in BC's history. This calendar was circulated to schools around BC as part of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of British Columbia's founding in 1858.

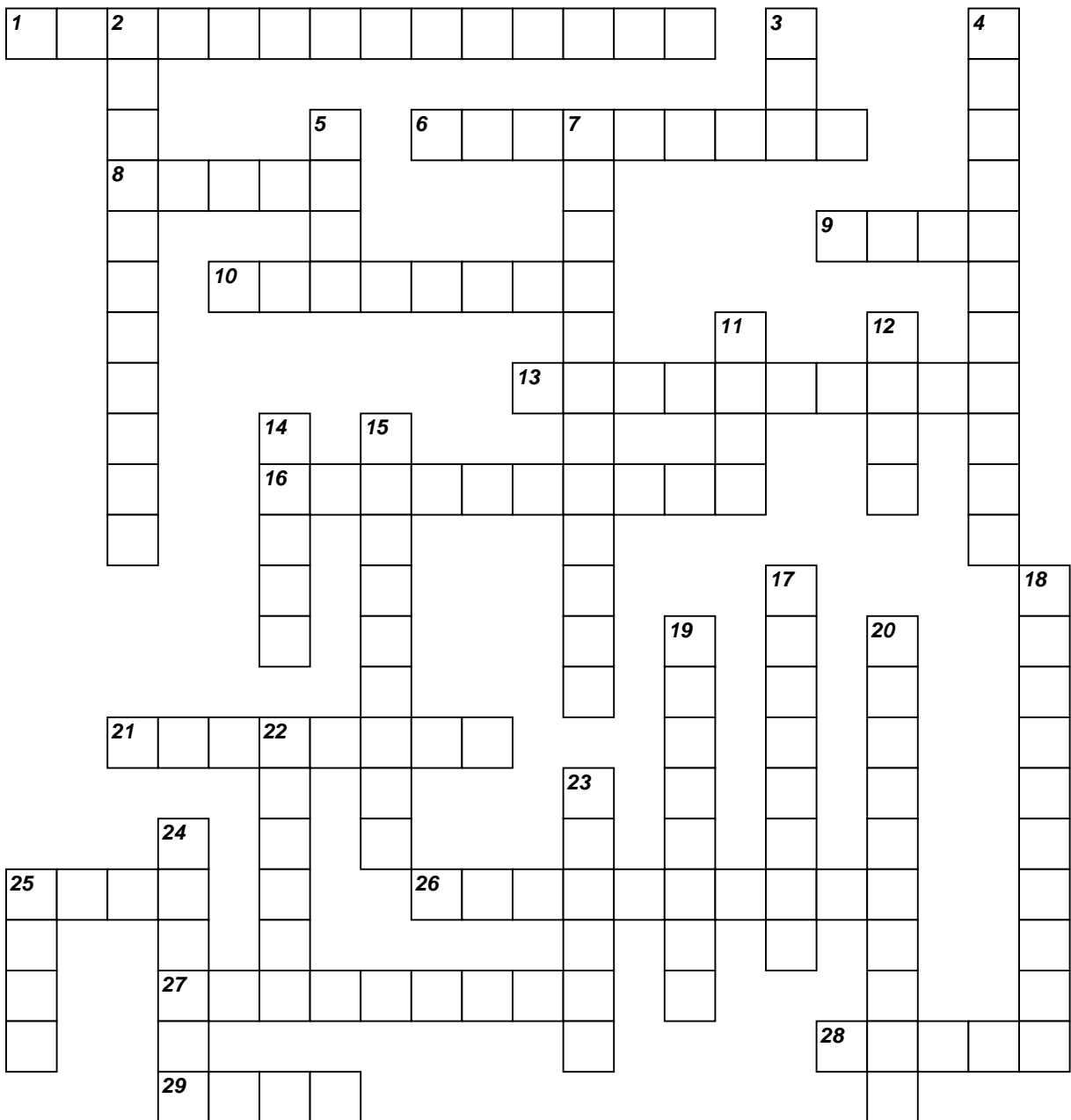
Better Classroom Guidebooks has used the information in the Historica Foundation of Canada's calendar to create a series of crossword puzzles that teachers can use in conjunction with the calendar. For the convenience of the students and teachers who may not have direct access to the 2008 Historica calendar and its collection of facts, BC Guidebooks has recorded the facts for each month and included them with each month's crossword as a reference for the crossword users.

The **British Columbia – 150 Years Calendar** is a great teaching aid. We hope that our crosswords help you and your students use it.

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Events in April



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ACROSS

- 1 (2 words) He was the first Canadian-born artist to have a painting in the British National Portrait Gallery's permanent collection.
- 6 The last of these stopped running after serving the people of Vancouver for 65 years.
- 8 BC instituted this kind of tax to help pay for social programs.
- 9 He left Nootka Sound in search of the Northwest Passage.
- 10 She was the Governor General who gave royal assent to the Nisga'a Treaty.

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Events in April

- 13 (2 words) He was one of the first to be honoured with the "Order of British Columbia".
- 16 Women from this group were one of two groups of women who were not given the right to vote in BC's provincial elections.
- 21 This aboriginal ceremony was outlawed by the federal government.
- 25 Part of the cargo carried by the Empress of India when it reached Vancouver from Asia.
- 26 (2 words) This field naturalist settled in Sidney.
- 27 It was incorporated as a city in 1886.
- 28 He opened a store on Vancouver's Robson Street that sold this commodity.
- 29 Vancouver's mayor Gerry McGeer read this Act in his city's Victory Square to disperse a large crowd of protesting unemployed.

