

Vacation Guide

Bridging Canada's time gaps

By DALE CALLINGHAM

There are time gaps in Canada. In Burnaby, British Columbia, for example, visitors pass through the white picket fence surrounding Heritage Village and suddenly they're in the early 19th century.

Heritage Village Museum is a genuine re-creation of a pioneer settlement. Like many others across Canada, it takes visitors back to another era and shows them, in authentic detail, what life was like in a particular region at a particular time.

Heritage Village represents a typical community in British Columbia's lower mainland between 1890 and 1925. Visitors roam the streets and drop in on various "families", stores, blacksmith shop, photographer's gallery and other businesses. Costumed guides answer questions and explain how people lived and worked in British Columbia's early days.

Like most restored settlements, buildings representative of the era had to be moved to the site from other parts of the province. Seldom does such a collection already exist intact. An exception in Sherbrooke Village in Nova Scotia.

One hundred years ago, Sherbrooke was a prosperous river port; today, it stands exactly as it did then. The only changes were the removal of disfiguring alterations added to the buildings over the years.

Sherbrooke is also a rarity in that people actually live there. The Nova Scotia Museum, which runs the historic site, is gradually buying the private homes as they come up for sale, restoring them to historical accuracy and opening them to the public. In the meantime, remaining residents hang "private" signs on their doors and gates.

Most of Canada's living museums demonstrate traditional crafts and activities. At Muskoka Pioneer Village in Huntsville, Ontario, women explain how, in the 1800s, settlers made dye for wool from various flowers and vegetables, and demonstrate how they spun the wool. The resulting knitted goods are sold in the general store up the road.

The general store is one of the most interesting of the settlement's 13 buildings. In use right up until 1953, many of the store's permanent displays, dating to about 1880, were found in the attic when the structure was moved from its original site. Other items are for sale - home-made jams, jellies and relishes, delicious lemonade, licorice and candy sticks, and the wool and other crafts made by village staff.

At Upper Canada Village, in Morrisburg, Ontario, freshly-baked bread and cheese, made the old-fashioned way, are sold on the site, while people like the blacksmith, cabinet-maker and newspaper printer show visitors how chores and crafts were handled more than a century ago.

In many cases, it's the staff at Canada's historic settlements that add the final, most convincing touch of reality to the time gaps. To take full advantage of the facilities, guests should chat with them - their problems and humor are exactly as they would have been decades ago.

At Heritage Park in Calgary, Alberta, the minister's wife is perturbed because her coal stove is smoking and the house is chilly; the newspaperman, covered with ink, seems cranky at first and complains he's "busy as all get-out", but get him talking and he's a charmer.

The old miner, in his shack on the outskirts of town, particularly loves discussing the life and times of mineral-seekers like himself - his only companion is an Indian-garbed mannequin who, the old gentleman says, "is not much company."

Heritage Park is one of the larger pioneer villages, covering 24.3 ha (60 acres) and containing almost 100 buildings.



Toronto's Black Creek Pioneer Village shows visitors what life was like in Ontario during the 19th century.

(Canadian Government Office of Tourism Photo)

ness and relaxation. But nowhere is this more evident than at Black Creek Pioneer Village where the startling

contrast of nearby Toronto, Ontario's cosmopolitan capital city, emphasizes the settlement's tranquility.

Black Creek represents a typical Ontario crossroads community 100 years ago. Particular noteworthy in this village is the Dalziel Barn Museum, constructed in 1809, which contains the country's largest collection of 19th-century toys, displays of a sugar bush and of flax processing, and an exhibit of wood carvings.

These are just a few of Canada's pioneer villages, all have managed to achieve that often-elusive goal of being entertaining and educational at the same time, and make an excellent way for the entire family to pass a morning or day. Most are open in spring through summer; others, all year - visitors should check dates and times of the individual time gaps they plan to enter.

ings. Like Burnaby's settlement, it doesn't portray a particular town, but does accurately reflect a western Canadian community before 1914.

