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## Canada's cultural mosaic reflected in diversity of church design

According to certain historical accounts, the Christmas tradition in Canada dates back to the arrival in 1534 of Jacques Cartier. The colonization of the New World brought many different European traditions and customs, among them the celebration of Christmas.

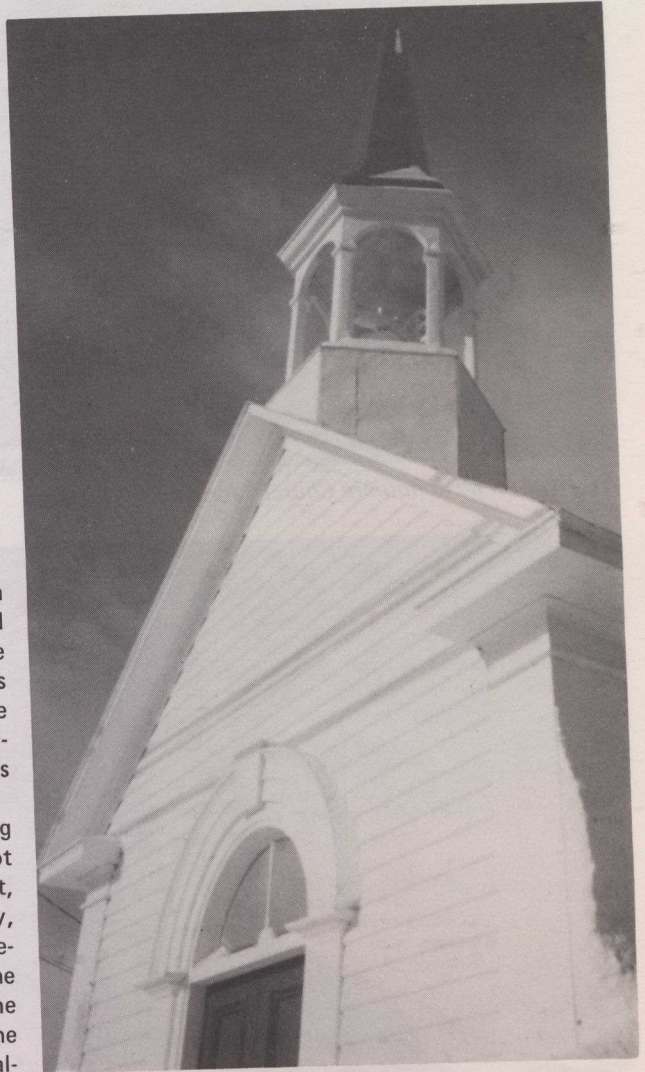
Christians arrived from Europe and built their churches. Soon afterwards, Indians who had converted to Christianity in New France began marking the feast of Christmas with celebrations of midnight mass and creations of nativity scenes displayed on church altars.

The first churches in Canada are of French origin and could date back to the Romanesque style with its purity of lines and undecorated interiors. The only exceptions are the handsome wood-carvings created as altar pieces.

Responsibility for building the early churches did not belong to one person. First, population size and density, as well as the region's resources were determined. The bishop would then select the site and orientation of the church. Then the mason calculated the height of the walls, the carpenter built the apse, spire, and roof, and the joiner created the interior decor.

Most settlers' churches were low, plain and functional structures. This style was adopted in rural areas of the Western provinces. However, the European influence was felt in larger cities across Canada, where the neo-gothic style was prevalent.

Church architecture of the European style was not suited to the harshness of the Canadian climate, however,



Canadian churches, such as this small chapel in Quebec, reflect the many different traditions that have made Canada a cultural mosaic.

so in the nineteenth century specialized architects, using modern techniques and materials, created a new style aesthetically as well as functionally adapted to the climate.

The celebration of the birth of Christ by ceremonial religious services is a popular tradition shared by many Canadian families who attend midnight services on Christmas eve.

