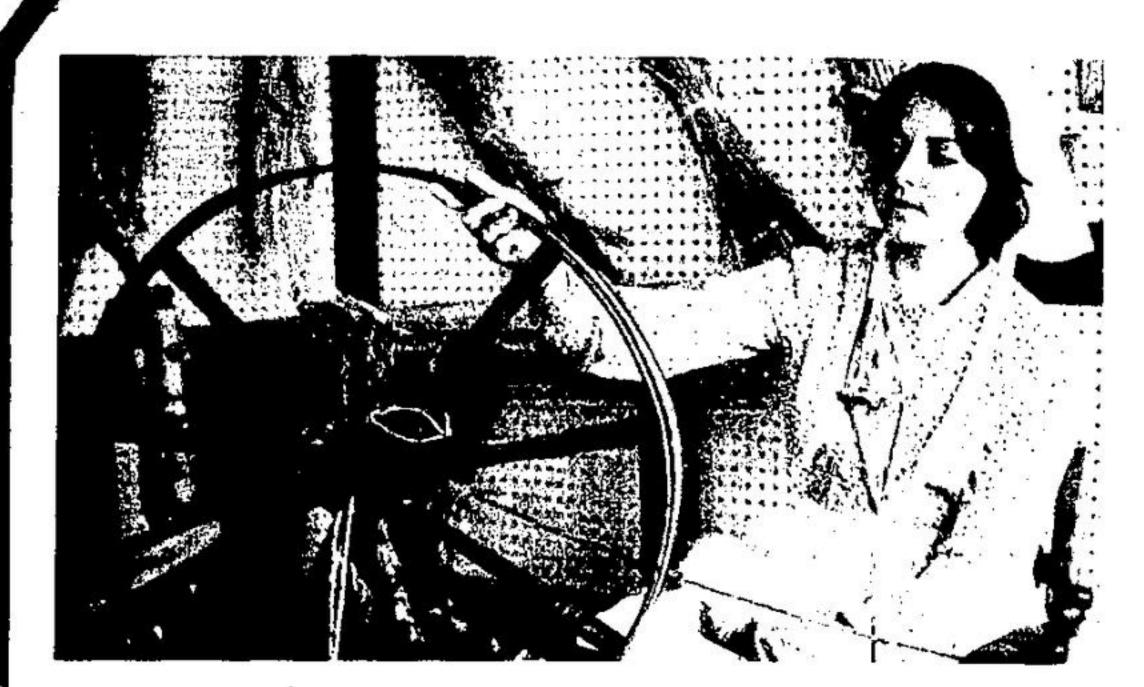
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Visit an Acadien Village cira 1725

Not science fiction, but science fact. It is estimated that some 10,000 tourists to New Brunswick during 1977 will be taken 200 years back in time to re-live the lifestyle of Acadien settlers.

No, the time travel won't be accomplished by some new type of apparatus. It is made possible by a careful reconstruction of the past unequalled elsewhere in Canada.

New Brunswick's Village Historique Acadien will be opening this summer after several years of preparation. A project sponsored by the provincial government, Village Historique Acadien is the result of a decade of planning and sci-

entific research into Acadien history . . . then, care; ful reconstruction of the village site using construction techniques, materials and tools of 200-250 years

Village Historique Acas -

dien differs from other "pioneer villages." The New Brunswick village is located out of sight and sound of major roads and other evidence of modern life. . . Visitors to New Brunswick's Village Historique Acadien will have to leave their cars a fair distance from the village itself and either walk into the 18th Century or take the ox cart transportation provided from the parking lot. Located between Grand Anse and Car-

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aquet in New Brunswick's northern Gloucester County, the Village Historique Acadien is set in several thousand acres surrounded by woodlands. The village site itself measures more than 1-1/2 square miles in area and includes several farms, churches, a tavern, school, general store, judge's house and erafts-

men's shops. All village staff are dressed in Acadien costumes dating back from 1700 to 1750 and from the visitor's point of view are villagers going about their daily tasks. At Village Historique Acadien you can truly drop out of the 20th Century for a day with never a reminder of modern life:

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The Acadiens were the first true European settlers in Canada. As early as 1604 the French settled in what is now Nova Scotia . . . which the French called La Cadie ... in the area of the Anna-

polis Valley. With this first

hardy group of pioneers was a young man, a mapmaker. later to achieve fame as one of the world's greatest explorers, Samuel de Champlain. The "La Cadiens" were not only hardy, but also of unquenchable high spirits and optimism. During the first years of colonization when harvests were uncertain and the Acadiens were learning how to adapt to maccustomed cold in Canada, famine and sickness were never very distant. Yet, in the face of these difficulties the French colonists formed the Order of Good Times, the first community service club in North America, Members were required to create banquets out of whatever edible material was at hand and. no matter what the discouragement or tragedy, to create for a few short hours an atmosphere of carefree party time. The Order of Good Times worked. The Acadiens survived the first years and by the 1750's had established a garden colony in Nova Scotia.

Then tragedy struck. Nova Scotia was by that time under British rule and the decision was made in London to deport the Acadiens and turn over their orchards and farms to incoming English colonists. This happened in 1755. Some 18,000 Acadiens were expelled from their beloved La Cadie and deported to Virginia or to the British Isles. A unique selfsufficient and obstinately French-speaking society was dismembered.

