

Dates of interest in Charlottetown's growth include:

- 1770 – First Chief Justice sworn in
- 1771 – First Grand Jury assembled
- 1773 – First Legislative Assembly met
- 1778 – First barracks erected on the east side of King and Queen Streets
- 1780 – School opened in the St. John's Coffee House, Queen Street
- 1802 – The first Island Post Office opened
- 1823 – Round Market House on Queen Square opened
- 1834 – Isaac Smith designed Government House, also known as Fanningbank the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor. This home was built by Smith Brothers and Wright.
- 1835 – Government House (now known as Province House) was completed
- 1836 – Central Academy opened
- Original PEI Steam Navigation Company formed in April and their first steamer, the Saint George, arrived in August of that year
- 1843 – The cornerstone of Province House was laid in May of this year while the first session was held in January 1847 when the building officially opened.
- 1847 – *The Examiner* was first published
- 1854 – Gas lighting in houses
- 1855 – Charlottetown was incorporated
 - St. Dunstan's College opened
 - The first steamer, the Rosebud, to navigate the East River from Charlottetown to Mount Stewart
 - The Bank of Prince Edward Island was incorporated
 - August 17th first Police Force originated
 - December 1855 the first Fire Department was established
- 1856 – Normal School was established
- 1859 – Gas lighting on streets began in July
- 1860 – Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) visited August 9
 - Central Academy renamed Prince of Wales College (now Holland College)
- 1864 – First conference of delegates to consider the Confederation held in Council Chamber of Colonial Building Province House), September 1st
 - First publication of the *Patriot*
- 1866 – The Great Fire of Charlottetown
- 1867 – Confederation accomplished
- 1871 – P. E. I. Railway billed passed in the Legislature
- 1872 – First publication of the *Charlottetown Guardian*
- 1873 – Prince Edward Island entered Confederation July 1st
- 1874 – First Stipendiary magistrate appointed
- 1875 – First Law Courts built (now known as the Coles Building)
- 1877 – School Board established
 - W. C. Harris designed Beaconsfield – a designated historic building near the entrance to Victoria Park. The home was built for James Peake Jr. a prominent ship builder of the day.
- 1879 – Great Naval Review held at Victoria Park when Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne, Governor General, visited
 - Hospital for the mentally challenged was built at Falconwood (currently known as the Hillsborough Hospital)
 - Charlottetown Hospital on Dorchester Street opened
- 1884 – Prince Edward island Hospital opened
 - Telephone service installed
 - Victoria Row was rebuilt following a disastrous fire

- 1885 – City first lighted by electricity, December 21st