Canada's replica settlements illustrate almost every culture and time period in the country's history. In New Brunswick, it's interesting to compare Acadian Village, near Caraquet, which relives the story and lifestyle of the province's early French pioneers, with Kings Landing Historical Settlement, near Fredericton, which portrays English Loyalist life at approximately the same time.

Both sites reveal the hardiness required of Canada's settlers between 1780 and 1880, but the relatively more comfortable homes of the Loyalists the crockery, cutlery, tools, furniture and fabrics, and indicate that life was somewhat easier for them than for their French neighbors to the north.

Both villages are almost completely self-sustaining, with work carried on in full view of visitors. Walking in the winding lanes and exploring the various structures, guests see pioneer women weaving or cooking, men farming or building, children helping their parents or playing, and animals grazing.

The smell spices in the general store, dinners cooking on stoves and the freshness of cedar shingles newly cut. They hear the steady thump of spinning wheel, the healthy crack of a well-placed hammer or axe and the sound of joviality at the local drinking spot.

Such authenticity is a main objective of most of Canada's pioneer villages. At Acadia Village, even the tools used in restoring the buildings are the same instruments original Acadians would have used.

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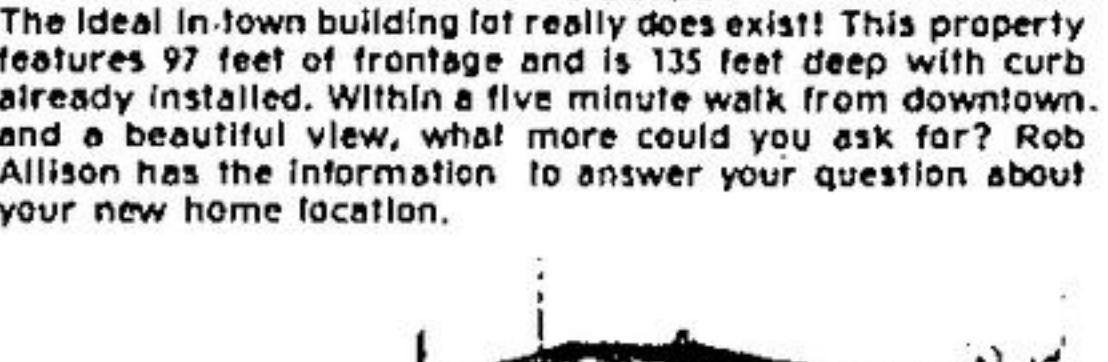
DETACHED - \$42,900.00

This 2 storey home with 3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, family room, double drive is only 5 minutes to "GO" Train. Call Sandra Hurley for more information.



