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A calendar for 1981 with at least
one great picture on every page.

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YUKON

The North, long considered the Canada of the Future, is now the Canada of Tomorrow.

It is a land of minerals, oil and natural gas which have brought money, men, machines and confusion to the once empty stretches of ice and lakes and evergreens.

It is also a land of beauty. This Yukon mountain reflected

in a lake suggests a surrealist painting. Turn it on its side and it could serve as a Rorschach test—one person sees a bat with folded wings, another a fish, a third a battleship, a fourth a duck in a poultry shop. It is, in fact, Rocky Sheep Mountain reflected in Kluane Lake. Dunkin Bancroft took the picture in 1978.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Eight Canadian provinces have outlets to the sea: British Columbia has the Pacific, the Maritimes and Newfoundland have the Atlantic, Ontario and Manitoba have Hudson Bay, and Quebec has the Bay and the St. Lawrence.

Many Canadians depend on the ocean for their livelihood, and some of those who live best depend on the lobster. It is a marine arthropod (that is, an animal with jointed legs) that moves nicely around the sea floor but

usually stays within three miles of its childhood home. Lobster fishermen use traps made of laths and netting, marked with their distinctive buoys and weighted with rocks. They are dropped in one to twenty fathoms of water and checked each day to keep the lobsters from eating one another.


These boats are putting out to sea from North Lake, Prince Edward Island. The photograph was taken by Brian King in 1978.

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 Easter / Passover
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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.

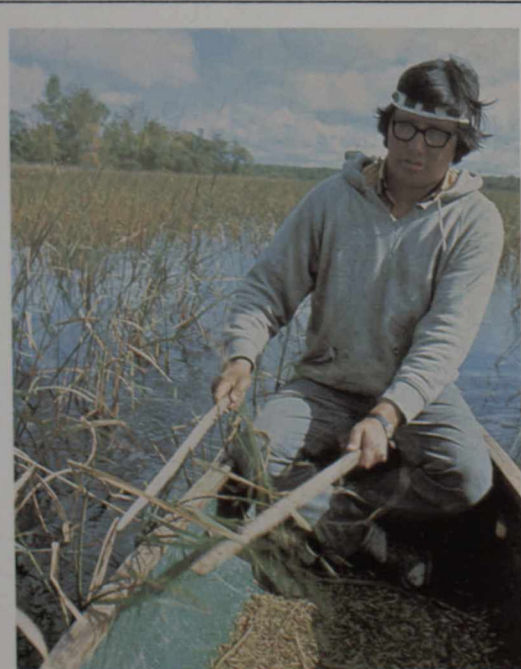
DAVE BONNER, 1971

C. W. PERKINS, 1978

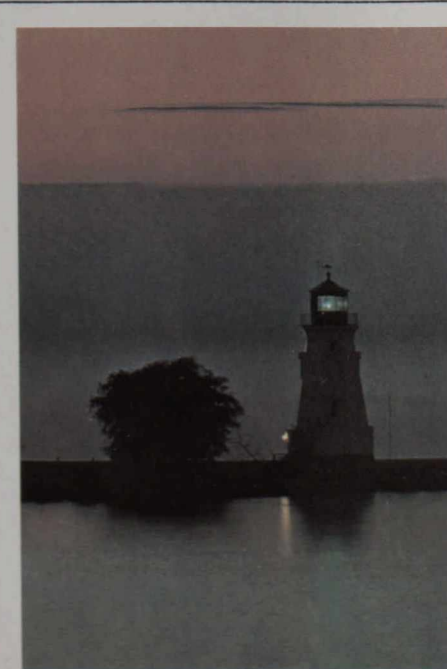


Route 23 west of High River, Alberta.

HENRY GORDILLO, 1979



Harvesting wild rice, Whiteshell Park, Manitoba.



Lighthouse, Port Dalhousie, Ontario.



Italian neighbourhood, Toronto, Ontario.



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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Most national parks in the United States, such as Yellowstone or Yosemite, have crowds of tourists, but at Auyuittug National Park on Baffin Island in the Northwest Territories there are just about no tourists at all. There are fjords, mountains, massive ice caps,

whales, narwhales, seals, walrus, polar bears, arctic foxes, caribou, snowy owls and whistling swans.

The only convenient way to see the park is by flying over it. Richard Vroom, who took this picture, did so in 1980.

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Juillet

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NEW BRUNSWICK

New Brunswick grows apples, strawberries, blueberries and green vegetables, but mostly it grows potatoes. Some end up as frozen french fries in boxes and some get packed in barrels. These few barrels hardly suggest the abundance, for each year Canada exports 321 million pounds of potatoes. Certified seed potatoes from New

Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are planted by satisfied farmers in fourteen countries all over the world.

This picture was taken by George Hunter in Drummond, New Brunswick, in 1975.

