

What's at Moosonee? At Moose Factory?

Although 12 miles from the open waters of the famed James Bay, Moosonee is Ontario's entry-way to the arctic. (Six foot tides twice a day help to remind the visitor of this.) Planes come and go from the riverfront or the busy new airstrip.

You can visit the James Bay education centre, an experiment in Frontier schooling. Near the docks on the riverfront, a new Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Revillon museum tells about early Moosonee history. There is no charge.

Also, a train museum Natural Resources car is located near the ONR station.

Along the river front are the Rupert House canoes which will take you across to Moose Factory Island or out to the bay itself if you have the time. This island is where the history of the English-speaking Ontario began more than 300 years ago. The Hudson's Bay Company trading post established in 1673 is still the heart of the island settlement.

Today's Hudson Bay Stores are part of the oldest department store chain in the

world. An exciting historical museum recalls the life and adventures of those three centuries.

Its main building is flanked by the ancient blackshop, one of the oldest buildings in the province, the HBC powder magazine, each with appropriate displays, and one of the island's first graveyards.

Nearby are the Anglican mission, its picturesque church with holes bored in the floor to keep it from "wandering" during high water "breakup" in spring and The Canadian Government hospital serving the Indians and Eskimos of the great Bays.

IT IS ESSENTIAL that visitors wishing to stay overnight at Moosonee, to take planes or extended boat trips, make reservations well in advance. Accommodations are limited.

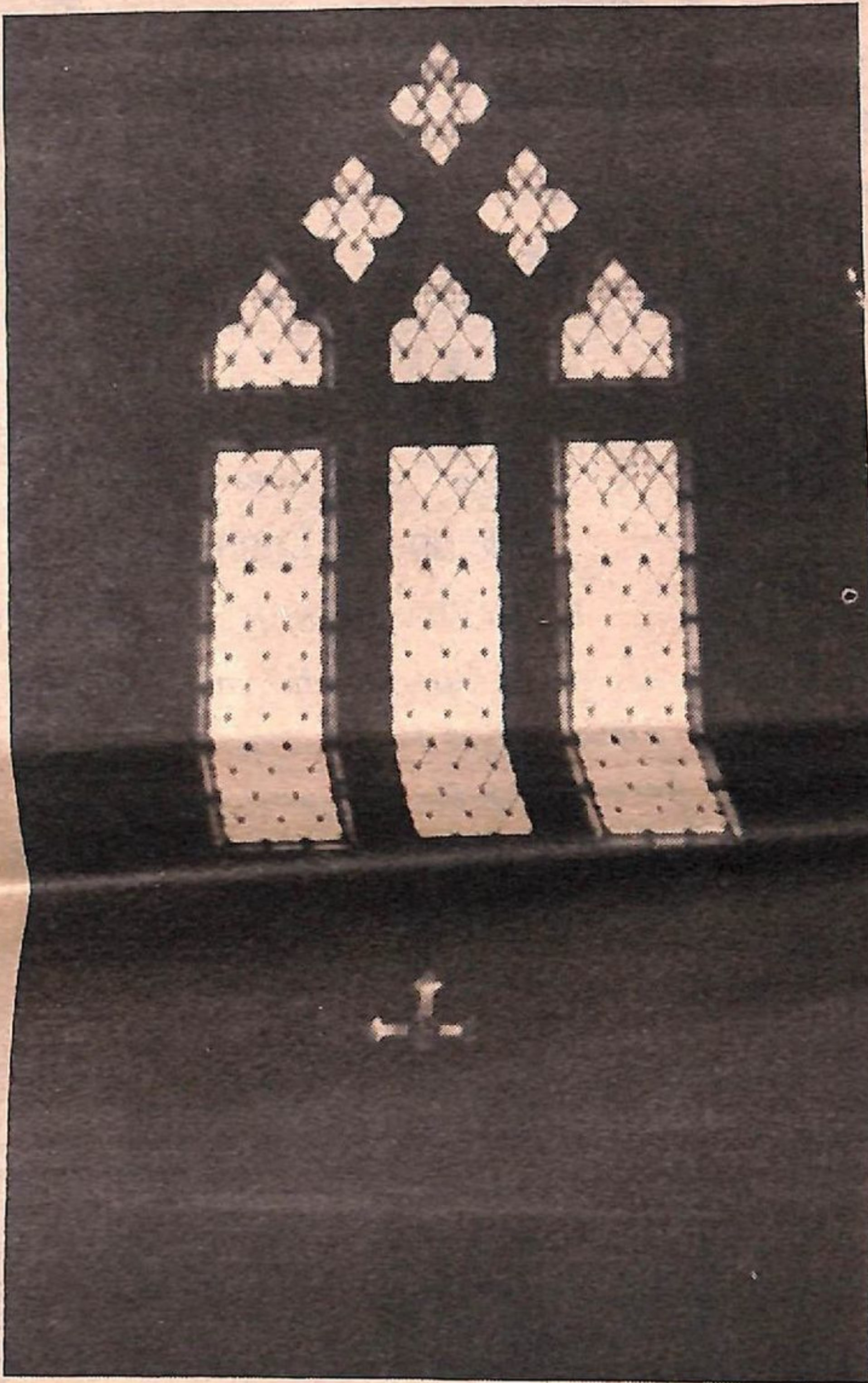
DID YOU KNOW? that James Bay is named for Captain Thomas James, who explored the west coast in 1631, wintering on Charlton Island.

A plaque honouring his memory stands on the Moosonee riverfront. Hudson Bay was explored by Henry Hudson in 1610. A plaque at Moose Factory recalls his exploit, tragically ended when a mutinous crew cast him, his son and seven other, adrift in a boat, to disappear forever.



Let's go

While walking down the main street in Moose Factory, one can find native children passing the time doing almost anything a child may think of. These children had the opportunity of riding in a homemade wheelbarrow.



Stained glass

The St. Thomas church in Moose Factory was built in 1858 and was the only church to be pushed off its foundations in Canada. Inside one will be transmuted into the past. At the altar one could look down the aisle and see the long history of the church. The stained glass window adds to the beautiful surroundings.

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