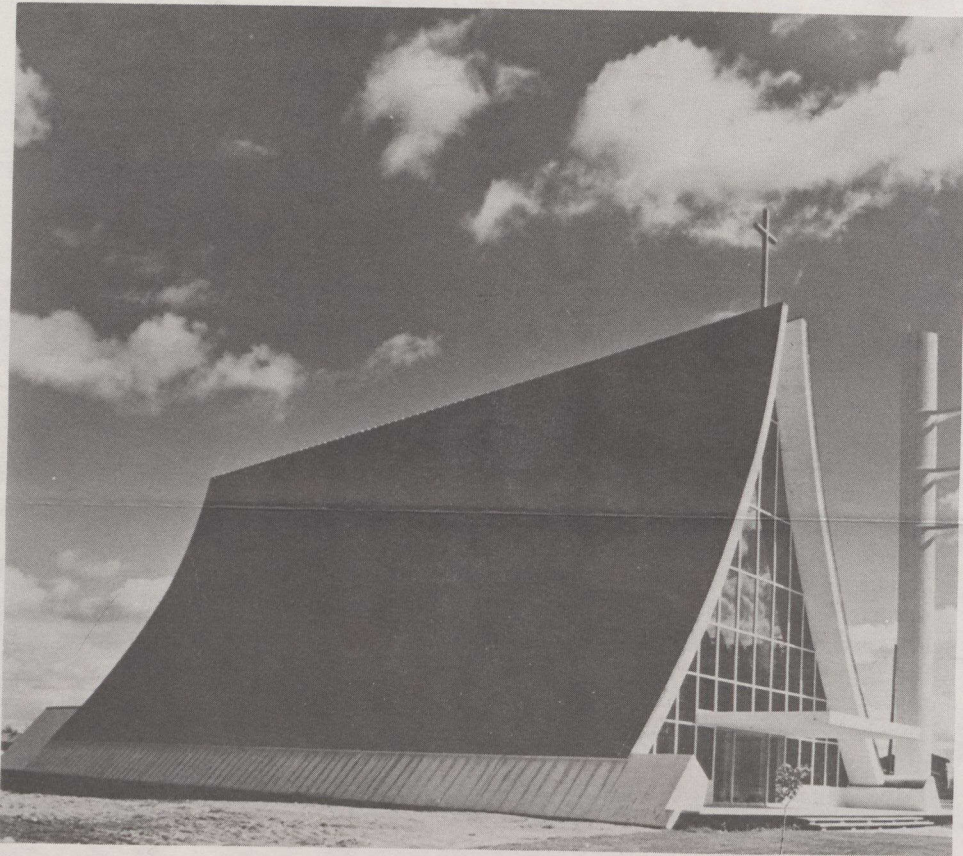


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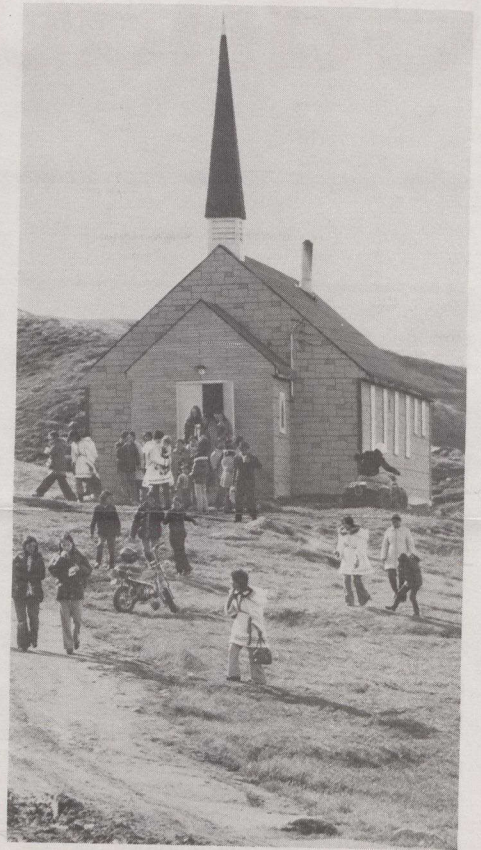


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*St. Raphael de Jonquière Church, Jonquière, Quebec.*



*Anglican Church, Northwest Territories.*



*Paroisse du Précieux Sang, Saint Boniface, Manitoba.*



*Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Catharines, Ontario.*

## PM satisfied with peace mission

Prime Minister Trudeau returned to Canada, December 4, following a 19-day tour of Asia and the Middle East. The aim of his visit was to inject a political will for peace and to seek support for his East-West peace initiatives.

