

CANADA to 1953

A tradition of special acts of worship in what is now Canada preceded British rule and British immigration. In the colony of New France, the Catholic church established a vicar apostolic in 1658; the area became a royal province under a governor in 1663, and in 1674 the diocese of Quebec was created (whose bishop claimed jurisdiction over large parts of the North American continent). The vicars apostolic and bishops asked the populations of New France and Acadia (settled from the early seventeenth century, and recognised as a French possession in treaties in 1670 and 1679) to attend special services and offer special prayers in times of war, bad harvests, insect infestation, disease and royal illness. These orders are collected in Henri Têtu's and Charles Gagnon's encyclopaedic *Mandements, lettres pastorales et circulaires des évêques de Québec* (8 vols., Quebec, 1887–97).

The British tradition of state-appointed fast and thanksgiving days developed in Canada from the 1720s, when thanksgivings were ordered for two royal occasions in Nova Scotia, the area of Acadia ceded by France to Britain in the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. By this treaty, France also acknowledged British sovereignty over Newfoundland and Rupert's Land, a huge region administered by the fur-trading Hudson's Bay Company. British authority remained weak in Nova Scotia until the late 1740s, when a naval base was built at Halifax. The arrival of thousands of Protestant settlers from Britain, Europe and New England from the mid 1750s, coupled with the expulsion of the French Acadian population, helped entrench the British colonial presence. British military victories during the Seven Year's War, notably the seizure of Quebec City in 1759, brought New France – now called Quebec – under crown control. These British colonies had differing forms of government and religious settlements. Most striking was the situation in Quebec. A British act of parliament in 1774 allowed Catholics to hold public office and recognised the Roman Catholic church as a privileged and quasi-established church, with rights to collect tithes. The Catholic church continued to issue orders for special worship on its own authority, and from the 1780s the huge Quebec diocese was divided into numerous apostolic vicariates, prefectures and dioceses, beginning with Newfoundland (apostolic prefecture, 1784, and vicariate, 1795) and Nova Scotia (vicariate, 1817). (See Carey, p. 146, for full list to 1908). Quebec became Canada's first Catholic metropolitan archdiocese in 1844.

The American Revolution was a decisive moment both for the extension of British settlement and political control in Canada, and for the strengthening of the Church of England's presence in Canada. New colonies were formed as older territories were either divided or extended. Quebec was split into (largely English-speaking) Upper Canada and (largely French-speaking) Lower Canada in 1791, and three new colonies were separated from Nova Scotia – the Island of St. John (1769, renamed Prince Edward Island in 1799), Cape Breton (1784) and New Brunswick (1784). As European settlement spread westwards, further British colonies were created: Red River in 1812 (reconstituted as the province of Manitoba in 1870), and Vancouver Island (1849) and British Columbia (1858), which were combined in 1866. New territories were also formed: the Northwest Territories, 1870 (subdivided in 1905, to create Alberta and Saskatchewan) and Yukon, 1898.

The creation of a 'British North America' was accompanied by the establishment of Church of England bishoprics at Nova Scotia in 1787 and Quebec in 1791. Further Anglican dioceses were formed for Newfoundland and Toronto (1839), Fredericton (1845), Rupert's Land (1849), Montreal (1850), Huron (1857), British Columbia (1859) and Ontario (1862), and then in other regions in the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Manitoba and British Columbia. These dioceses were organised into four ecclesiastical provinces (created 1860, 1875, 1912 and 1914), each under a metropolitan archbishop.

A process of political unification began in 1841 with the merger of the two Canadas into the Province of Canada. In 1867 the Province joined with two other Canadian colonies – Nova Scotia and New Brunswick – to form a new 'Confederation' of Canada. This Confederation expanded as it was joined by a

succession of provinces: Manitoba and Northwest Territories, 1870; British Columbia, 1871; Prince Edward Island 1873; Yukon, 1898; Alberta and Saskatchewan 1905; Newfoundland, 1949).