August

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SASKATCHEWAN

The settlers of Saskatchewan called the vast flatlands the bald-headed prairie, and not a tree broke the view from horizon to horizon. These prairies are not, however, homogeneous. The ones farthest south produce hardy grasses such as blue grama, june grass and spear grass. The ones to the north and east have the rich dark brown and black soils that give Saskatchewan its breadbasket reputation.

The first great harvests were in the 1860s after the pioneer farmers planted Red Fife, a hard spring wheat from the Ukraine. Unfortunately, it was susceptible to early frosts, but in 1911 researchers crossed it with Hard Red Calcutta, producing Marquis, which matured a week earlier and took care of that problem.

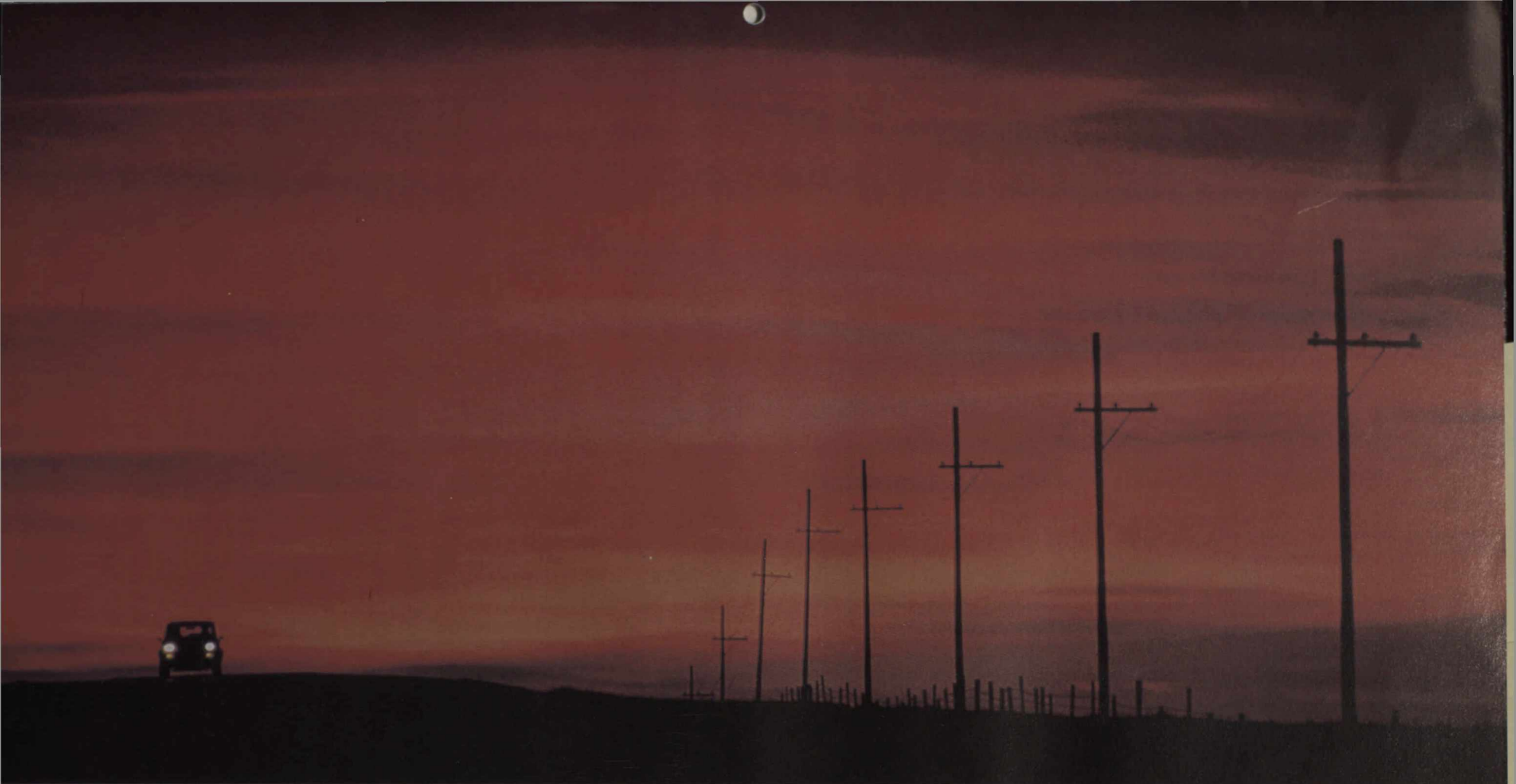
Ted Grant took this picture in 1971.