Mr. Trudeau's trip included attendance at the Commonwealth Conference in New Delhi, India where his "peace plan" won the backing of Commonwealth leaders.

The Prime Minister also visited Peking where he met with Chinese Premier, Zhao Ziyang. As many other nations indicated, the Chinese said they supported Mr. Trudeau's efforts and urged him to continue. But they did not endorse his specific proposals, especially his call for a summit of the five nuclear powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — to discuss disarmament.

Like Britain and France, the other small nuclear powers, China believes that a five-power conference at this stage would divert attention from the main arena, the massive nuclear arsenals belonging to the two superpowers.

Mr. Trudeau said he was "very satisfied" with his meetings with West European, Japanese, Chinese and Commonwealth leaders.

Soon after Mr. Trudeau returned from his peace pilgrimage, the government's Speech from the Throne, delivered December 7 by Governor General Edward Schreyer, made peace the cornerstone of its legislative policy.

Warning that these are perilous times, that East-West tensions are rising, and that violence stalks many lands, "the pursuit of peace must be the paramount goal of mankind". The speech, expected to form the basis of Liberal party policy up to and including the next election, elevated peace to a level that international issues have seldom if ever enjoyed in Canada in recent years. Also, to help those Canadians who want to become personally involved, the government promised to increase financing for voluntary associations and research groups interested in security, arms control and disarmament.

Although the speech avoided specific mention of Mr. Trudeau's peace initiative, it promised "to continue to advance proposals to slow the steady spiral of the arms race, halt the spread of nuclear weapons and create the conditions for greater security at lower levels of armament".

## Season's greetings from Prime Minister Trudeau



*Mr. Trudeau's Christmas card this year shows the Prime Minister with his three sons (from left to right) Sacha age nine, Michel, eight and Justin, eleven.*



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

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I extend with great pleasure my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the readers of Canada Weekly.

For us, the holiday season has always been a special moment when we can gather to celebrate our faith and brotherhood. Spiritually, it is a time of new beginnings, and the one season of the year when kindness, generosity, and gaiety triumph.

I hope this will be the case again this year, when the message of goodwill sounds for all.

May the joys and blessings of this Christmas season be yours.

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The year in pictures — some highlights of 1983



(Top row, left to right): Toronto Transport Commission's new streetcar designed by Claude Gidman. — Dave Trumble, 116 years old, was born in 1867, the year of Confederation. — Montreal's Carole Laure and Nick Mancuso, stars of new film version of Maria Chapdelaine. — Minimax, a new office computer made by Extraordinateur Inc. which includes a bilingual word processor. — De Havilland's DASH 8 on maiden flight. (Middle row, left to right): Northern Telecom's new Harmony telephone which replaces the older dial telephones for basic residential service. — Ski champion Laurie Graham following her first World Cup downhill victory. — Jean-Louis Morin dances the title role in Norman's McLaren's last film, Narcissus. — Prime Minister Trudeau pledges his determination to ease East-West tension. — Calgary's \$100-million Saddledome built to accommodate activities during the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. — Disabled world

circumcyclist Richard Beecroft sets out on world-wide tricycle trip — Gabrielle Roy, leading French-Canadian novelist died at the age of 74. — Ski jumper Horst Bulau, placed second in the World Championships. (Bottom row, left to right): Prime Minister Trudeau (second from right) joins participants in the Williamsburg Economic Summit. — Wheelchair victim, Bob Brown, in voice-controlled wheelchair. — Canada's first fully-covered stadium built in Vancouver. — Brian Mulroney is sworn in as the new Member of Parliament, confirming him official leader of the Opposition. — An artificial island built in the Beaufort Sea is a base to study environmental control for the area. — Ultraflight Lazair, new twin-engine microlight craft. — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher enters the House of Commons with Prime Minister Trudeau before addressing a joint session of Parliament.

## Top honours for five civil servants

Gerald Bouey, governor of the Bank of Canada, has been awarded the top honour a public servant can earn in Canada.

Prime Minister Trudeau's office announced recently that Mr. Bouey was one of five senior Ottawa civil servants and diplomats to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada, presented at Rideau Hall by Governor General Edward Schreyer.

