

1864—75th CONFEDERATION ANNIVERSARY—1939

Hospitality Of '64

How the delegates were entertained at the Charlottetown Conference in 1864 is thus described in Poulard's "Historical Sketch of Prince Edward Island":—

"Before leaving here, a public ball and banquet under the auspices of the Government was given in their honour, at the Colonial Building, and was said to have been the most brilliant feast that ever occurred in the city.

"In the evening, at 9 o'clock, the guests were escorted by the Mayor of the City to the Council Chamber, which had been tastefully furnished as a drawing room, and were received by the Governor and Mrs. Dundas.

"His Excellency with his lady on his arm, was followed by the guests and their partners, to the ball room, the band playing the National Anthem. The hall was opened with a set of quadrilles, and the dancing was kept up with great spirit till near 12 o'clock next morning.

"The Assembly room where the ball was held was superbly decorated with bunting and evergreens, festooned and richly interwoven with flowers. A large transparency representing the Arms and Motto of the Island, was placed over the Speaker's canopy; splendid mirrors were placed round the room, and festive life beamed in every quarter, while female loveliness—a most distinguishing feature—could not be better displayed than on this occasion.

"The Legislative Library was appropriated as a refreshment room, where tea, coffee and cake were served in abundance, while sherry, port, champagne, and other beverages were liberally supplied to those who preferred the more exhilarating fluids. Midst the pleasures of the evening, friends met and interchanged courtesies and new friendships were formed.

"The Court Room below was the place selected for the supper room, to which the party repaired a little after 12 o'clock, where a rich repast was abundantly provided. Toasts were given and responded to, in brilliant speeches. From here the delegates took their departure and proceeded on board a steamer, which sailed for Halifax."

