

# THE GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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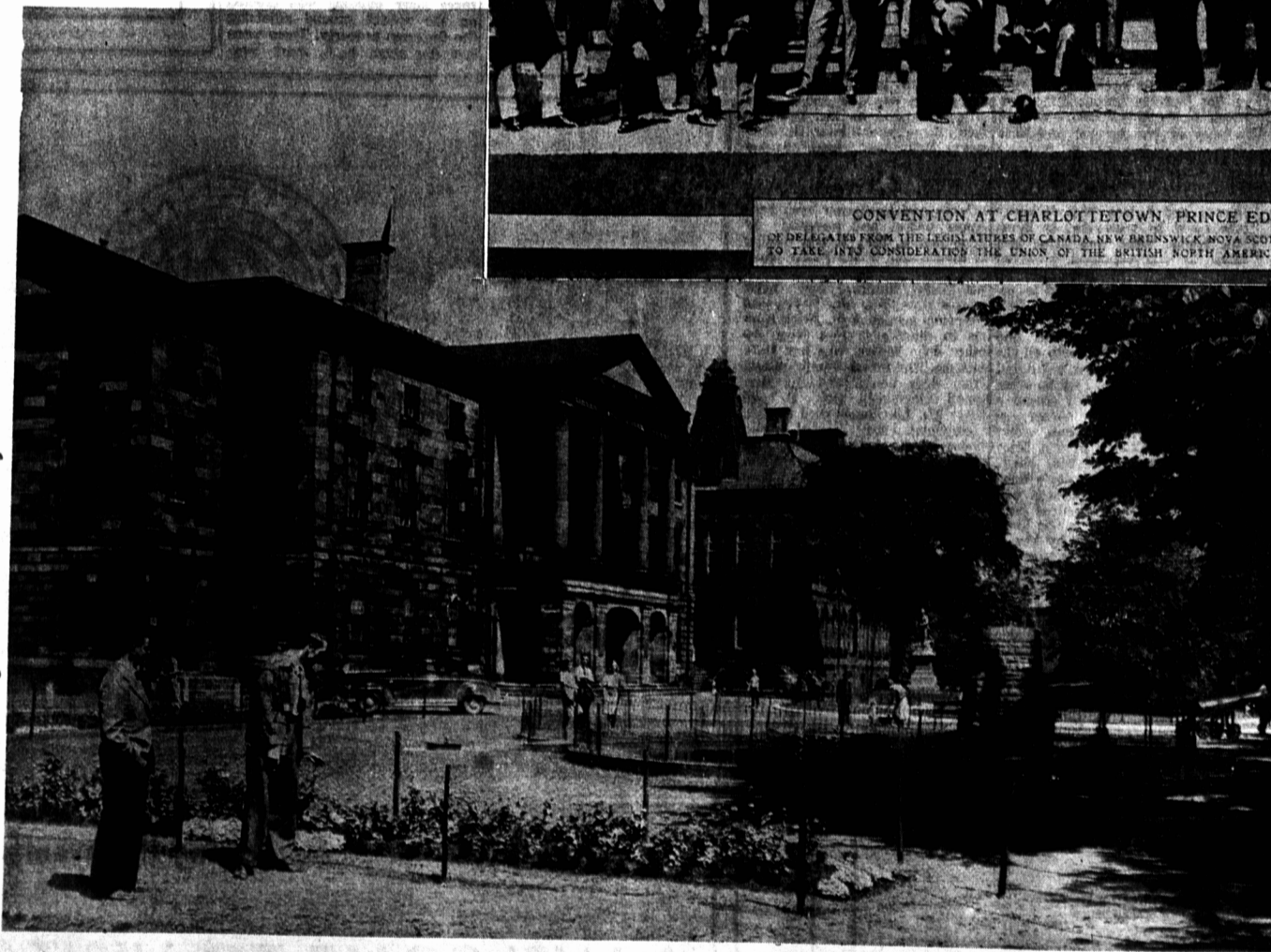
## THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

ON THE OCCASION OF ITS

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY

There was no fanfare when our Legislative Assembly met in the year 1855—no military parade or salute of guns to mark the occasion. The permanent Garrison Force had been withdrawn the previous year. St. George's Battery was in process of being dismantled, and it was not until the following year, 1856, that a volunteer Infantry Corps was formed and a guard of honour could be supplied for the Lieutenant Governor. It was a drab session outwardly, with black frock coats predominating, and an air of funereal calm that belied the importance of the events that were shortly to transpire within the legislative halls.

For the 1855 session was important in many respects. It passed bills authorizing Free Trade with the United States and the holding of a Province-wide Census. It incorporated the Bank of Prince Edward Island and the Mechanics' Institute, establish-



Provincial Building In Charlottetown Which Houses The Confederation Chamber

ed a Normal School, amended the proceedings in controverted elections, and secured compensation to tenants for improvements to wilderness land. What is of chief interest today, however, was the agreement reached at the 1855 session that "for the better protection, care and management of the local interests of the inhabitants of the Town of Charlottetown, and for its Municipal Government and improvement, it is expedient that the said Town be incorporated."

Thus read the preamble to the statute authorizing the first municipal administration of the Island which was formed on August 17, 1855, when civic elections were held under the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act of that year.

On this centennial anniversary of incorporation, the Government of Prince Edward Island extends its warmest congratulations to the Mayor and City Council of Charlottetown, and to all its citizens, upon a century of civic achievement and upon the bright prospects for further progress and development in this, the fair Capital of our Province and Cradle of Confederation.

**TO ALL VISITORS - A CORDIAL WELCOME TO OUR PROVINCE - AN ENJOYABLE STAY  
AND MAY YOU RETURN AGAIN SOON**

HON. A. W. MATHESON,

Premier, Prince Edward Island