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ALBERTA

Canada is a vast land with scattered pockets of people. The Fathers of Confederation were able to bring the provinces together figuratively because they promised to bring them together literally. First it was done by rail—short lines connected Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes and, in time, transcontinental railways connected the East and British Columbia. More recently it has been by highways—the outports of Newfoundland that were

isolated for centuries are now linked by a great circular road that is part of Canada's transcontinental highway system.

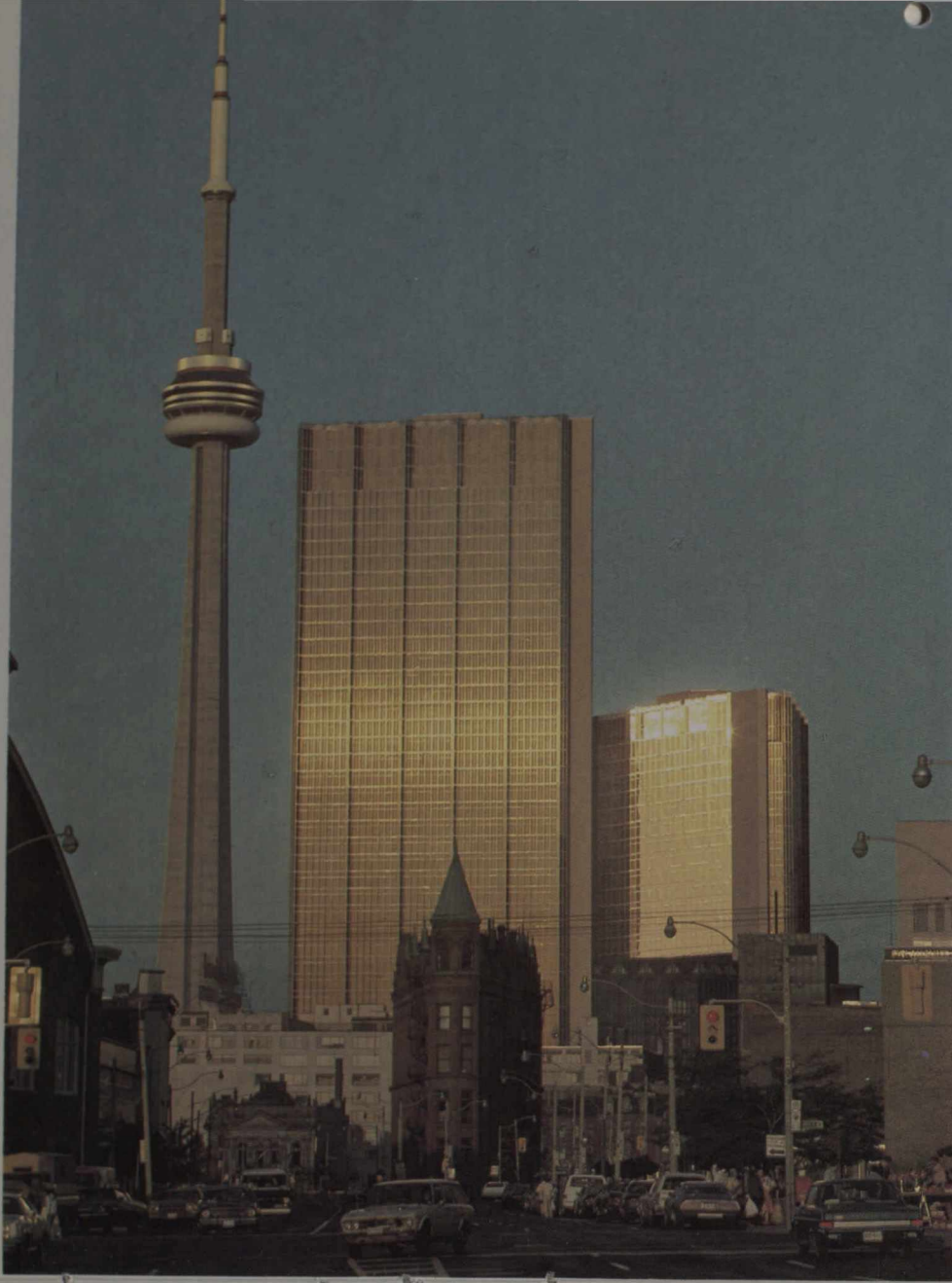
The roads in the west are flat and straight. In the evenings motorists, such as these moving between Lethbridge and Fort McLeod, Alberta, have spectacular sunsets before or behind them. Harold Clark took this picture in 1979.

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Octobre

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ONTARIO

The capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city has found its place in the sun. Toronto is often cited as an example of a North American city that works. It is the banking and business centre of Canada with pleasant downtown residential areas, a diversity of cultures and a rich variety of restaurants.

The slim building with the bulge is Canadian National Railway's communications tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the world. The Royal Bank Plaza glittering in the background is covered with gold leaf and glass.

The photographer was Douglas Fisher.

December

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Décembre

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