

Historic Charlottetown — Canada's Birthplace

Old world charm of modern Ch'town delights tourists

The Micmac Indians knew it first, but the white man instantly recognized the beauty of the site and Charlottetown, later to become the capital of the colony, was located on a point overlooking the beautiful harbor and guarding the entrance from Hillsboro Bay.

The area chosen is lovely country which rolls softly back from the red banks of the shore near the point where three rivers meet on their way to the sea.

Well wooded from the beginning, the city still retains many beautiful trees of all kinds to provide wonderful shaded avenues in the summer.

**EARLY PLANNING**

Noted everywhere for the excellence of its early example of good town planning, Charlottetown is laid out in evenly spaced squares with all streets in the older section running north and south and east and west.

Named after the wife of King George 3rd, it was formally incorporated as a city in 1855 and not the least of them is the invitation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to be here to open the new structure.

But historical significance is only part of the charm which this old city has for the stranger; there are countless other things to attract and hold the interest.

**SEA AT DOORSTEP**

One of its greatest delights, especially for those who come from inland points, is the proximity to salt water. In Charlottetown the sea is at the doorstep. A tourist has only to drive out of town and within a few minutes can be at the shore at any of 100 points — or he can enjoy salt water bathing in harbor waters only five minutes from his hotel.

If the visitor is an avid moviegoer he will not be left without his favorite entertainment. There is a theatre in the city, a drive-in movie centre within five miles and another only 10 miles away.

And there is a wealth of ultra-modern motels to provide top quality accommodations in addition to those offered by the leading hotels. Scattered throughout the city and nearby are a large number of tourist homes.

**FINE RESTAURANTS**

The city also is blessed with unusually fine restaurants serving a variety of island meals to delight the traveller tired of the same thing every day in his home town.

Each of them takes pleasure in offering the gourmet type dinners featuring famous island lobsters and Malpeque oysters. Also to be found on the menu is the tempting roast beef and Yorkshire pudding; roast pork or baked ham — all of them from animals carefully raised in the province by people who have spent a lifetime developing the best.

**Victoria Park gives relief from city life**

Charlottetown's Victoria Park is a spot of natural loveliness which yearly attracts numerous tourists provides a playground for both youngsters and adults. Surrounded on three sides by water and possessed with a natural growth of white birches, it has been further beautified by the addition of a two-lane drive-

attraction in all Canada belongs to Charlottetown by virtue of having the Provincial Building located in the city.

It was in this historic building that was held the first of the meetings which led to Confederation—that union of the British North America colonies which was to become one of the great nations of the western hemisphere.

**MAGNET FOR VISITORS**

Today Confederation Chamber continues to be the magnet for visitors to this capital city and thousands annually crowd into the hallowed halls to see where the Fathers of Confederation started their deliberations nearly 100 years ago.

Soon the famous old chamber will have a companion piece in the significant new Centennial Memorial Building to be erected nearby with all 10 provinces contributing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of a nation.

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During the last decade the City Council realizing the importance of Victoria as a city playground and tourist attraction, began its earnest to redevelop the area.

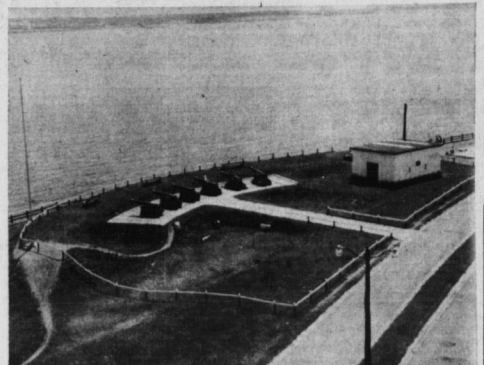
Mercury vapour lamps were installed along the driveway and a once brush grown field was transformed into a garden of flowers and shrubs.

**MANY BRIDES**

MONTREAL (CP) — More than 1,000 June brides-to-be attended the 19th annual bridal fashion tea here sponsored jointly by a department store and grocery chain. Models showed a dozen wedding gowns, many of them street-length.

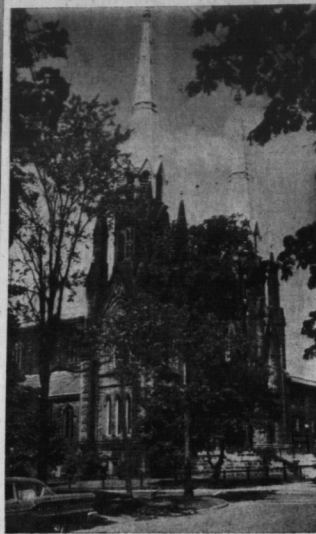


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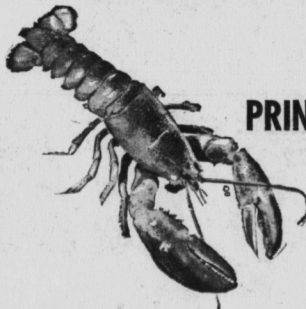
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