

# CANADA

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Canada is a very old land and a somewhat new country.

The rock that forms its Precambrian shield is the world's oldest dry land, and the waters that fill its northern lakes are older than history. Yesteryear's snows are still blown about by the winds of Ellesmere Island.

The Fathers of Confederation put it together only 134 years ago, and until relatively recently there were Canadians who were older than the country.

It has changed and continues to change in its industries, its sources of wealth, the obligations of its government and perhaps the dreams of its people.

*Mais—plus ça change plus c'est la même chose.*

**Cover photo:**

Politicians live work-a-day lives (though not necessarily humdrum ones), but some of them work in fantastic buildings.

In 1859 the Province of Canada (the future Ontario and Quebec) announced a competition for the design of three "plain, substantial" parliamentary buildings. The cost was to be limited to \$300,000 for the central block and \$240,000 for the flanking ones. No one had anticipated the high cost of digging foundations, sewers and cold-air ducts through solid Ottawa rock, and the workmen had to stop in the middle of the job until more money was voted. With Confederation in 1867, the recently completed buildings became the home of its Parliament and government. The central block (except the handsome library) burned down on a spectacular winter day in 1916 but was rebuilt by 1920.

Gera Dillon caught this sunset over Parliament in 1976.



Violinist and her grandchildren, Île d'Orléans, Quebec.

BRYCE FLYNN, 1977

NORTHERN TELECOM



Communications research and development laboratory at Bell Northern Ltd. in Ottawa.

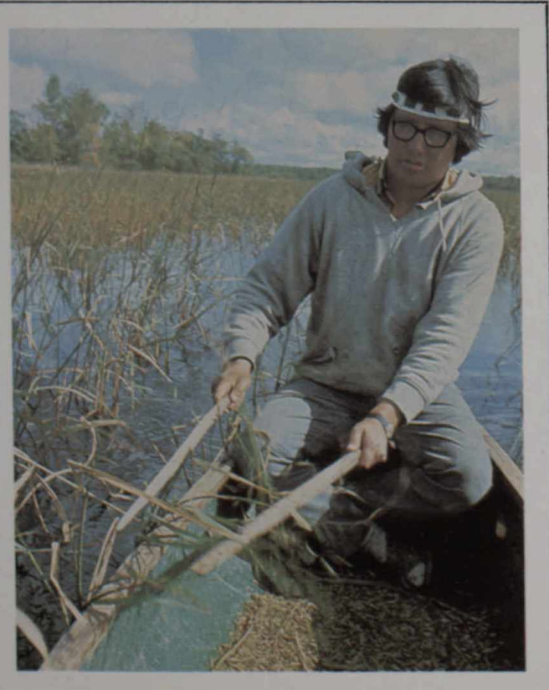
DAVE BONNER, 1971

C. W. PERKINS, 1978

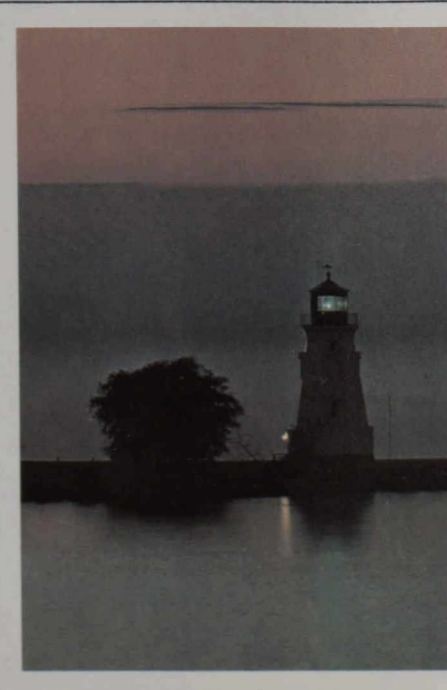


Route 23 west of High River, Alberta.

HENRY GORDILLO, 1979



Harvesting wild rice, Whiteshell Park, Manitoba.



Lighthouse, Port Dalhousie, Ontario.



Italian neighbourhood, Toronto, Ontario.