

Highlights

St. John's, Newfoundland, is the oldest city in North America; neighbouring Cape Spear has the oldest lighthouse and is the closest point to Europe on the continent. On Telegraph Hill, in 1901, the first transatlantic wireless message was received by Guglielmo Marconi, from a transmitter at Poldhu, Cornwall.

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, is often called the "Cradle of Confederation", an important meeting there, in 1864, having led to Confederation. This year, it is celebrating the centennial of the province's entry into Confederation.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, with one of the best harbours in the world was once crowded with sailing vessels and is now a pioneer in containerized shipping. Offshore oil drilling rigs (capable of withstanding Atlantic gales greater than 125 miles per hour) signal the start of a new industry utilizing the oil reserves of Canada's eastern continental shelf.

Fredericton, New Brunswick, is an urban monument to the benefactions of the late British-titled Lord Beaverbrook who has donated the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, the Playhouse and several University of New Brunswick campus buildings. Fredericton is sometimes referred to as the "Poets' Corner of Canada" because it has been home to such poets as Jonathan Odell (earliest English-language poet) and Bliss Carman.

Montreal, Quebec, a cosmopolitan port and hub of trade, finance (Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges), industry and sport, is the second largest French-speaking city in the world. The island and the