SUMMER 71

IN QUEBEC

ARTISTS'

COLONY





Thousands of summer visitors to Quebec City enjoy its gracious mixture of old-time charm and early architecture and the bustle and fashions of today. The storied capital of French Canada is one of the favourite haunts of holiday-makers from Europe and all parts of North America, and a stopover for cruise ships and tourist buses.

Quebec is also a Mecca for artists of all sorts. Most in evidence are those whose paintings and sketches are on sale along the narrow rue du Trésor, where, for the tenth year in succession, artists have been creating, showing and selling their work to browsing tourists and collectors of art. Most of these artists are students, who manage to earn enough during the summer season to continue their studies. Others are recent graduates trying to perfect their style and experimenting with new techniques. All must obtain a licence (\$20 for a city resident or \$30 for a non-resident) entitling them to several square yards of space along the old walls of this historic part of the city.

From early morning, on sunny, warm days, this little street is thronged by artists, tourists and Quebecers, who chat, discuss and stroll in unhurried tranquility. At gaily-decorated open-air tables, wine

and coffee can be sipped while pondering a purchase or pursuing an inspiration. At nightfall, when some artists illuminate their stalls so that clients may view their paintings until midnight, the surrounding cafes are alive with the animated conversations of the cosmopolitan inhabitants and the passing parade of visitors.

