



IT'S FUN TO FOLLOW THE PONIES

**Charlottetown Lives Racing**

The Charlottetown Driving Park plans one of its most ambitious programs in history this season. Racing will get underway on May 30th, and carry through until October.

Approximately 32 races will be held and the management plans more free-for-all races than have ever been witnessed before in Prince Edward Island.

**150 HORSES**

Hundreds of horses will be ready for the word "Go" from the starter and the climax of the season will be the "Old Home Week" program in mid-August. Already at the local track there are well over 150 horses quartered.

It was late in 1890 when crowds from the three Maritime Provinces gathered at Charlottetown for the first race on what was to become an internationally known track.

Since that October afternoon the improvements on the Exhibition Grounds and driving track have been maintained at a gradual pace. New programs and entertainments were introduced over the years and periodically new buildings erected.

**NEW BARN**

In recent years there has been a steady building program underway. New stables and barns for horses, cattle and all classes of livestock were constructed. When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visit the province this July they will see several heats of racing at the local track. At the Coliseum, built in 1935, they will be cheered by thousands of Island children.

Following a change of management in 1947, night racing was introduced on a big scale. It has grown in popularity and this year's program promises plenty of thrills and excitement for both local and visiting harness racing enthusiasts.

**Churches Top City Skyline**

For well over a century the churches of Charlottetown have played an important role in the development of the City, both social and cultural. Charlottetown has been referred to as "the City of Churches". It is interesting to recall briefly the history of four of the oldest churches.

**St. Paul's**—This historic old church of England stands on the east side of Queen Square facing the Government buildings and Court House. The original St. Paul's (a wooden structure) was erected in 1803 and was the first church building on the Island. The present church, completed in 1868, is one of the more notable landmarks of the Island and contains many memorable replicas of the Island's history.

**St. James' Presbyterian Church**—The "Kirk" was erected in 1828 and stands on the corner of Fitzroy and Pownall Streets facing northeast. One of the oldest churches on the Island, the building was originally of wood construction but was changed to the present beautiful edifice in 1878. On the walls of the present building may be seen a memorial tablet in memory of Colin N. MacKenzie, M.D., one of the seven who perished in the wreck of the Fairy Queen in 1853.

**St. Peter's Cathedral**—Situating in the northwest corner of Rochford Square, St. Peter's High Church of England was erected in 1879 and consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia. In addition to the main building is the exquisite little "Chapel of All Souls" erected in 1888 and adorned by the celebrated paintings of the late Robert Harris, C. M. A. once president of the Royal Canadian Academy.

**St. Dunstan's Basilica**—One of the most beautiful Churches in Canada, St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Cathedral was erected in 1917, after a conflagration destroyed the previous cathedral in 1913. The interior of the Basilica is not surpassed for architectural beauty by any similar structure in eastern Canada. The church is the largest on the Island, taking up the greater portion of the block bounded by Queen, Sydney, St. George and Dorchester Streets.

**Souris Is Many Things**

There are fishing centres and fishing centres, but the one that stands out in Prince Edward Island is that of the town of Souris.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from this industry provides a booming economy for this Island community of some 1500 citizens. Druggers ply in and out of the port and visitors can spend a most interesting day on the waterfront watching catches being unloaded and the processing of fish at the various plants.

In addition to this activity, Souris boasts one of the finest beaches on the Island, and good trout fishing is available nearby. Boating and deep sea fishing can be enjoyed to the full.

There is good accommodation for the tourist and the surrounding area provides excellent localities for picnics and outings.

Souris-by-the-Sea is situated in the eastern end of the Province on the south shore and is about 33 miles from the City of Charlottetown.

It is in the heart of a rich agricultural section and is one of the main shipping outlets for pulp wood and potatoes. With paved roads east and west it is growing in importance as a shopping centre.

**WHERE RURAL**

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Visitors from all parts of the province, and more distant places, gather on a Wednesday afternoon in midsummer to view and participate in long and short distance swims, boat racing, demonstrations of life saving and other interesting features.

**RED CLIFFS**

The appeal of the outside shores lies in their rugged red cliffs carved out by the ceaseless tides and in the moods of the sea. At that part of Kildare known as "The Gap" in calm weather it is one of the best bathing beaches of the area and during a time of storm its huge breakers hold one spellbound. Farther along the shore the rocky Kildare Capes present some of the most rugged scenery of the province. Each season they present a different appearance as the shore line recedes from action of the stormy tides.

North Cape lies at the extreme tip of the Island and its sandbar is the dividing line between north and south sides of the province. An interesting fact is that on one side of this bar the lobster fishing season is in the spring and on the other it is in late summer.

**CARTIER**

For close to ninety years the North Cape lighthouse has been a beacon to those "who go down to the sea in ships." Several years ago the Cape had become washed away to such a degree that it was necessary to move the building further back to a place of safety. The present keeper of the light is Mr. Spears.

It was on this shore of the province that Jacques Cartier landed in 1534 and afterwards described as such goodly country.

**TIGNISH RUN**

The business centre for this Kildare district is Tignish, western terminus of the Canadian National Railway. It is a friendly, thriving little village where

most of the people are of French or Irish descent. Not far from the village is Tignish Run, an interesting fishing centre. The tourist who does not know what a "Run" is, will do well to go and learn at first hand.

**CAPE WOLFE**

Route 14 is the other road which follows the outside shore of West Prince. Along its way are farmer-fishermen. One of the points of interest is Cape Wolfe where, it is said, General Wolfe stopped in 1759 — two hundred years ago — while on his way to lay siege to Quebec.

This coastline lacks natural harbours and for many years the fishermen's boats were at the mercy of storms unless they could be beached by hand or capstan. For fifty years the fishermen of Cape Wolfe area had endeavoured to get some means of shelter for their boats. In 1956 an artificial harbour was created at Howard's Cove. Enclosed by two breakwaters, it provides safe anchorage for a fishing fleet of fifty to one hundred boats.

**GIANT'S CHAIR**

For its construction some five hundred flat car loads of granite rock were brought from Wallace, N.S. to O'Leary and transported by truck to the site of construction. Some of these rocks weighed as much as ten tons. One rock, weighing approximately eight tons, bore such remarkable resemblance to a huge seat that on completion of the project it was placed on the sixty foot cliff overlooking the new harbour.

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