The early evidence for special acts of worship in the colonies is fragmentary – better for Nova Scotia than elsewhere, and little has so far been found for Newfoundland. It is likely that further occasions will be identified as more evidence becomes available.

A large number of the special acts of worship for the original British colonies, the later provinces and the Dominion of Canada were related to occasions that had been appointed in the United Kingdom. Some of these Canadian observances were ordered or encouraged from London; others were appointed by decisions taken in Canada to repeat acts of worship which had only been ordered for Britain. After the creation in 1787 of the diocese of Nova Scotia (which originally included several of the Maritime colonies), successive bishops were successful in persuading governors to ‘extend the effect’ of royal proclamations for special worship in England to their colonies. This entrenched a tradition of special acts of worship being appointed by the proclamations of governors, for regional Canadian as well as for imperial purposes, which was extended from the 1790s to encompass the Roman catholic and other churches. This tradition continued into the twentieth century, long after the use of proclamations had declined in Britain.

Until communications improved with transatlantic telegraphy, the Canadian observances could be substantially later than those in the UK. Details of British occasions and communications with imperial authorities are in *National Prayers*, vols 2 and 3. The types of observance of British occasions are indicated as follows:

* occasions ordered or encouraged by the UK government or the sovereign for observance in the overseas colonies and dominions

† occasions ordered in Canada on receipt of information of an occasion ordered in the UK

The key to sources is at the end of the list. The abbreviations are:

gov colonial or state governor

gov-gen governor-general of Dominion of Canada

govt Government

For gazette and newspaper references, the year of publication is the same as the year of observance, unless otherwise stated.

	type	area	day(s)	authority	cause	sources
1760	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Tu 9 June	council proclamation	war	Fleming and Alston, 14
1763	thanksgiving day*	Trois Rivières Montreal Nova Scotia	Mon 1 Aug ? Aug Wed 28 Sept			<i>Canadian archives report</i> , 1921, D1 ibid. Murdoch, II, 431
1774	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia	Th 10 Nov	gov proclamation	general blessings	<i>Halifax Gazette</i> , 11 Oct
1789	thanksgiving days*	Nova Scotia Cape Breton St. John’s Island	Wed 20 May Tu 26 May Wed 27 May	gov proclamations	George III’s recovery from illness	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 28 Apr <i>Canadian archives report</i> , 1895, 23 ibid., 56
	thanksgiving prayers	Quebec	Sun 14 June			<i>Quebec Herald</i> , 18, 25 May

