

À cette fin, le Canada nomma le 11 mars 1944 un "Commissaire" dans ce qui était encore la Guyane Britannique. Ceci représentait la première présence diplomatique au Guyana. Le Premier Ministre d'alors, William Lyon Mackenzie King nomma l'hon. Milton F. Cregg, V.C., comme premier Commissaire. Les membres de son personnel étaient: S. Wayne Hubble, Deuxième Secrétaire, Mlle Olive E. Hobbs, agent d'administration, Mlle Shirley J. Boles, secrétaire et M. Donald J. Larkin, comptable.

Au début, le Commissaire et les membres du personnel durent déménager d'un bureau temporaire installé dans l'hôtel Park sur la rue principale vers un autre édifice situé au 91, rue Middle. La mission diplomatique canadienne transféra par la suite ses bureaux vers l'édifice de la Banque du Guyana.

CI-DESSOUS: LE DORTOIR de l'édifice vu des rues High et Young, Kingston



NOTICE OF REMOVAL

THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION

will move to new offices at Young and High Streets, Kingston, Georgetown, effective.

May 26, 1980. Telephone numbers 72081-5 remain unchanged

Canadian High Commission gets new home

Remarkable restoration of 100-year old building

THE new Chancery of the Canadian High Commission, a unique Guyanese structure, was opened yesterday at the corner of High and Young streets, Georgetown.

The building, beautifully proportioned, was designed "to draw the lightest trade winds through its jalousies," Canadian High Commissioner John Graham said.

The official opening ceremony yesterday was attended by Foreign Affairs Minister, Rasleigh Jackson, Canadians in Guyana, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and other specially invited guests.

Mr Graham, who traced the history of the building, said that it was over a century old and was constructed by M.P. Camacho, grandfather of George Camacho.

According to him, the Canadian High Commission, through Mr Allan Roger, former High Commissioner,

had purchased the building in 1977 from the Sisters of Mercy.

In addition, Guyanese architect, George Henry of George Henry Associates had done a remarkable job to restore the structure that now stood as a landmark of Demerara, Mr Graham pointed out.

Mr Graham said that during the renovation period, the contractors, Taylor Woodrow International and the architects were undergoing some very anxious moments as there were crises for certain required materials and installations.

The Canadian High Commissioner extended his gratitude to President Forbes Burnham, the Guyana

Foreign Ministry, the Canadian government, the Bank of Guyana, the Guyana Electricity Corporation (GEC) Guyana Stores Limited, Guyana National Engineering Corporation (GNEC), the architects, contractors, carpenters and all the Canadians who worked on the renovation project.

Special mention was made of the Head of the Chancery, Ted Fleming, the Office Manager, Dick Oastler and Communications Adviser Allan McLean of Canada who all gave stalwart services.

The Canadian High Commission had now been rehoused at the new Chancery, after 14 years at

the Bank of Guyana building. Cde George Henry, the Architect, said that the new Chancery had helped to beautify our surroundings and to share in a revival exercise of our heritage.

He said that the restoration of the building was a deep sense of pride and achievement.

The cutting of the ribbon was done by Guyanese Lynette Heath, secretary of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canadian High Commission. Lynette, who has been working for the High Commission for 16 years now, was among the first Guyanese to be employed by the High Commission. Suse Parasach.