WILL ATTEND



HON. C. A. DUNNING
Minister of Finance

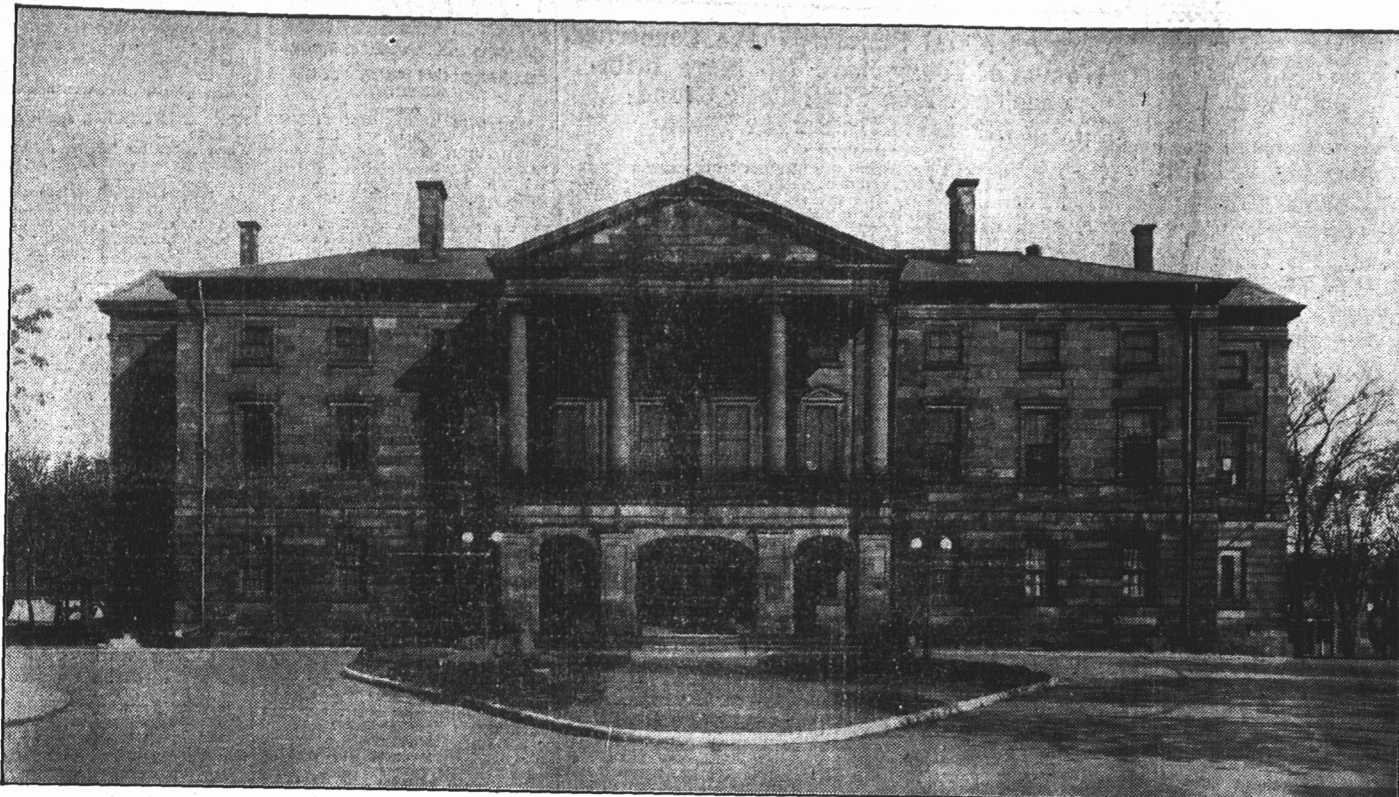
Will Unveil Tablet In Father's Memory

Among the Fathers of Confederation who attended both the Charlottetown and Quebec Conferences was Hon. Edward Palmer, at one time Attorney General of this province and subsequently Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. His son H. J. Palmer, K.C., who is one of the three living children (now residing on the Island) of Confederation Fathers, was thirteen years of age at the time of the Charlottetown Conference having been born on August 26th, 1851.

Mr. Palmer, despite his 88 years is still able to go each day to his law office and he has been chosen as one of the direct descendants of the Confederation Fathers to unveil a tablet to the memory of his father next Monday.

Like the late Hon. Edward Palmer he has been a barrister and a member of the Legislature and was at one time Attorney General and Premier, holding the latter position in 1911.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING



Known in pre-Confederation days as the Colonial Building, it was here that the representatives gathered for the historic Charlottetown Conference in 1864. The corner stone of the building was laid by His Excellency Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, on May 16, 1843, in the sixth year of Queen Victoria's reign.

Confederation Fathers at Charlottetown



Island Artist Painted Fathers Of Confederation

Visitors to Charlottetown next week should make it a point to see the Harris Memorial Gallery, in the Public Library Building, where over fifty pictures of the noted Confederation painter, Robert Harris, C.M.G., R.C.A., are preserved.

Born in the Vale of Conway, Wales, in 1849, Robert Harris came with his parents to Canada at the age of six. His early years were spent in Charlottetown, where he attended St. Peter's Cathedral school and Prince of Wales College. He studied art in different parts of Europe, and rose to great eminence in his profession, afterwards making Montreal his place of residence.

In 1893 he was elected President of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, which position he held until 1906 when failing health compelled him to retire.

Mr. Harris is credited with having painted at least three hundred portraits of the prominent men and women of Canada of his day, in addition to his most famous work, the great Confederation Conference picture which contained thirty-four persons. Reproductions of his painting have made it familiar to every school child in Canada.

Several of Mr. Harris' paintings hang in the Legislative Chamber of the Provincial Building in Charlottetown. In addition there is a beautiful example of his mural work in the Chapel of St. Peter's Cathedral.

The Island Capital

Few cities of its size on the continent will compare with Charlottetown in the spaciousness and cleanliness of its streets, the neatness of its residential properties, and number and architectural beauty of its churches, and the general air of prosperity and well-being which it exhibits.

Places of interest in and around the city include the historic Legislative Building, Government House and Victoria Park, Prince of Wales College, head of the educational system of the Province, St. Dunstan's University, St. Dunstan's Basilica, St. Peter's Cathedral, St. James Church and many other fine religious edifices, as well as public buildings, squares and gardens.

The Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island Hospitals and Provincial Sanatorium are situated within the city, and have high standards of efficiency and public service.

The Dominion Experimental Farm, on the outskirts of the city, is the headquarters for all information on agricultural matters.

Also on the outskirts are the splendidly situated and equipped Living Park and Provincial Exhibition Association fair grounds, which accommodate many thousands of spectators during the annual Exhibition Week.