1793	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 10 May Wed 3 June	gov proclamations	war with France	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 7 May Tremaine, 400
1794	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton St. John's Island New Brunswick	Fr 25 Apr Fr 25 Apr Sat 10 May Fr 25 July	gov proclamations	war	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 25 Mar Canadiana héritage, H-1989 Tremaine, 433 Fleming and Alston, 274
1795	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Wed 13 May	gov proclamations	war	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 16 Apr
1796	fast days [†]	Cape Breton Newfoundland New Brunswick	Fr 3 June Fr 3 June Wed 6 July	gov proclamations	war	Canadiana héritage, H-1989 C/CAN/Newfoundland/1/218, f. 35. Tremaine, 474
1797	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton St. John's Island	Wed 21 June	gov proclamations	war	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 2 May Canadiana héritage, H-1989 Tremaine, 503
1798	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Th 31 May	gov proclamations	war	Tremaine, 530, 538
1799	thanksgiving days [†]	Lower Canada Upper Canada	Th 10 Jan Tu 12 March	gov proclamations	naval victories	<i>Quebec Gazette</i> , 27 Dec 1798 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 198
	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Fr 28 June	gov proclamation	war	<i>Royal Gazette</i> (Halifax), 28 May
1800	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Fr 27 June	gov proclamation	war	ibid., 20 May
1801	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 19 June Fr 17 July	gov proclamations	war	Chandler, I, 279 <i>Saint John Gazette</i> , 4 July
1802	thanksgiving days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton New Brunswick Lower Canada	Th 8 July Fr 16 July Tu 27 July Th 12 Aug	gov proclamations	peace treaty of Amiens	Fleming, 63-4 Canadiana héritage, H-1989 CIHM 48678 <i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 76-8
1803- 1804	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton New Brunswick Lower Canada Upper Canada	Th 15 Dec Fr 23 Dec Wed 11 Jan 1804 Wed 1 Feb Fr 16 Mar	gov proclamations	war against France	Chandler, I, 280 Canadiana héritage, H-1989 <i>Saint John Gazette</i> , 10 Dec 1803 <i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 93 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 220-1
1804	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton New Brunswick	Fr 10 Aug Wed 15 Aug Fr 7 Sept	gov proclamations	war	Chandler, I, 281 Canadiana héritage, H-1980 <i>Saint John Gazette</i> , 27 Aug
1805	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia Cape Breton New Brunswick	Fr 21 June Wed 26 June Fr 26 July	gov proclamations	war	Chandler, I, 281 Canadiana héritage, H-1980 <i>Saint John Gazette</i> , 1 July
1806	thanksgiving day [†]	Nova Scotia	Th 6 Feb	gov proclamation	naval victory at Trafalgar	form of prayer, Montreal University
	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 20 June Wed 27 Aug	gov proclamations	war	ibid. Fleming, 157
1807	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Fr 12 June	gov proclamation	war	CIHM 92649

1808	fast day [†]	Nova Scotia	Fr 10 June	gov proclamation	war	form of prayer, Montreal University
1810	fast days ^{† 1}	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 23 Feb Wed 7 Mar	gov proclamations	war	Chandler, I, 287 Fleming, 157–8
1811	fast days ^{† 1}	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 15 Feb Wed 6 Mar	gov proclamations	war	form of prayer, Montreal University Fleming, 158
1812	fast days ^{† 1}	Nova Scotia Lower Canada Upper Canada	Wed 19 Feb Fri 8 May Fr 19 June	gov proclamations	war	CIHM 92651 <i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 156 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 257
	thanksgiving prayers	Lower Canada Upper Canada	during Nov during late Dec	Anglican bishop	victories in Spain/Portugal, and against the USA	CIHM 56041 Canadiana héritage, C 4508
1813	fast days ^{† 1}	Nova Scotia New Brunswick Lower Canada Upper Canada	Fr 19 Feb Fr 19 Mar Fr 28 May Fr 18 June	gov proclamations	war	form of prayer, Montreal University Fleming, 23 <i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 169 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 263
1814	fast days ^{† 1}	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 25 Feb Fr 15 April	gov proclamations	war	CIHM 6170 Fleming 23
	thanksgiving days [†]	Lower Canada Upper Canada	Th 21 Apr Fr 3 June	gov proclamations	British and allied victories against France	<i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 183 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 280–1
	thanksgiving days [†]	Lower Canada Upper Canada Nova Scotia	Tu 13 Sept Th 20 Oct Th 27 Oct	gov proclamations	end of war with France	<i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 187 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 283 form of prayer, Montreal University
1815	thanksgiving day	Lower Canada Nova Scotia	Th 6 Apr Th 8 July	gov proclamations	peace with United States	<i>Canadian archives report, 1921</i> , 192 CIHM (unnumbered)
1815	thanksgiving prayers [†]	Lower Canada	during Oct	Anglican bishop	victory at Waterloo	Canadiana héritage, C 10789/7
1816	thanksgiving days [†]	Lower Canada Upper Canada	Tu 21 May Tu 18 June	gov proclamations	peace treaty of Paris	<i>Quebec Gazette</i> , 2 May form of prayer, Waterloo University
1832	fast days	Lower Canada Upper Canada New Brunswick Nova Scotia Newfoundland	Fr 4 May Wed 16 May Wed 23 May Wed 23 May Fri 26 Oct	gov proclamations	cholera epidemic	CIHM 94566 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 354 CIHM 89845 CIHM 48679 <i>The Times</i> (St. John's), 19 Sept
1833	thanksgiving days	Lower Canada Upper Canada	Wed 6 Feb Th 14 Feb	gov proclamations	end of cholera epidemic	CIHM 43271 <i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 360
1834	fast day	Nova Scotia	Wed 17 Sept	gov proclamation	cholera epidemic	<i>Acadian Recorder</i> , 20 Sept. 1834
	thanksgiving days	Upper Canada Lower Canada Nova Scotia	Th 30 Oct Sat 1 Nov Th 18 Dec	gov proclamations	end of cholera epidemic	<i>Ontario archives report IV</i> , 373 CIHM 61679 CIHM 89844
1838	thanksgiving days	Upper Canada Lower Canada	Tu 6 Feb Mon 26 Feb	gov proclamations	end of rebellion	CIHM 21663 CIHM 94567
	fast days	Lower Canada	Fr 7 Dec	gov proclamations	rebellion	CIHM 21664

