

# A SESQUICENTENNIAL TIMELINE

Here are some noteworthy events from Canada's illustrious past—and our region's own remarkable history.

**1932**  
The fourth version of the Welland Canal is completed.

**1934**  
The Dionne quintuplets are born in Callander, Ontario, and attract worldwide media attention.

**1936**  
The 378 metre Honeymoon Bridge collapses in Niagara Falls when a mass of ice damages its abutments, knocking the bridge down into the Niagara River. Fortunately, the bridge is shut down when the structure first starts to lean and no one is injured in the disaster.

**1938**  
On June 6th, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother) attend a special dedication ceremony in St. Catharines to rededicate the Middle Road Highway as the "Queen Elizabeth Way" or QEW.

**1939**  
Canada declares war on Germany on September 10th as the Second World War breaks out in Europe. The Great Depression ends with Canada's jump into war production.

**1941**  
On December 7th, the Japanese bomb the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, and Canada subsequently declares war on Japan.

**1941**  
E.S. Fox Limited opens its headquarters in Niagara Falls.

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The Rainbow Bridge officially opens on November 1st, linking the cities of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**1942**  
On August 19th, Canadians make an ill-fated attack on German forces in Dieppe, France. Over 900 of 5,000 Canadians are killed and nearly 2,000 are taken prisoner.

**1944**  
On June 6th, Canadian soldiers take part in a large scale invasion of German-held France on the beaches of Normandy. Shetter known as "D-Day" the attack involves over 156,000 Allied troops including 21,400 Canadians, making it the largest seaborne invasion in history.

## Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation and the 188th Anniversary of the Welland Canal

The 28-mile (44 kilometer) Welland Canal is the fourth version of a waterway link between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, first built in 1829. The present canal was completed in 1932, deepened in the 1950s as part of the Seaway project, and further straightened in 1973. Today its eight locks, all Canadian, lift ships 326 feet (100 meters) over the Niagara Escarpment.

**Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System contributes to over 98,000 jobs and \$15 billion in business revenue within Canada**



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