The Charlottetown Hotel, under the C. N. R. management, is regarded as one of the finest hotels in the Maritime Provinces. In addition there are many other up-to-date hostels, catering both to permanent and transient guests.

Centre of the mercantile trade of the Province, the wholesale and retail stores of Charlottetown do a thriving business and carry a large and varied assortment of goods.

A large export trade, particularly in seed potatoes, is carried on by rail and steamer.

Branches of five of the leading banks of Canada are located in the city and several of the larger financial houses are also represented.

The civic government is composed of a Mayor and eight Councillors elected every two years. The water and sewerage systems are operated municipally, as are the fire and police departments which maintain high standards of efficiency.

Convenor



MR. JUSTICE A. E. ARSENAULT
Convenor of the Confederation Celebration Committee.

Publicity Director



MR. J. M. MURLEY
Director of Publicity for the Confederation Celebration.

Mayors Of Charlottetown

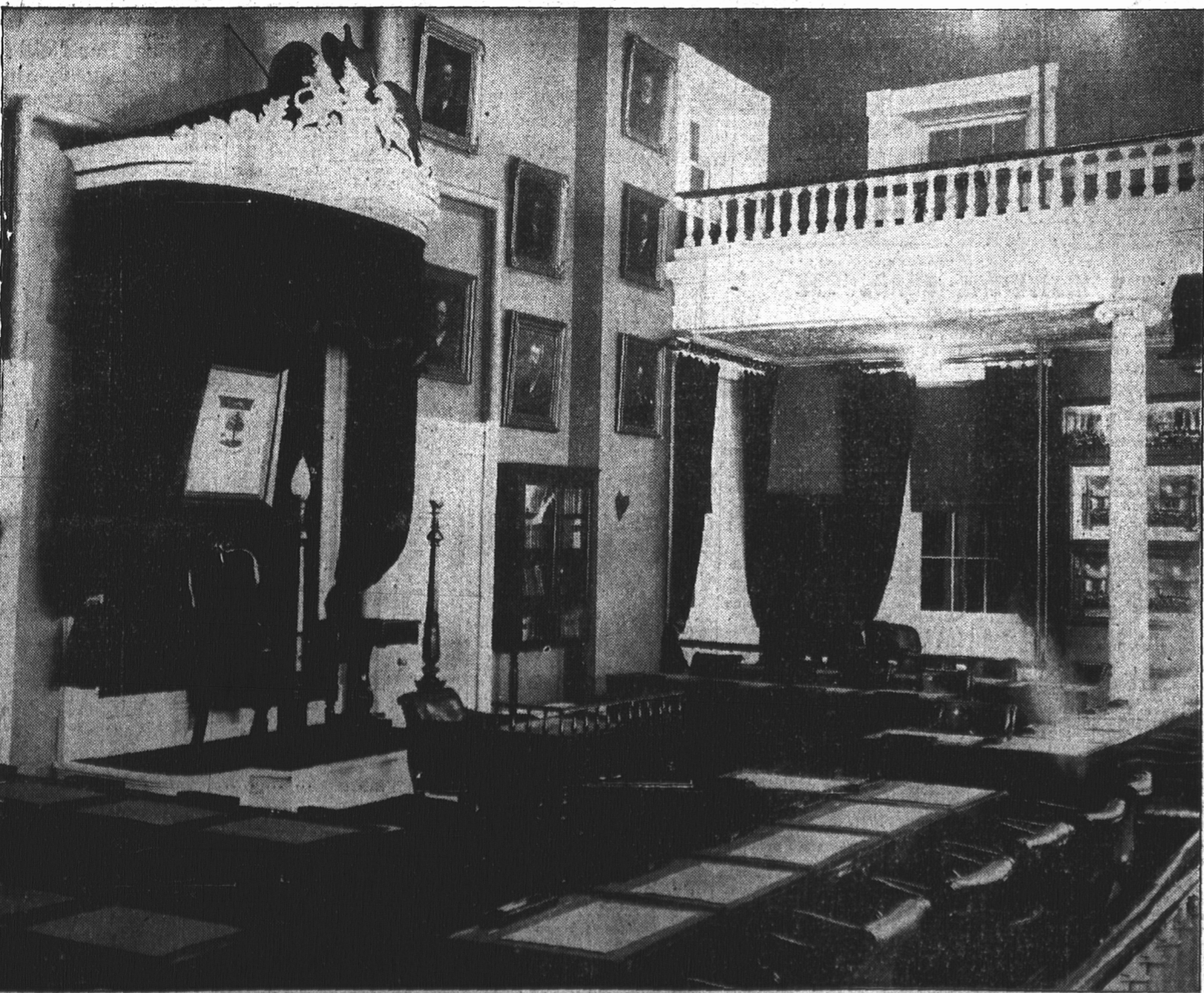
- From the incorporation of the City to the present time:
- Honorable Robert Hutchinson - 1855-1867
 - Honorable T. Heath Havi - 1867-1867
 - Theophilus DesBrisay - 1867-1872
 - Neil Rankin - 1872-1875
 - Theophilus DesBrisay - 1875-1877
 - J. S. Carvell - 1877-1878
 - W. Dawson - 1878-1882
 - D. R. M. Hooper - 1882-1884
 - Henry Beer - 1885-1886
 - Honorable T. Heath Havi - 1886-1893
 - land, Q.C. - 1893-1897
 - W. E. Dawson - 1897-1904
 - James Warburton, M.D. - 1897-1904
 - Frederick F. Kelly, M.D. - 1904-1906
 - James Paton - 1906-1908
 - Benjamin C. Prowse - 1908-1910
 - Benjamin Rogers - 1910-1912
 - Charles Lyons - 1912-1914
 - R. H. Stiers - 1914-1916
 - P. S. Brown - 1916-1918
 - G. D. Wright - 1918-1920
 - D. J. Riley - 1920-1922
 - R. H. Jenkins - 1922-1924
 - John McKenna - 1924-1926
 - Leonard B. Miller - 1926-1928
 - Ira J. Yeo, M.D., C.M. - 1928-1930
 - T. W. L. Prowse - 1930-1932
 - Honorable W. S. Stewart - 1932-1934
 - Samuel Kennedy, M.B.E. - 1934-1936
 - P. W. Turner - 1936-1938
 - E. A. Foster - 1938