		Upper Canada	Fr 14 Dec			CIHM 56043
1840	thanksgiving prayers [†]	Upper Canada	Sun 30 Aug	Anglican bishop	failure of attack on Queen	CIHM 45006
1841	thanksgiving prayers [†]	Upper Canada	Sun 3 Jan	Anglican bishop	birth of Princess Victoria	CIHM 45708 (misdated 1840)
1842	thanksgiving days	New Brunswick Nova Scotia	Sun 20 Nov	gov proclamations	good harvests in British Isles and the Maritime provinces	<i>Nova Scotian</i> , 27 Oct, 17 Nov
1847	fast days [†]	Nova Scotia New Brunswick	Fr 14 May Wed 16 June	gov proclamations	famine in Ireland	CIHM 67169 <i>Gleaner</i> , 1 June
	day of public fasting and humiliation	Newfoundland	Wed 9 June	gov proclamation	anniversary of 1846 St. John's fire; dearth and hurricane	<i>Weekly Herald and Conception-Bay General Advertiser</i> , 26 May
1849	fast day	Nova Scotia	Wed 29 Aug	gov proclamation	cholera	<i>Nova Scotian</i> , 3 Sept
1849-1850	thanksgiving days	Nova Scotia Province of Canada	Th 20 Dec Th 3 Jan 1850	gov proclamations	cessation of cholera	<i>British Colonist</i> , 22 Dec <i>Canada Gazette</i> , 22 Dec
1852	day of prayer and humiliation	Rupert's Land diocese	5 May	Anglican bishop	flood	Anderson, pp. 9, 12
1854	fast days [†]	Lower Canada Nova Scotia New Brunswick Newfoundland	Wed 26 Apr Wed 17 May Wed 31 May Fr 9 June	Anglican bishops gov proclamations	Crimean War	CIHM 93879 <i>Morning Journal</i> (Halifax), 15 May <i>Head Quarters</i> (Fredericton) 17 May <i>Royal Gazette</i> (St John's), 23 May
	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia	Th 21 Sept	gov proclamation	preservation from cholera	<i>Morning Journal</i> (Halifax), 22 Sept
1855	day of humiliation [†]	Province of Canada	Wed 18 Apr	gov proclamation	Crimean War	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 7 Apr
	thanksgiving day [†]	Nova Scotia	Th 27 Dec	gov proclamation	British military victories and abundant harvest	<i>Acadian Recorder</i> , 15 Dec
1856	thanksgiving day [†]	Province of Canada	Wed 4 June	gov proclamation	peace treaty of Paris	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 24 May
1857	days of humiliation [†]	Nova Scotia	Fr 30 Oct	gov proclamation	revolt in India	<i>British Colonist</i> , 29 Oct <i>Canada Gazette</i> , 7 Nov
		Province of Canada	Fr 27 Nov			
1859	thanksgiving day	Province of Canada	Th 3 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 17 Sept
1860	thanksgiving days	Nova Scotia	Th 6 Nov	gov proclamations	manifold blessings and abundant harvest	<i>Nova Scotian</i> , 10 Dec <i>Canada Gazette</i> , 10 Nov <i>Nova Scotian</i> , 10 Dec
		Province of Canada	Th 6 Dec			
		New Brunswick	Th 13 Dec			
1861	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia	Th 19 Dec	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Ecclesiastical Gazette</i> , 14 Jan 1862
1862	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia	Th 4 Dec	gov proclamations	abundant harvest + peace	<i>Evening Express</i> [Halifax], 5 Dec; CIHM 91084
		Province of Canada	Th 4 Dec			
1863	thanksgiving day	Province of Canada	Wed 11 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 7 Nov
1864	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia	Th 1 Dec	gov proclamation	abundant harvest + peace	<i>Halifax Morning Sun</i> , 2 Dec
1865	day of humiliation	Newfoundland	Fr 13 Jan	gov proclamation	failure of fishing industry	<i>Times ...</i> (St John's), 21 Dec 1864
1865	thanksgiving day	Province of Canada	Wed 18 Oct	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 23 Sept
1868	thanksgiving day	New Brunswick	Th 12 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 17 Oct