Mr. Bouey, already named to the Order of Canada, has been governor of the central bank since 1973.

Other recipients were:

- Deputy Finance Minister Marshall A. Cohen, a former Deputy Minister of Energy who helped draft the government's controversial national energy program;
- J. Alan Beesley, former Canadian ambassador to Australia who is Canada's ambassador to the International Law of Sea Conference;
- Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the United States; and
- Jean-Guy Sylvestre, who retired in November as national librarian.

## Ottawa teacher sets world record on jog across Canada

Kanchan Stott, a 37-year-old Ottawa music teacher, recently jogged her way into the record books completing the first cross-Canada run — and what she believes is the longest run of any kind — by a woman.

Almost seven months after she left Victoria, British Columbia on May 6, she ran the last few metres to Black Rock Beach in Halifax, Nova Scotia, accompanied by a policeman on horseback in a bitterly cold rain and sleet storm.

She poured a tiny vial of Pacific Ocean water into the Atlantic, a ritual she admitted was "fairly standard practice these days". Hers came from a point near mile Zero on the Trans-Canada Highway, which she followed for almost 7 000 kilometres. "Having travelled through all provinces in Canada, this water symbolizes the unity of our country," she said in a wind-blown ceremony before a handful of well-wishers, reporters and photographers. "I was looking for a challenge and running across Canada presented that," she said. "I did a lot of research and I am the first woman to run across Canada.



Michael Creagen

*Kanchan Stott celebrates successful cross-Canada trek in Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

Also, it establishes a world record for the longest distance run by a woman."

Tendinitis near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; a dog attack outside Sault Ste. Marie, Quebec; and leg injuries near Moncton, New Brunswick, disrupted a scheduled finish around the end of October.

To include all ten provinces, Ms. Stott detoured through Prince Edward Island but limited her crossing of Newfoundland to a trip through the Avalon Peninsula because she was so far behind schedule.

She said she attempted to run about 45 kilometres a day during the 207-day trip. Bad weather began to be a problem as she approached the New Brunswick border in Quebec province, she said.

## Canada's first astronauts chosen from 4 300 applicants



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Early morning telephone calls recently launched a woman and five men into careers as Canada's first astronauts. Only two of the six will actually go into space on the shuttle missions scheduled for late 1985 and early 1986; the others will act as backups. Here, five of the six candidates selected from 4 300 Canadians who applied for the job congratulate each other at a press conference. They are (from left to right): Bjarni Tryggvason, 38, of Ottawa; Roberta Bondar, 38, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Steven Maclean, 28, of Ottawa; Robert Thirsk, 30, of Montreal; and Marc Garneau, 34, of Ottawa. Kenneth Money, 48, of Toronto was missing from the photograph.

## Military aid to Uganda extended

Canada has agreed to continue its participation in the Commonwealth Military Training Assistance Program (CMTAP) until the end of March 1984, when Canadian involvement will terminate.

CMTAP was established in 1982 as a result of a request from President Obote of Uganda for Commonwealth assistance in retraining the Ugandan army. Since April 1982, a Canadian Forces medical contingent of three people has been in Jinja (near Kampala) training Ugandan army medical staff and providing medical care for the Commonwealth team.

## Historic Christmas cards on display

An exhibition entitled *1931 — Painters of Canada Series of Christmas Cards*, mounted in collaboration with Hallmark Cards Canada, opened recently at the Public Archives of Canada.

The exhibition highlights the recent acquisition by the Public Archives of an important part of the series which was published by William E. Coutts, the founder of Hallmark Cards Canada, and printed by Sampson-Matthews of Toronto.



*Solitude*, 1931 by *Lawren S. Harris*.

Included in the display are 77 silk-screen prints and proofs, produced for the 1931 "Painters of Canada" series, 12 unpublished silk-screen prints, as well as selected documentation. Twenty-six artists contributed to the series, among them several members of the Group of Seven, including Lawren Harris and A.J. Casson.

A.Y. Jackson, who encouraged William Coutts to issue the series saw it as a source of revenue for struggling artists. He also saw an excellent opportunity to create contemporary Canadian greeting cards. Launched during the Depression, however, the series proved to be a financial failure.