At home neither in Virginia nor in the British Isles, Acadiens began returning to Canada. By 1763 many had settled in northern New Brunswick to begin again in "New La Cadie". The desendants of these transplainted Acadiens populate northern New Brunswick now and account for the fact that 40 per cent of New Bruns-

wickers are Francophone. Village Historique Acadien is a fitting monument to these stubbornly optimistic first Canadian colonists. The restoration of Acadien lifestyle has been faithfully accomplished by the most scientific historical research and hand craftsmanship using only authentic tools and materials. Whenever possible, buildings actually duting from the Acadien period were relocated to the Village site and restored to original condition. New Brunswick was combed by researchers and some 50 suitable buildings were discovered. So, in most

This summer, if you're planning a trip to the Maritimes, don't miss the opportunity to take in a little time travel in Village Historique Acadien.

cases, the visitor to Village

Historique Acadien will not

see reconstruction, but will be able to see "the real

thing" carefully restored.

A fast growing sun destination - Cuba

CUBA IS ONE OF THE SUN SPOTS WHICH CANADIANS HAVE SUDDENLY DISCOVERED. Well over 50,000 vacationers from Canada -- mostly in their late thirties and forties, but some younger and older - will jet there this year, making Castro's island one of the most popular "sun, sea and surf" destinations.

It's all happened in a few years, this Cuban attraction. It began a bit before Prime Minister Trudeau's celebrated visit two years ago, but tourism was just a trickle then. Now there's a flood of Canadian arrivals during our dreary winter, and there's a steady flow during the summer too.

What's the big draw? CERTAINLY THE NIGHT LIFE ISN'T DAZZLING. Castro nationalized the brightest lights of Havana those former American gambling hotels; cleaned out prostitution; put clothes on the chorus girls; and even banned tipping. So travellers who want a lot of sparkle after dark head for Puerto Rico.

Cuba's hotels and villas are far from Canadian-style luxury, and the food is interestingly local, simple yet sufficient. Cuba's economy leaves no room for prime grade beef imports!

So what's in Cuba to rave about, then? It seems the people and the pace are just right, and the price is

TODAY'S CUBAN IS PROUD, which means he serves Canadian tourists cheerfully, even though at less than lightning speed. Servility disappeared with tipping tboth could make an amazingly fast comeback, how-

For vacationers the pace of Cuban living is languorous. Possibly not back to the old manana days, for there's an underlying tempo and sense of purpose in modern Cuba, but still a lot more relaxing than in Toronto or Montreal. Maybe it's the southing sound of surf and breezes in the palms that does it.

The price of a week or two in Cuba, everything included, is somewhat less than in the neighboring islands when you consider the total package usually including all meals. Up to 30 percent less for comparable packages in some cases. But the people who are going to Cuba aren't primarily holiday bargain-hunters; they could afford to pay more.

Mostly they went to Cuba hoping to escape the crass over-commercialism and rip-offs of several other sun destinations. And in opting for the difference that Cubaoffers, they were also curious about how the Cubans' "social experiment" is working out.

RETURNING CANADIANS MAY NOT HAVE ANY CLEAR-CUT ANSWERS about Castro-style socialism, but in general they come back tanned, relaxed and convinced that a no-tipping regime has something going for it.

FOR \$13 A DAY, UNLIMITED MILEAGE, visitors to these tiny Dutch islands in the Caribbean can, and do, rent donkeys.

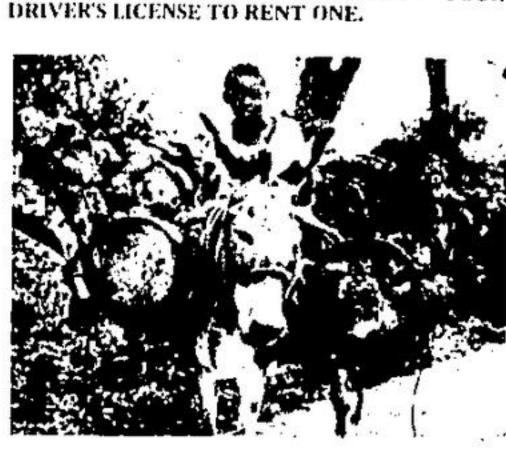
St. Eustatius and Saba, the two little sister islands of St. Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles, lend themselves particularly to a donkey promenade. The pace of life (leisurely) - and the terrain (sometimes steep) - make the rent-a-donkey business very popular with visitors. All eight square miles of St. Eustatius can be explored

from its Atlantic to Caribbean beaches without ever having to get into a car. Though the area is small, the history it covers is centuries old and fascinating.

YOU CAN CLOP CLOP YOUR WAY among the ruins of Lower Town, Oranjestad, that bustled with industry 200 years ago.

You can let your transportation refuel on hibiscus leaves while you browse among the tombstones of the second oldest Jewish cemetary in the Western Hemisphere or in the ancient ruins of the Dutch Reformed Church.

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money. If you're a speculator, you're in for a disappointment. The Yapese won't sell any of these unique monetary units, so the only flier you can take is on Air Micronesia tan affiliate of Continental Airlines) which will jet you south from Guam 600 miles to this remote little community.

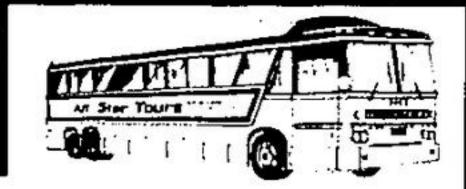
When you get there, you'll see money everyplace just lying around in front of people's huts. But nobody's going to come sneaking around and make off with it a not unless they can sneak with a crane. The stone money comes as big as eight feet in diameter and weighs about as much as your car. The smaller pieces are maybe three feet across and only weigh about 75 pounds, but they're still not something you slip into your pocket when nobody's looking. What's more, traditional Yapese dress is "thus" for the men (a type of loin cloth) and grass skirts for the women, so nobody has



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