1870	thanksgiving day	Rupert's Land diocese	Wed 30	Anglican bishop	Relief from insect infestation, end of Red River Rebellion, and fifty years of Anglican ministrations	pastoral letter, CIHM 91155
1871	thanksgiving days	Ontario Manitoba Nova Scotia	Th 16 Nov Th 16 Nov Th 23 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 7 Nov <i>Ottawa Citizen</i> , 18 Nov <i>Globe</i> , 17 Nov
1872	thanksgiving day [†]	Province of Canada	Mon 15 Apr	gov proclamation	recovery from illness of prince of Wales	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 2 Mar
1873	thanksgiving day	Ontario	Th 6 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 7 Nov 1873
1874	thanksgiving day	Ontario	Th 29 Oct	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 23 Oct 1874
1875	thanksgiving days	Nova Scotia, Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island	Th 28 Oct	gov proclamations	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 29 Oct 1875
1876	thanksgiving day	New Brunswick	Th 2 Nov	gov proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 13 Oct 1876
1877	thanksgiving day	Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia	Th 22 Nov	gov proclamations	abundant harvest	<i>Globe</i> , 24 Sept 1877
1879	thanksgiving day	Canada	Th 6 Nov	gov-gen proclamation	abundant harvest	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 18 Oct
<i>From 1879 thanksgiving days for harvests and other blessings were appointed each year by the Dominion Government for the whole of Canada. The days were set apart by proclamations issued by the governor-general and published in the Canada Gazette. Until 1909 thanksgivings were usually held on Thursdays in October or November, with the date moving each year.</i>						
1886	thanksgiving prayers and services	Montreal diocese	Sun 31 Jan	Anglican bishop	deliverance from epidemic	CIHM 01799
1887	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Tu 21 June	gov-gen proclamation	Queen Victoria's jubilee	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 23 Apr
1897	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Tu 22 June	gov-gen proclamation	Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee	ibid., 8 May
1900	day of humiliation [†]	Canada	Sun 11 Feb	Anglican bishops	South African war	<i>Globe</i> , 10 Feb
1901	day of mourning*	Canada	Sat 2 Feb	gov-gen proclamation	funeral of Queen Victoria	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 26 Jan
	day of mourning	Canada	Th 19 Sept	gov-gen proclamation	assassination President McKinley (USA)	ibid., 21 Sept
1902	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Sat 9 Aug	gov-gen proclamation	coronation of Edward VII	ibid., 2 Aug
1910	day of mourning*	Canada	Fr 20 May	gov-gen proclamation	funeral of Edward VII	ibid., 17 May
1911	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Th 22 June	gov-gen proclamation	coronation of George V	ibid., 10 June
1914	services of intercession [†]	Canada	from Aug	Anglican bishops	outbreak First World War	CIHM 80260
1915	special day of prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 3 January	gov-gen proclamation	war	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 12 Dec 1914

