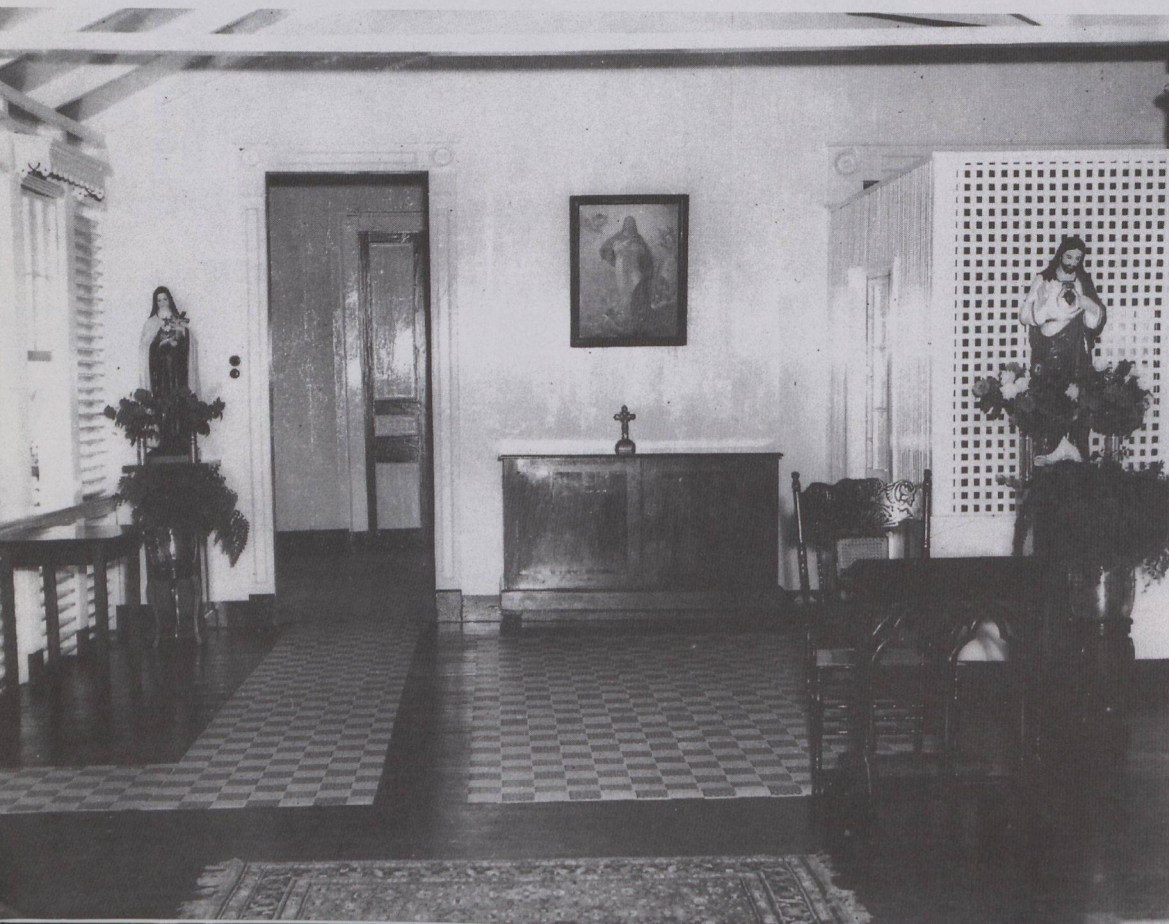


THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION

Located on the original residential strip of the affluent landed settlers and merchants, what is known since 1977 as the Canadian High Commission was constructed or re-constructed for the hallowed use of the Sisters of Mercy at the turn of the fifties of the twentieth century. The building has always been accepted as a showpiece of fine Guyanese timber vernacular architecture, the highlight being a relocated 1895 timber chapel *insitu*, transported in pieces for almost two miles to its current location.

By the time the Canadian Foreign Office had laid eyes on its graceful and blushing beauty in early 1977, the interior of the Chapel had been renovated and enlarged, but the Sisters were moving on to establishing schools and other institutions of higher learning, and were however willing to part with this masterpiece. Architect George Henry had evaluated the property at \$550,000.00, the Chapel accounting for \$22,822.50 of that price.



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Convent June 1, 1951.