

Day 7 – Prince Edward Island, Red Blue and Green – July 11th

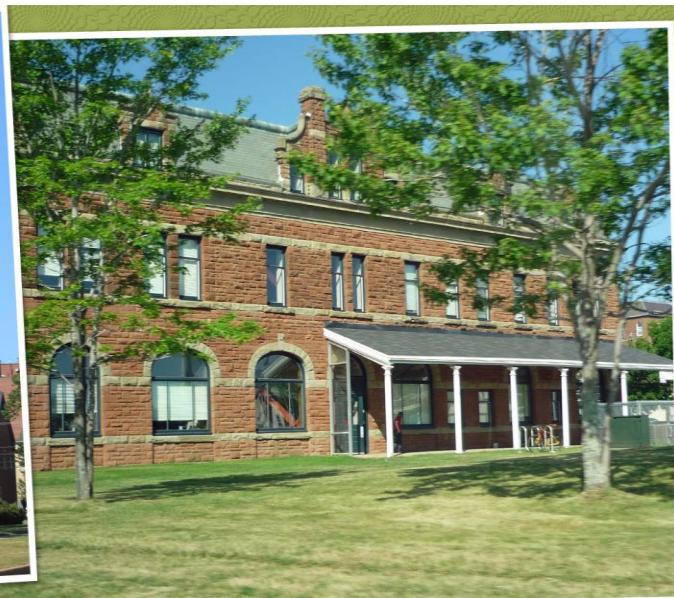
The North Winds Hotel offered a continental breakfast of hot and cold cereal, pancakes and waffles, a selection of muffins and pastry and hard boiled eggs. Sheri had oatmeal and toast with cheese and I had a couple of eggs with fruit salad and cottage cheese. We felt great to start the day in a new province.



Our room was quite large with a nice kitchen dining area, a huge living room with a large TV and fireplace – the bed was about a half-acre in size with a soft duvet cover on top.

We left the hotel for our first stop of the day in Charlottetown, an interpretive center (Founders Hall) on confederation that was a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive away. As we were on the outskirts of the city a police car burned a doughnut in front of us to attend to a car accident. Red dirt, blue sky and green gables planned today.

