

Important Events from 1896-1914

- 1896: Wilfrid Laurier become the PM of Canada
 - was seen as one of Canada's greatest leaders
 - is the guy on the old \$5 bill

- 1899: Canada enter the Boer War
 - British Empire vs. Dutch farmers in South Africa
 - CDNs felt a sense of duty towards Britain and many signed up to fight
 - was a poorly-led campaign resulting in many deaths
 - many CDN soldiers were sacrificed in the name of "Pax Britannia"
 - CDNs began to question their undying loyalty
 - where "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was set

- 1903: Alaska Boundary Dispute
 - border between BC and Alaska was being argued over
 - Britain became involved
 - international legal disputes were their jurisdiction to settle for Canada
 - did not have our best interests in mind
 - Britain was weary from fighting the Boer War and did not want part in another international conflict
 - sided with the Americans, making the disputed border vote 2-1
 - made the border where it is today, and hence why Skagway is in the US
 - led a lot of CDNs to question Britain's influence on us

- 1905: Alberta and Saskatchewan join confederation
 - recently celebrated their centennial

- 1914: Canada is involved in WWI until 1919 (next chapter)