

The Fairest Land... 'Tis Possible To See



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

A million acre Vacation Wonderland!

French explorer Jacques Cartier's comment will ring truly in your heart when you see this garden island of Canada. Folds of red earth against lush green meadows, golden beaches lapped by the warmest salt water north of Florida, tree shaded historic Charlottetown, birthplace of the Canadian nation . . . you'll love everything about "The Island". Vacation pleasures are here in abundance . . . wonderful swimming, golf, deep-sea fishing and boating.

It's a brief and pleasant journey and a large, luxurious ferry brings you right to your island holiday. Start planning today!

... Welcome to Prince Edward Island

Besides having the distinction of being Canada's smallest province, the Island has the honor of being "The Birthplace of Canada". It was in Charlottetown in 1864 that the Fathers of Confederation held their first meeting. Statesmen from Upper and Lower Canada and the Maritimes attended this momentous meeting in the Island capital which launched the discussions that, three years later, culminated in the Confederation of British North American colonies into the Dominion of Canada.



Hon. Lloyd MacPhail
Minister of Tourist Development

Besides being known as The Birthplace of Canada, Prince Edward Island is proud of its other descriptive titles—"The Island", "Garden of the Gulf", "The Million Acre Farm", and "The Kentucky of Canada". It was officially named Prince Edward Island in honor of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria. Prior to that it was called Saint John Island by the English, who captured it from the French in 1758. The French called it Ile St. Jean. But probably the most romantic name of all was that given it by its original inhabitants, the MicMac Indians. They called it Abegweit, which, in their language, meant "Cradled on the Waves".

There is plenty to see and do in Prince Edward Island. Once again the Confederation Theatre will stage its annual summer-long Festival of Music and Laughter. There are also the usual fairs and festivals in various parts of the province including the Summerside Lobster Carnival, the Souris Fisheries Exhibition, the Alberton Regatta, the Highland Games, the Scottish Festival, Old Home Week, Gold Cup and Saucer Parade, and the Tyne Valley Oyster Festival.

The Province of Prince Edward Island