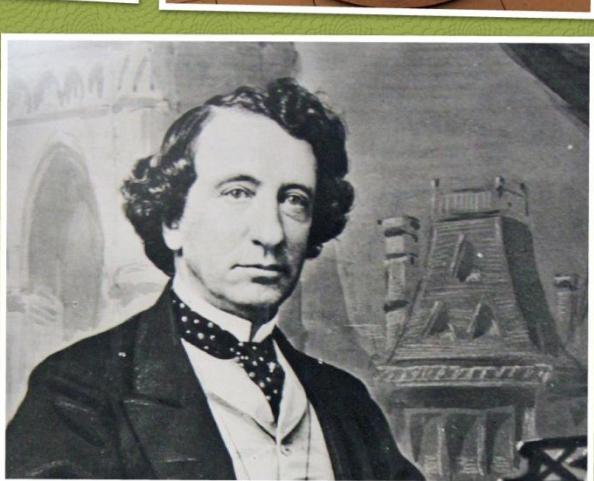




Founders Hall

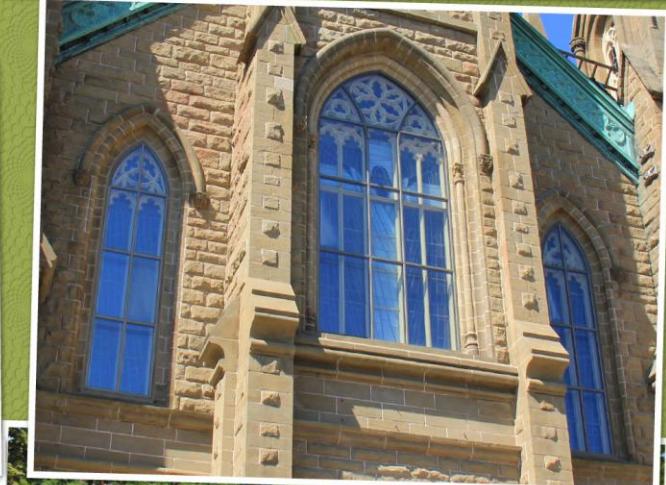
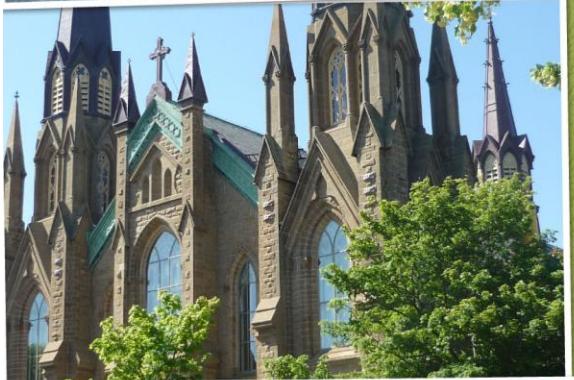


William Pope in Boat, George-Etienne Cartier Canada East, John A McDonald Canada-West



Leonard Tilley New Brunswick, Charles Tupper Nova Scotia, John Hamilton Gray PEI

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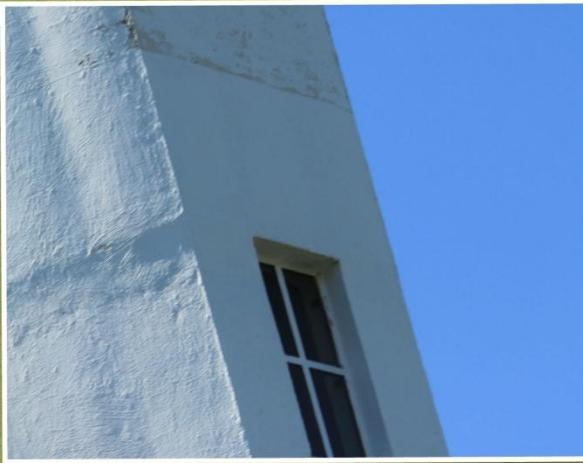
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from". "We are Rod and Sheri from Chetwynd in Northern British Columbia". The gentleman in the small car said "I got something for you". He presented each of us a Charlottetown Coat of Arms pin and welcomed us to the city. In the park area we also visited Fanningbank home of the Lt. Governor of PEI. The park was very well kept clean and neat.

We drove around the shore in Charlottetown towards Victoria Park. A few people were at the beach, a small sailboat race was in progress, sea birds were foraging on a tidal flat and Sheri and I were taking it all in. We arrived across from the park and emptied from the van to take pictures. We crossed the road and were entering the garden gate when we heard "Hey where you folks



Victoria Gardens



Lt Governors House



Before we left Charlottetown we drove through an agriculture experimental farm with a protected species frog pond, and around the PEI University Campus Veterinary Sciences grounds.



Landscape

Llama Farm

Potato Farm

We left the outskirts of Charlottetown into the countryside. Our destination was PEI Preserves – A unique restaurant, garden and place to purchase site made preserves, souvenirs and artisan crafts. Sheri had a Caesar salad and I had a chicken club wrap. Both light lunches were perfect to fill the void and leave plenty of room for supper.



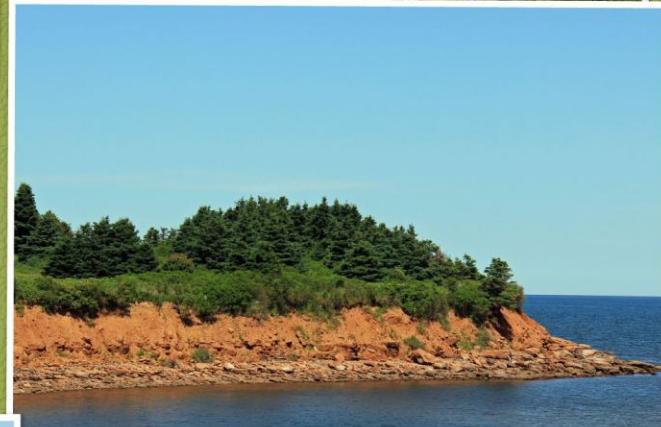
The next stop of the day was a visit to the Lucy Maude Montgomery grave. She was the famous author of Anne of Green Gables and other books.