1916	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 2 January	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 24 Dec 1915
1917	day of humble prayer and intercession	Canada	Sun 1 July	gov-gen proclamation	50th anniversary of Confederation, and the war	ibid., 23 June
1918	day of humble prayer and thanksgivings*	Canada	Sun 6 Jan	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 28 Dec 1917
	day of humble prayer and intercession	Canada	Sun 30 June	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 15 June
	thanksgiving day	Canada	Sun 1 Dec	gov-gen proclamation	Armistice	ibid., 23 Nov
1919	day of intercession	Canada	Sun 16 Feb	gov-gen proclamation	for the peace conference	ibid., 27 Jan
	thanksgiving days*	Canada Newfoundland	Sun 6 July + Sat 19 July Sunday, 6 July	gov-gen proclamation	peace treaty of Versailles	ibid., 5, 12 July
1932	day of prayer and intercession	Canada	Sun 24 July	dominion gov'n message	success of Imperial Economic Conference	<i>Ottawa Evening Citizen</i> , 22, 23, 25 July
1935	special services, and day of thanksgiving*	Canada	Sun 5 May Mon 6 May	gov-gen proclamation	silver jubilee of George V	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 2 Mar
1936	day of mourning*	Canada	Tu 28 Jan	gov-gen proclamation	funeral of George V	ibid., 21 Jan
1937	special services and day of thanksgiving*	Canada	Sun 9 May Wed 12 May	gov-gen proclamation	coronation of George VI	ibid., 3 Apr
1939	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 8 Oct	gov-gen proclamation	outbreak of Second World war	ibid., 27 Sept
1940	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 26 May	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 18 May
	day of prayer*	Canada	Sun 8 Sept	church leaders	anniversary of war	<i>Times</i> (London) 10 Sept
1941	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 23 Mar	gov-gen proclamation	war	<i>Canada Gazette</i> , 13 Mar
	day of dedication, national service and sacrifice	Canada	Son 29 June	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 17 June
	week to honour members of the armed forces	Canada	Wed 10 Sept to Wed 17 Sept	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 27 Aug
1942	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Th 1 Jan	gov-gen proclamation	USA entry into the war	ibid., 29 Dec 1941
	national day of prayer*	Canada	Sun 29 Mar	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 25 Mar
	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 6 Sept	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 29 Aug
1943	day of prayer and intercession	Canada	Sun 3 Jan	gov-gen proclamation	allied cause and a just peace	ibid., 12 Dec 1942
	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 5 Sept	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 26 Aug

1944	day of humble prayer and intercession*	Canada	Sun 3 Sept	gov-gen proclamation	war	ibid., 26 Aug
1945	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Sun 13 May	gov-gen proclamation	victory in Europe	ibid., 7 May
	thanksgiving day*	Canada	Sun 19 Aug	gov-gen proclamation	victory against Japan	ibid., 14 Aug
1952	day of mourning	Canada	Fr 15 Feb	gov-gen proclamation	funeral of George VI	ibid., 7 Feb
1953	thanksgiving day	Canada	Sun 2 June	gov-gen proclamation	coronation of Elizabeth II	ibid., 22 Jan

¹ Because of the slowness of transatlantic communications, during the early part of the period Canadian observances of British acts of worship were appointed months after the observances in Britain itself. From 1810 to 1814 governors of the Maritime colonies overcame this problem by anticipating the regular British appointment of fast days for February or March by making their own appointments in these months (in Lower and Upper Canada, appointments remained several months later). However, this practice came unstuck in 1814, when the British government appointed thanksgiving days instead of fast days (Lower and Upper Canada followed the British observance).

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