

HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION BUILDING

61-62 HIGH & YOUNG STREETS AND 97-98 DUKE STREET, KINGSTON, GUYANA

Many buildings constructed in the colonial era, in the colonial style, still grace the city of Georgetown. The building occupied by the Canadian High Commission at the corner of High and Young Streets in the Kingston area of Georgetown is one such jewel.

The Canadian High Commission sits on the lots of two former private residences, one on Lot 61-62 High Street, originally owned by Mr. M.P. Camacho, and the other on Lot 97-98 Duke Street, which belonged to Mr. John De Freitas. Though there is no concrete evidence to this effect, the homes that occupied these lots are thought to have been built in the late 1920's. Sadly, in 1944 a fire destroyed Mr. De Freitas' beautiful home and claimed the lives of his wife and grandchild.

RIGHT: INTERIOR
OF the Chapel during
the days of the
Sisters of Mercy.