Prince Edward Island National Park is (Wikipedia) located along the island's north shore, fronting the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the park measures approximately 60 km (37 mi) in length and ranges from several hundred meters to several kilometers in width. Established in 1937, the park's mandate includes the protection of many broad sand beaches, sand dunes and both freshwater wetlands and saltmarshes. The park's protected beaches provide nesting habitat for the endangered Piping Plover. An extension was added to the park in 1998, an extensive sand dune system in Greenwich was transferred from the provincial government to Parks Canada. The Prince Edward Island National Park also includes Green Gables.

North Rustico to Cavendish Beach East





Red Dirt

Blue Sky

Green Fields

A visit to the Green Gables House and the setting for the famous story, Anne of Green Gables written in 1905 by Lucy Maude Montgomery stimulated imagination.



Brackley Beach Area Part of the National Park



We stopped for a break and walked through the gardens at the Dunes Restaurant



The Dunes is a highly rated restaurant in Prince Edward Island. This was where we were going to dine last night and in truth this would have been a better location than the ferry booth. They also have a gallery where pottery, exotic statues and furniture created from experienced wood is sold. The gardens are a paradise with peaceful sounds of water features, shade trees and the aroma therapy of flowers. We rested in the gardens briefly to take pictures and enjoy the solitude. We were the only people in this little meadow of Eden. This was the perfect aperitif before supper – Lobster Dinner.

We were being treated to an all you can eat appetizer, dessert and beverage menu. I have waited about 8 months for this event and I planned to eat. New Glasgow Lobster Suppers has been serving lobster suppers since June 24th 1958 and 54 years later – they must be doing something right.



Believe me the lineup prior to supper was longer than this one. We stood in line for about 15 minute before being seated in a vast dining area. The smells oozing out from the restaurant were tantalizing. Our mouths were watering in anticipation of the forthcoming feast.

Come and listen to a story of a lobster feast,
We had to try it once while we were back east.

In PEI at the Lobster Supper Place,
We waited in line to stuff our face.

Lobster that is, Mussels to,
Well as soon as you know we are seated in a chair,
Sipping seafood chowder served as part of the fair,
Eating mussels by the bucket and salads on a plate,
Put our group in a contented state.

Lobster that is, Mussels to,
The lobster was served with butter on a platter
We cracked open the shell and ate with a clatter.
The meat in the tail came out with a pluck,
And the meat in the claw with a probe and a suck.

Lobster that is, Mussels to
Dessert was next Sheri has a slice of lemon pie,
Rod had strawberry shortcake ice cream piled high.
We enjoyed everything, ate it all up
And that's the end of our lobster sup

Lobsters that is, Mussels to.

Sheri and I waddled out of the restaurant and Bob not far in front. Excellent soups, a vast cauldron of mussels, plates of salad containing potato, coleslaw and green. After dessert we stuffed to the point of being uncomfortable. Dessert was no simple fair – the portions were bigger than huge – Sheri's pie was about 3 inches tall piled high with meringue and a slice the size of Peru. My strawberry shortcake was a meal – the heavy biscuit was covered in a mountain of strawberries buried by a truck load of ice cream then covered with a mass if whipped cream. Dessert lasted for half an hour to turn the vast supply prepared material into somewhat empty plate. It was worth the wait.



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I nutcracker, pliers, knife, hammer, axe.



