

Where Provincial Legislature Meets



The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island consists of thirty members, fifteen elected as Councillors and fifteen as Assemblymen, each electoral district being represented by two members. The first meeting of the Legislature in the room above shown took place in January, 1847, and it has been the scene of many subsequent wordy battles. The Premier and Cabinet members sit to the left of the Speaker's chair, the Opposition to the right, a practice reversed in most of the other legislative assemblies. The portraits on the wall are of former Speakers, many of them of pre-Confederation times.

The Canadian Spirit

(Grattan O'Leary, in the London Times "Canada Number")

The average Canadian does not easily define in words the loyalties that bind him to the British and democratic system. But he knows instinctively why he would fight to the last ounce of his strength and give to the last penny of his wealth to keep that system living in the face of any threat of its extinction.

It means to him the right to go about the daily business of life as a free man equal before the law to those who sit in the seats of power.

It means the right to think as he pleases and to say what he thinks without restraint, and to vote as his own judgment bids him vote.

It means the right to worship in his own way according to his conscience.

It means the right to live under a system of government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed.

It means the right to be secure against arbitrary power of whatever kind by the petty politician who would suppress free speech, no less than against the drumhead court and the dry rot of the concentration camp.

It means the right to follow, according to his own lights and without dictation from the ruling clique of a State which has turned totalitarian, the pursuit of liberty as he has known, it and of happiness as he has hoped to find it.

About these things there need be no doubt whatever. They are of the heart, the very essence of the Canadian spirit.

Prince of Wales' Visit, 1919



The Prince of Wales (now Duke of Windsor) visited Charlottetown on Aug. 19, 1919, in the course of a Canada-wide tour and was given an enthusiastic reception. He was accompanied by Lt. Colonel the Hon. H. G. Henderson, representing His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Claude Hamilton, Rear Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Major General Sir Henry E. Burstall, Major General J. T. Fotheringham, Major General MacDonald, Sir Godfrey Thomas, Colonel Greig, P.S., Captain Martin, H. M. S. Dragon, and Captain Pilcher, H. M. S. Dauntless. The picture shows the Prince being welcomed by Chief Justice the Hon. J. A. Mathieson, Administrator during the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, and Premier (now Mr. Justice) A. E. Argenta.