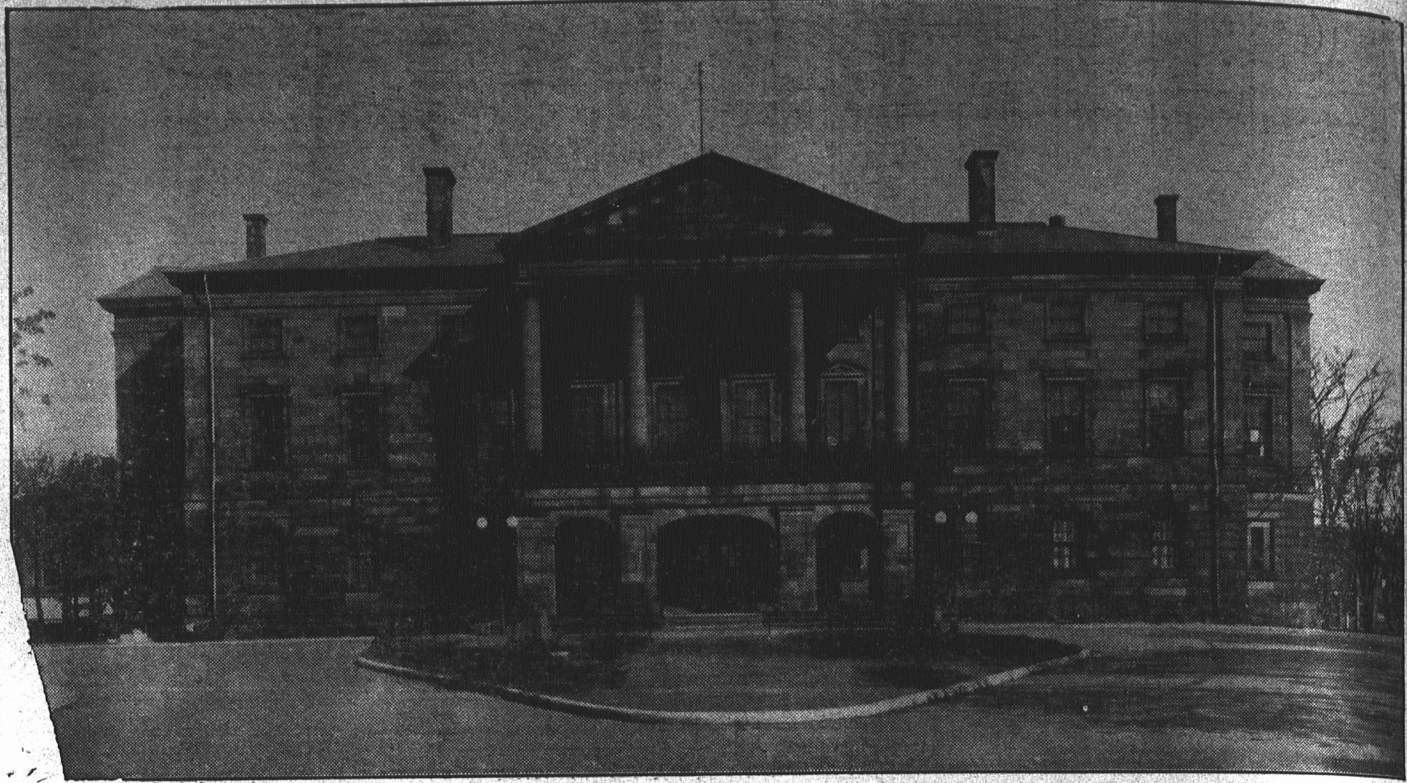


Provincial Legislative Building



LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE COLONIAL BUILDING

(From an Island Scrap Book by Benjamin Bremner)

Tuesday, the 16th May, 1843, will long be remembered as a Gala-day in the history of Prince Edward Island. The morning was dark and lowering, but about 10 o'clock the clouds that had rendered the bright and glorious Sun obscure, gradually dispersed, and all nature assumed its most cheerful aspect At a quarter to 2 o'clock, the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, with other Free and Accepted Masons, proceeded from the Masonic Hall to the Government House for the purpose of conducting His Excellency, Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Knight, our worthy and esteemed Governor to the spot where the proceedings of the day were to take place. At 2 o'clock, the procession moved from Government House in the following order; the Masons, headed by a Band of music led the van, then followed His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor wearing a handsome Colonial uniform, on horseback, surrounded by his staff The procession moved along Kent Street, then turned

at a right angle down Gt. George St., the upper part of which leads into the centre of Queen Square. Here the Masons halted, opened in Masonic order, and His Excellency then led the way and proceeded under the Masonic Arch to the spot where the corner stone was to be laid, and where he was received by a Guard of Honor under the command of Lieut. Dawson. Everything having been prepared, His Excellency deposited in a niche of the stone a vase containing the Coins of the Realm and a *Scroll*, of which the following is a copy:—"The first stone of this Building was laid by His Excellency, Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Knight, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, on the Sixteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Forty-three (1843) and in the sixth year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, assisted by St. John's Lodge, No. 833, of Free and Accepted Masons."

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Their Majesties

Tremendous as is the esteem in which the British Monarchy is held by the whole world, their Majesties will find no Warmer Welcome anywhere than that which will be accorded them on their visit to Prince Edward Island. Our people are probably, as a whole, more closely bound to the Mother Country than any other Province in the Dominion, and if, as we have heard, Her Majesty speaks with a trifle Scots accent, that'll nae dae Monarchy ony harm either.

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