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## History turns to stone in Canada

Rocky Atlantic coastlines. Lighthouses shrouded in mist. Fishing boats knocking against net-webbed walls. Where are you in North America?

If you said New England, you were close but not quite close enough. Canadians call them the maritime provinces, or The Maritimes: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Americans from Virginia and New Mexico like to argue about which state has the oldest European settlement in America, but they don't consider St. John's, Newfoundland. We will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage in 1992, but St. John's celebrated its 500th years ago.

Newfoundland, sitting amid the world's largest fishing banks, has restored Viking villages that are 1,000 years old. In case you ever need a bit of Canadian trivia, the province of Newfoundland also includes the territory known as Labrador.

If you like to moose through tiny fishing villages, photograph scenic coastlines and enjoy a touch of history converted to stone, you'll enjoy Newfoundland. Cape Spear National Historic Site is the most easterly point in North America. You can fly into St. John's or take a ferry to Newfoundland from Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia, which means literally New Scotland, can be reached by ferry from several parts of Maine. You can see where French explorer John Cabot landed on this almost-island, photograph the French fishing villages that still stand on Cape Breton, tour the magnificently restored French fortress town of Louisbourg, and read a little Longfellow at the birthplace of Evangeline. Peggy's Cove is one of the most photographed places on the Atlantic coast.

Prince Edward Island has many claims to fame, but most of us know it best as the site of "Anne of Green Gables."

New Brunswick is the subject of our main story this week. If you get beyond the Quoddy Loop you'll want to explore St. John, the restored Loyalist village at Kings Landing, the flowerpot rocks at Hopewell Cape Provincial Park near Moncton, etc.

### CANADIAN TOURISM TIPS

**TULIP FESTIVAL.** Three million tulips will bloom along the Rideau Canal May 10-20 for the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa.

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands donated the tulips to the Canadian government because her daughter, Princess Margriet, was born in Canada during World War II.

A craft show featuring 70 artisans from across Canada will be a major feature of the festival May 15-20. Nearby, there are continuous performances of music and other entertainment. Of the more than 70 events, the flotilla on the Rideau Canal (May 19) is a favorite crowd-pleaser.

### BLITH FESTIVAL

The Blith Festival in Blith, Ontario, begins June 14 and runs through Sept. 14, offering professional productions of Canadian plays and musicals. In most cases these stage presentations are being produced for the first time. For information, call (800) ONTARIO.

### FIREWORKS

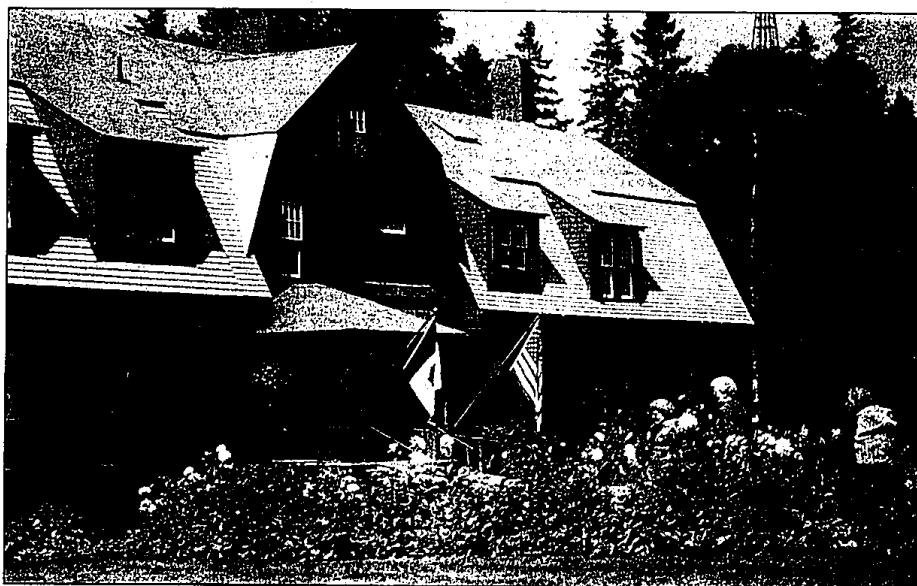
Benson and Hedges present the International Fireworks Competition in Montreal, Quebec May 25 to June 19. The world's top pyrotechnicians will compete.

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Here in the town of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, a gatekeeper stands guard at the entrance to Fortress Louisbourg.



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This is the cottage on Campobello Island in New Brunswick, Canada that former president Franklin Roosevelt used to stay in when he

was on vacation. Roosevelt used to call Campobello his "beloved isle."

finding summer in

# New Brunswick

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
special writer

"We tell people that we're a republic and we're bilingual. We speak Canadian and American. I'm from New Brunswick, but I speak American perfectly."