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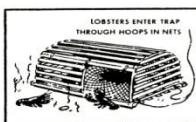
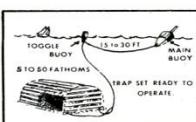
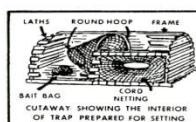
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HOW TO EAT A FRESH LOBSTER

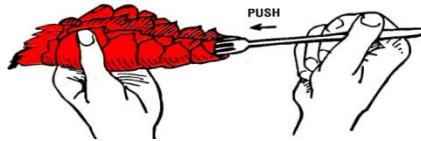
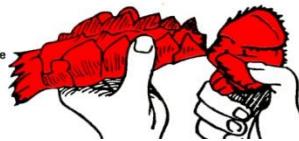


Break the tail-piece from the body by arching the tail cracks.

ALL YOU CAN EAT:
APPLE, RAISIN,

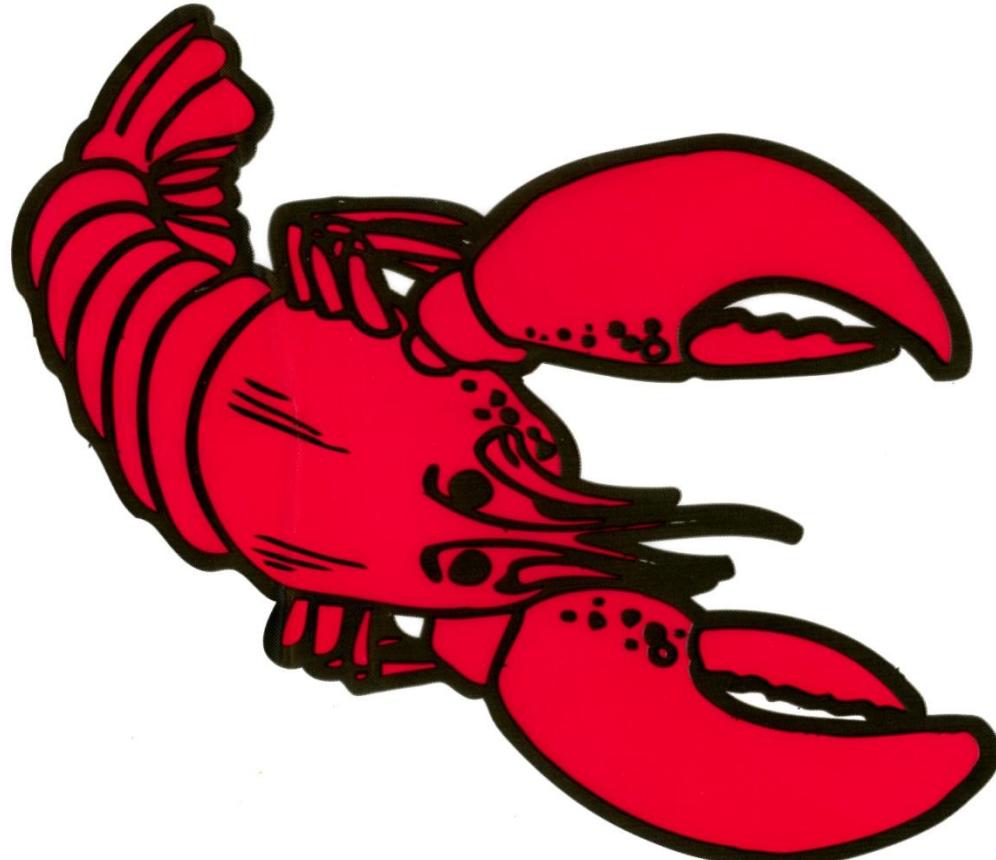


HOW A LOBSTER IS CAUGHT



6. Unhinge the back from the body. Do this contains the "tomalley", or liver which turns green when it is cooked a persons consider the best eating of all

ALL YOU CAN EAT APPLES
HOMEMADE ROLLS & BREA
CHOWDER, BEEF VEGETABLE
Desserts



8. The small claws are excellent eating and may be placed in the mouth and the meat sucked out like sipping cider with a straw.



7. Open the remaining part of the body, by cracking apart sideways. There is some good meat in this section