Civic Host



MAYOR E. A. FOSTER
Who will extend civic greetings.

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 shown above 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.

Confederation Builders

Honoured names in Canadian history are those of the statesmen who met at Charlottetown on Sept. 1, 1864, in what is now the Confederation Chamber in the Provincial Building which will be the centre of so much interest during the 75th anniversary celebration next week of this historic gathering. The delegates by Provinces were as follows:

NOVA SCOTIA

- Hon. Charles Tupper, M. P. P., Provincial Secretary.
- Hon. William A. Henry M.P.P., Attorney General.
- Hon. Robert Barry Dickie, M.L.C.
- Hon. Jonathan McCully, M.L.C.
- Hon. Adams C. Archibald, M.P.P.

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Hon. S. L. Tilley, M.P.P., Provincial Secretary.
- Hon. John M. Johnston, M.P.P., Attorney General.
- Hon. John Hamilton Gray, M.P.P.
- Hon. Edward B. Chandler, M.L.C.
- Hon. W. H. Steeves, M.L.C.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

- Hon. Colonel Gray, M.P.P., President Executive Council.
- Hon. Edward Palmer, M.L.C., Attorney General.
- Hon. W. H. Pope, M.P.P., Colonial Secretary.
- Hon. George Coles, M.P.P.
- Hon. A. A. Macdonald, M.L.C.

CANADA

- Hon. John A. Macdonald, M.P.P., Attorney General, Upper Canada.
- Hon. George Brown, M.P.P., President of Executive Council.
- Hon. Alexander T. Galt, M.P.P., Minister of Finance.
- Hon. George E. Cartier, M.P.P., Attorney General, Lower Canada.
- Hon. Hector L. Langevin, M.P.P., Solicitor General of Lower Canada.
- Hon. William McDougall, Provincial Secretary.
- Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, M.P.P., Minister of Agriculture.

Will Reply To Welcome Address



HON. A. L. MACDONALD
Premier of Nova Scotia



HON. A. A. DYSART
Premier of New Brunswick