

# Social Cliches Have Relevance When Travelling

When one lives in the Maritimes all his life, it is hard to imagine how poverty, pollution urban blight and the separatist movement concern him, although we have a sufficient amount of each.

A slow train trip across this continent will bring the understanding thundering home by observing and musing on the significance of the scenery.

Observe and think about the industrial paradox which occurs in New Brunswick. The small towns with more effluent in their streams have more affluence in Main Street business houses and surrounding residential areas.

This situation although similar across Canada, is more apparent here because New Brunswick has just embarked on the industrialization trail

leading to a higher standard of living and lower standard of environment.

Another example is the untouched beauty of rocky northern Ontario where the train winds through endless miles of green forests and sparkling lakes. Occasionally gaps appear containing a large lumber processing plant close to the shore of the once sparkling lake.

A train enters all major cities like no other form of transportation -- through the backyard where culture is much more visible. So it is with Montreal.

Sagging overcrowded tentament houses line the track with green grass only available on the bank supporting the tracks. In the distance contrasting in brightness and ultra modern design is Man and His World.

One of the local dailies reports that the program for the three year running ex-World Fair, it to be update, in an attempt to keep a large subsidization grant from the money conscious government of Liberal Premier Robert Bourassa.

Paradoxically on the same page a news item reports that a majority candidate for Montreal is prepared to do more for urban redevelopment of low cost housing which he sees as Montreal's critical problem.

An editorial columnist speculates on the plan to turn the Olympic village over to the poor living in sub-standard

housing once the 1976 Olympics are finished in Montreal.

Looking up from the paper the continuous squalid tentaments still visible, it is hard to imagine how the poor will wait that long.

The separatist party in the last election received large blocks of votes in these areas in spite of the Liberal election victory.

The recent heat wave felt by the Maritimes is considerably cooler than the temperature in Montreal. The city, on this particular day, was suffering a heat invasion which brought a heavy haze over the city containing acid tasting air, plus eliminating visibility.

Two college students from Boston on a cross-country junket by train remarked that the haze reminded them of home.

Montreal is not an isolated case. The approach to Calgary, boasted as the largest city in Canada at 150 square mile area, is nearly invisible for a haze hanging over the city.

A severely mini-skirted guide at the top of a 62 floor obser-

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## Tourism Survey Group Hiring Students

A group of angry businessmen in town this week are planning to do something about what they feel is a void in the tourist industry. They are looking for students to do most of their part-time work for them.

Bill Maxon and Keith Bagnall, co-directors of the recently formed N.B. Tourist Development Association were on campus this week looking for student recruits.

The organization has been formed by these two, and has received the support of at least seventy fee paying members, mostly comprising

of businessmen associated with the tourist industry.

Maxon and Bagnall are looking for seven to ten students interested in the public relations field and in the sales field. They plan to use these students to sell associate memberships for the organization, and to do some promotional writing.

The association plans to have reduced fees at various businesses for all associate members. The main aim of this is to keep the tourist season alive all year round. They also see as a major obstacle, the fact that many

tourists treat New Brunswick as merely a transition area to get to the other Maritime provinces.

The N.B.T.D.A has been set up to get the province to do something about tourism. Both Maxon and Bagnall agreed that there should be a separate Department of Tourism is presently being handled by the Department of Natural Resources. The N.B.T.D.A. is getting no financial help from the province. There is a major meeting being planned for the Association within the next few weeks.

## Co-op to be invaded — new residents

Sheets, locks, keys and piles of pamphlets around the office, and lots and lots of people with more to come.

That was the scene yesterday at 780 Montgomery St., as the N.B. Residence Co-operative Ltd. Fredericton's university co-op housing venture, began the first full year of operation of its two seven-storey buildings, which dominate the skyline at the upper edge of the campus.

One of these, at 780 Montgomery, which provides accommodation of 102 couples and families, came into operation in January, and the other in March, of this year. The latter, while primarily designed for single students or faculty, is also open to married couples, though none will be living there this year.

Designed as a cross between conventional university residence-style planning and a straight apartment high-rise, it accomodated 240 people in two-, six-, and twelve occupant "responsibility units."

The responsibility units provide bedrooms, a lounge (in the six- and twelve-occupant units), bathroom and cooking facilities. Most rooms are single. The Co-op supplies linen and launders it; heat and light are included in the rent, which ranges from \$390 to \$530 for the academic year. In the 780 Montgomery House (each separate building is called a

House, and runs its own domestic affairs autonomously) one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments are offered, unfurnished; heating is included in the rents, ranging from \$115 to \$145 per month.

Interviewed about the problems involved in the move-in, Dave Lambert, General Manager of the Co-op, said "It has been very successful to date. There have been very few real problems."



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