

## LOUISBOURG COMES TO LIFE



*The Château St. Louis, Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, seen through an anchor-ring retrieved from Louisbourg Harbor.*

Once the largest stronghold in the New World, the fortress of Louisbourg is rising again on the rocky coast of Cape Breton Island. Completion of the first phase of the \$12-million reconstruction as a national historic park is being marked by the opening of the Governor's Wing of the rebuilt Château St. Louis on September 8 by Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The project, which is situated 23 miles south of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was started in 1961, and work is expected to continue until the mid-1970s. The historical reconstruction is the most extensive in the world today, combining both military and civil aspects.

The fortress is being rebuilt on the foundations underlying the 200-year-old rubble remains of one of the few fortified towns in North America, and among the last of its kind. The reconstruction will recreate Louisbourg as it was in 1745, before it was besieged and captured by an expedition of New Englanders with British naval support. Returned to the French in a peace settlement, it was captured by the British in 1758 and demolished in 1760.

### GOVERNOR'S WING

The mid-eighteenth century antiques of the reconstructed ten-room Governor's Wing, form the largest collection of period French furnishings in North America. The period furnishings were assembled in France and Quebec for the National Historic Sites Services by Jean Palardy, a leading expert on



*Louis XV chairs, in green silk brocade, furnish the salon in the reconstructed Governor's Wing of the Château St. Louis.*