

Gloucester Timeline

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In the World

- 1876 – Alexander Graham Bell invents the **telephone**.
- 1879 – Thomas Edison invents the **electric light bulb**.
- 1883/11/18 – **Standard Time** implemented on all railways in North America. William Cornelius Van Horne, an American, but a Canadian resident is a major proponent.
- 1891/12 – Almonte native James Naismith invents **basketball** in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- 1896/04/06 – First modern **Olympics** are held in Athens, Greece.
- 1897 – Queen Victoria celebrates her **Diamond Jubilee**.
- 1899/10/11 to 1902/05/31 – **Boer War** is fought in South Africa.

In Canada

- 1879/11/06 – First **Thanksgiving Day** celebrated as a national holiday. It becomes the second Monday in October in 1957.
- 1885/03/26 to 1885/07/02 – **Northwest Rebellion** in Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- 1885/11/07 – Final spike driven for the completion of the **Canadian Pacific Railway** in Craigellachie, B.C.
- 1885/11/16 – **Louis Riel** is hanged for his involvement in the Northwest Rebellion.
- 1894/09/03 – The first **Labour Day** celebrated as a national holiday.

In Ottawa

- 1876/10 – **Library of Parliament** completed.
- 1885/05/01 – Ottawa becomes the first city in the world lit with **electric lights**.
- 1888/09/24 – First annual **Central Canada Exhibition** is held at Lansdowne Park.
- 1891/06/29 – **Electric streetcar service** inaugurated on Bank Street.
- 1892/03/18 – Lord Stanley, Governor-General of Canada, donates **Stanley Cup** as a hockey challenge cup.
- 1899/08 – **Ottawa Improvement Commission** established.

In Gloucester

- 1875 – First **Hurdman’s Bridge** opens.
- 1882/09/30 – **Canada Atlantic Railway** opens. It runs through Gloucester from Hurdman’s Bridge to Carlsbad Springs.
- 1883/05/01 – **Leitrim** Post Office opens. The community was previously known as Cowan’s Settlement.
- 1885/02/20 – The Grey Nuns begin purchasing land in Orléans for their **Youville Farm**.
- 1885/04/15 – Leitrim native **David Latimer Cowan** dies at Fort Pitt during the **Northwest Rebellion**. He was a Northwest Mounted Police Officer.
- 1887/01/01 – **New Edinburgh** annexed into the City of Ottawa.
- 1892/07/07 – **Rideau Park**, formerly part of the Billings Estate, is subdivided as a market garden community.
- 1893/08/30 – **Electric streetcar service** extended into Gloucester at Rockcliffe.
- 1898/07/29 – **Ottawa and New York Railway** opens, running across Gloucester from Hurdman’s Bridge to Edwards.
- 1898/08/29 – **Rockcliffe Rifle Range** opens, north end of St. Laurent Blvd.
- 1898/09/05 – **Canadian Pacific Railway M&O Subdivision** opens, running across Gloucester from Hurdman’s Bridge to Blackburn.



Dominion Springs Hotel, Carlsbad Springs, 1876



Early Hurdman’s Bridge
Insert – Bridge collapse from1902/07/30



Streetcar in Rockcliffe



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