"Although the actual number of cards printed is uncertain," says Diane Tardif-Côté, an archivist with the Public Archives, "we do know that the price



*Christmas Morning*, 1931. *Serigraph* by *Frank C. Hennessey*.

ranged from \$37.50 to \$67.50 per one hundred cards and that only 25 to 50 copies of each were sold."

Nevertheless, the "Painters of Canada" series marked the beginning of an ongoing tradition for Hallmark Cards Canada and according to Michael

Chortyk, who took part in developing the series, it represents Mr. Coutts' greatest achievement with respect to style, processes and quality of product.

The exhibition *1931 — Painters of Canada Series of Christmas Cards* is open until January 8, 1984.

Public Archives photos



*Village Evening*, 1931. *Serigraph* by *A.J. Casson*.

## Sweet sounds of music from young violinist



Violinist Heidi Bickis, age 4, is the star-performer at a recent music recital in Ottawa.

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### News briefs

The second session of the Canada-Gabon Joint Commission was held in Ottawa, November 30 to December 1, during which Canada and Gabon reviewed the various components of their bilateral relations, in particular in the economic field. The delegations also exchanged views on important issues of international and regional interest to both countries.

The first Canadian oil and gas equipment mission to Mexico took place from December 5-7. Led by Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, the mission included 24 Canadian manufacturers of oil and gas equipment. In Mexico, Mr. Regan met with Ramon Beteta, general manager of Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), Mexico's national oil company.

The vacancy rate in private rental apartment buildings with six or more units in 24 Canadian cities dropped to 2.9 per cent in October from 3.1 per cent six months earlier. One year ago the rate was 2.4 per cent; two years ago, 1.4 per cent. The federal government's Canadian Home Ownership Stimulation Plan, providing \$3 000 grants to home buyers, has helped reverse that last figure; 26 000 grants were approved in two years. Currently, the vacancy rate ranges from 0.04 per

cent in Ottawa-Hull and Thunder Bay, Ontario to 12.7 per cent and 9.9 per cent in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta.

Over two million important business names, from four data bases, are now available through Info Globe, the online information division of Toronto's *The Globe and Mail*. The data bases maintained by Canada Systems Group, are: Corporate names, with summary information on over 2 million federal and provincial incorporations and business names; Canadian Federal Corporations and Directors, with information on 125 000 federally incorporated companies; Inter-Corporate Ownership; and Trade Marks, with information on over 200 000 registered and pending trade marks.

Native people now dominate the Northwest Territories legislature, following the recent election. Inuit, Métis and Indians won 13 of the 24 Territorial Council seats. Council meets in January to choose its leader and seven other members of the executive.

Inco Ltd. of Toronto has received its first order from a ten-year contract to supply nickel oxide to the new Talent Metal Corp., Taiwan. Delivery of 10 000 tonnes, valued at over \$50 million (US), is to be made by 1986. Inco has a 30 per cent interest in Talent Metal and supplies

process and engineering technology.

Du Pont Canada Inc. of Montreal is moving to a new product, hydrogen peroxide, a bleach for pulp and paper and many other industries. A \$75-million plant will be built within Du Pont's existing complex in Maitland, near Brockville, Ontario where energy efficiency and other services there make the proposed plant feasible. Start-up is scheduled for 1986 for an annual capacity of 36 million kilograms, mainly for export to the north eastern United States.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$10-million (US) line of credit agreement with Korea Exchange Bank (KEB) of Seoul, Republic of Korea. The line of credit will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in the Republic of Korea by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank. It is expected that the main application of the lines of credit will be to support small- and medium-sized export contracts of goods and services. Korea Exchange Bank is the leading internationally-oriented bank in the Republic of Korea and operates more than 60 branches throughout the country. Korea Exchange Bank of Canada is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Korea Exchange Bank Incorporated in Canada under the Bank Act.

Canada Post recently launched its national Santa Claus Letter Program and recruited young patients at Ottawa's Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario to help answer the Christmas wishes of millions of children. Canada Post president Michael Warren says he expects Santa to receive more than a million letters this year and those that include a return address will receive a reply. Letters are addressed to Santa Claus, c/o North Pole, Canada. And the postal code: H0H 0H0.

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