

ordered the re-building of the barracks and harbour forts. In 1799 the Island assembly decided to change the name from Saint John's Island to that of Prince Edward in honour of the Duke of Kent, and also to avoid the confusion caused by the neighboring cities of nearly the same name. The new century was commenced under a new name, and under most propitious circumstances for success in the future. Many settlers had come to its shores, and still others followed. The population at this period was 5,000, and that of Charlottetown about 300.

THIRD PERIOD—1800 to 1851.

The first assembly convoked at the beginning of the century passed a bill by which an equitable arrangement was made for the payment of quit-rents. A number of the proprietors availed themselves of this opportunity to dispose of their property, while others evaded the law and still retained their holdings.

One of the new purchasers was Lord Selkirk, who brought out 800 immigrants from the Highlands of Scotland. He proved to be an excellent landlord and gave every assistance in his power to his tenants.

In 1805 Governor Fanning was succeeded by Colonel J. F. W. DesBarres who, though eminently fitted for an administrative post, was unfortunately far advanced in years, and had not the vigour necessary for his difficult position. Nevertheless good progress was made, and an era of prosperity seemed to be opening.

In 1812 war was declared by the United States against Britain. Though other parts of Canada suffered by this disastrous event the Island was little disturbed. The following year was marked by the advent of a new governor, and Charles Douglas Smith, a brother of Sir Sidney Smith, replaced Col. DesBarres at the head of affairs. Governor Smith showed himself a most arbitrary ruler. He quarreled with successive assemblies, and during the last three years of his administration the legislature was not called together at all. Many petty and some serious charges were brought against him, until, in 1823, his rule becoming intolerable to a large number of the inhabitants, a request was