DOWN

- 2 (2 words) The source of gold that reached San Francisco from British Columbia.
- 3 Part of the cargo carried by the Empress of India when it reached Vancouver from Asia.
- 4 (2 words) This union activist was shot by a CPR strike-breaker.
- 5 Women from this continent were one of two groups of women who were not given the right to vote in BC's provincial elections.
- 7 The Presbyterian Church launched this kind of campaign in Fernie.
- 11 This Bennett became BC's twenty-seventh premier.
- 12 Part of the cargo carried by the Empress of India when it reached Vancouver from Asia.
- 14 Canadian from this country were once again allowed to live anywhere in Canada.
- 15 Vancouver shipyards built this type of warship for Canada's navy.
- 17 (2 words) He started his "Marathon of Hope" at St. John's.
- 18 (2 words) He was one of the first to be honoured with the "Order of British Columbia".
- 19 (2 words) This artist sketched first nations people in BC.
- 20 (2 words) He wrote "Paper Shadows".
- 22 The birthplace of mapmaker David Thompson.
- 23 These arrived in Victoria on their way to the Fraser River.
- 24 It was the first steam ship to reach the Pacific coast.
- 25 The first name of Canada's first woman provincial premier.

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Events in April

- Apr 01, 1949 The lifting of the last wartime restrictions on Japanese-Canadians came into effect, allowing them to move anywhere in Canada.
- Apr 02, 1991 Social Credit leader Rita Johnson was sworn in as BC's 29th premier, becoming both BC's and Canada's first women premier.
- Apr 03, 1858 A Pacific mail steamer arrived at San Francisco carrying gold from a strike in the vicinity of Yale. The news heralded the Fraser River Gold Rush.
- Apr 04, 1909 On this Sunday, more than 1000 people in Fernie attended the opening of an evangelistic campaign launched by the Presbyterian Church.
- Apr 05, 1917 BC women (except Asians and Aboriginals) gained the rights to vote provincially and to hold provincial office.
- Apr 06, 1886 Vancouver was incorporated as a city. The name was chosen to honour naval explorer George Vancouver.
- Apr 07, 1984 Bookseller Bill (Wilfred) Duthie, who opened his first store on Robson Street in 1957, died at Vancouver.
- Apr 08, 1948 BC's first sales tax was introduced. The 2% tax was intended to pay for increased social programs.
- Apr 09, 1847 Artist Paul Kane arrived at Fort Victoria. He recorded both through sketches and writings the area's first nations and their customs.
- Apr 10, 1836 The Hudson's Bay Co. steamer Beaver, the first on the Pacific coast, arrived at Fort Vancouver, near present-day Portland, Oregon.
- Apr 11, 1940 Vancouver shipyards began to build corvettes and minesweepers for action in the Battle of the Atlantic.
- Apr 12, 1980 Port Coquitlam's Terry Fox began his cross-country Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research. Fox dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean at St. John's before starting his legendary run.
- Apr 13, 2000 The Nisga'a Treaty was given royal assent by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson.
- Apr 14, 1932 BC's 27th premier, William Richards "Bill" Bennett, son of long-time premier W.A.C. Bennett, was born at Kelowna.
- Apr 15, 1903 Union activist Frank Rogers died after having been shot 2 days earlier by a CPR strike-breaker while investigating a commotion near the Vancouver docks.
- Apr 17, 1831 Canada's foremost field naturalist John Macoun, who settled in Sidney, BC, was born at Maralin, Ireland.

- Apr 19, 1884 The federal government outlawed the potlatch ceremony of BC's aboriginal peoples, bowing to pressure from missionaries. In 1951 an amendment to the Indian Act revoked the legislation.
- Apr 20, 1939 Wayson Choy, author of Paper Shadows, a memoir based on his childhood, was born at Vancouver.
- Apr 21, 1989 The Order of British Columbia was established to honour people of great distinction who excel in any field of endeavour benefitting the people of BC. Among the first so honoured were rocker Bryan Adams and former Lt. Gov. Henry Bell-Irving.
- Apr 23, 1935 Vancouver's mayor Gerry McGeer read the Riot Act in Victory Square to disperse a large crowd of protesting unemployed.
- Apr 24, 1955 The last streetcar ran in Vancouver ending 65 years of street-rail service in the city.
- Apr 25, 1858 The first wave of miners from California arrived at Victoria, en route to the Fraser River Gold Rush. As they travelled upriver, they discovered gold on the gravel bars all the way up the Fraser Canyon.
- Apr 26, 1778 Captain James Cook departed Nootka Sound and sailed into Brang Strait in search of the Northwest Passage, retreating in the face of a wall of ice.
- Apr 27, 1916 Myfanwy Spencer Pavelic, the first Canadian-born artist to have a painting accepted in the permanent collection of the British National Portrait Gallery, was born at Victoria.
- Apr 28, 1891 The CPR steamer Empress of India first arrived at Vancouver, carrying 486 passengers and 1839 t of tea, silk and rice. This steamer continued to make regular trips around the world by way of the Suez Canal.
- Apr 30, 1770 Mapmaker David Thompson, whose maps were the first to provide a comprehensive view of the western territories, was born at London, England.