That was Billy McCready talking as we got off the Deer Island ferry at Campobello Island and headed for the Roosevelt Campobello International Park. She is the voice of the Quoddy Loop, an area that runs up the coast of Maine and down the coast of New Brunswick, circling Passamaquoddy Bay.

Passamaquoddy means "the people of the fish," which was appropriate when Indian fishermen welcomed Samuel de Champlain in 1604 and when Captain William Owen landed in 1881 as the first Principal Proprietary of the Great Outer Island of Passamaquoddy, with a land grant from King George III.

The translation is appropriate now, when local fishermen go out in their purse seiners, sardine carriers, fish draggers and handliners, riding the 28-foot tides that are famous in this area. Check the package of frozen fish you have in your freezer; it probably comes from here.

Most people come to Campobello Island by bus or car over the Franklin D. Roosevelt International Memorial Bridge from Lubec, Maine, visit the Roosevelt cottage, and continue around the Quoddy Loop, sometimes stopping at bed-and-breakfasts along the way or taking the whale-watching tours.

We came 60 miles south from the capital city of St. John, New Brunswick, via towns that raise Atlantic salmon from fingerlings, and past the lobster ponds of Deer Island.

In the old days, they used lobster as fertilizer around here. When guests came, they aired out their houses and served beef. That was Alice Gough, wife of a fisherman, mother of a fisherman. Alice

hasn't bought salmon or lobster for years.

"Somebody always gives them to me; always more than one. One lobster is just an aggravation."

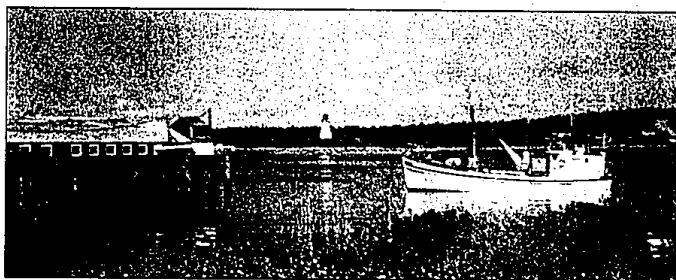
Alice says too many people come to Campobello to see FDR and move on, so she was pleased to know I had checked in to the Campobello Island Club Lodge and was staying at least a day.

There are many islands in the Passamaquoddy area. Campobello is famous because Roosevelt spent his childhood summers here, sailing to Grand Manan Island, fishing the bay. Polio struck him here, so he was carried away in a stretcher, returning in a wheelchair twice as US president.

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The film at the Roosevelt Campobello International Park tells how his father, James Roosevelt, built a summer house here, and how his mother bought a summer cottage for Franklin, Eleanor and

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Standing in Lubec, Maine, one can look out over the briny sea and spy Campobello Island in New Brunswick, Canada. Visitors may cross the

Franklin D. Roosevelt International Memorial Bridge to get there.

## Canadian railroad ride a rousing revelation

By Phyllis Kruger Stillman  
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Most people, when making train reservations, don't think they can afford first-class seats. But Via Rail, Canada's version of Amtrak, offers a first-class bargain. For \$25 more than the coach fare of \$54.57, Canadian, you can travel first class between Windsor and Toronto on what is called the Club Car. The one-way cost, tax included, is \$79.82 Canadian.

The Club Car is only available with a regularly-priced ticket. A limited number of discounted coach seats are available any day but Friday and Sunday for \$33.17 Canadian with a five-day advance purchase, but you must pay the regular fare

### reader's report

to ride in the Club Car.

Is first class worth the extra cost? I traveled coach class to Toronto and first class on the return trip. Based on immediate comparison, I felt the Club Car was worth the extra money.

The benefits of first-class travel start as soon as you reach the station. If you've ever returned by train from Toronto on a Sunday, you'll undoubtedly remember the long line of people waiting to board the train. As a first-class passenger you can

walk right past that line because Club Car passengers board first.

Once aboard, you'll see that the car itself is different. There are fewer seats (38 opposed to 52-75 in coach, depending on the car), the seats are wider and more comfortable, the rest rooms are much larger and the car is non-smoking.

But the biggest difference on the Club Car is service. There are two service attendants who pamper Club Car passengers.

The pampering starts as soon as you leave the station when attendants make the first of many trips down the aisle offering soft drinks, mixed drinks, beer and peanuts. If you get thirsty or hungry between scheduled passes, never fear: You

can ask for whatever you want, whenever you want it.

Incidentally, the Club Car is a great value for people who like to drink. In coach, beer costs about \$3.50 and mixed drinks are more than \$4. In the Club Car, alcoholic beverages are free, and available whenever you want them.

Hot meals with wine are served halfway through trip. (In coach you get cold snacks.) Hot towels, brought around just before dinner, are a nice, classy touch.

The meal starts with a fresh salad, fruit cup and a roll. Two entrees are offered. On my trip the choice was between sole with crab stuffing and steak with mushrooms.

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