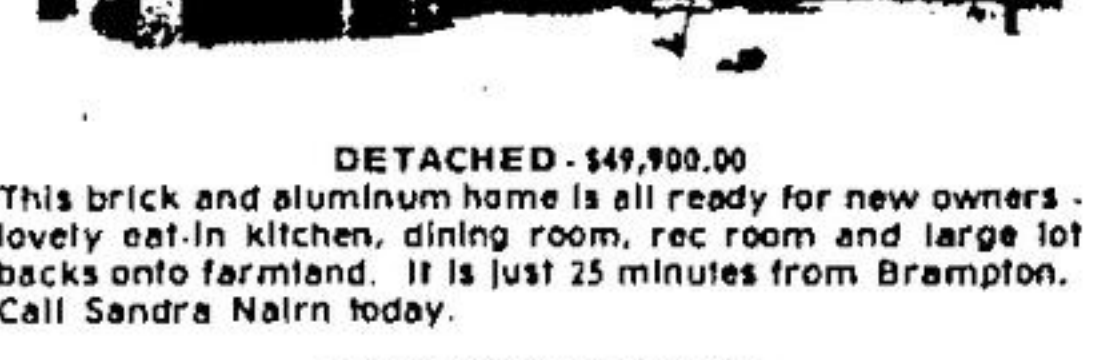
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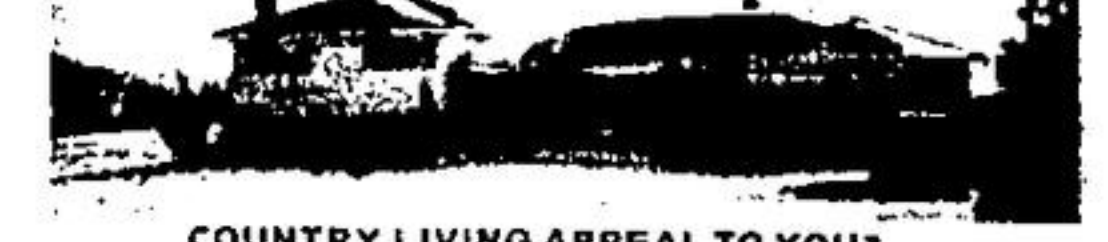
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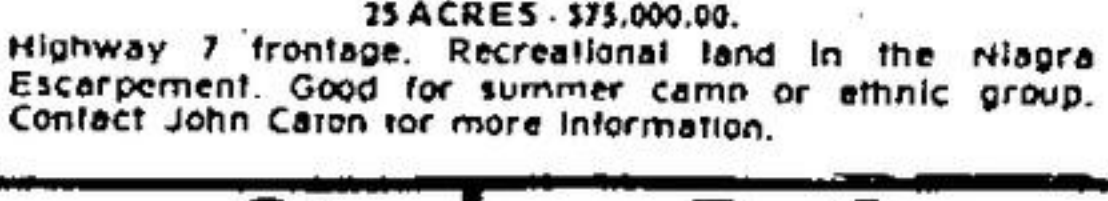
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This brick and aluminum home is all ready for new owners - lovely eat-in kitchen, dining room, rec room and large lot backs onto farmland. It is just 25 minutes from Brampton. Call Sandra Nairn today.



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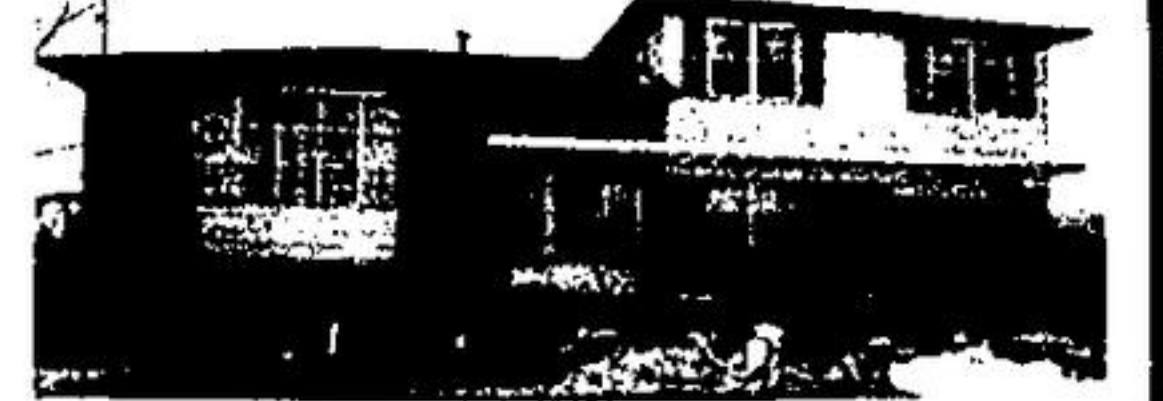


COME FEAST YOUR EYES...

...on this custom built large executive home on a gorgeous ravine lot in town. It comes in three's: 3 fireplaces, 3 walkouts and it can be yours in just 3 easy steps. Inspect, make your decision and buy! Call Arlene Shortill-Wannop for more information.

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GORGEOUS DETACHED
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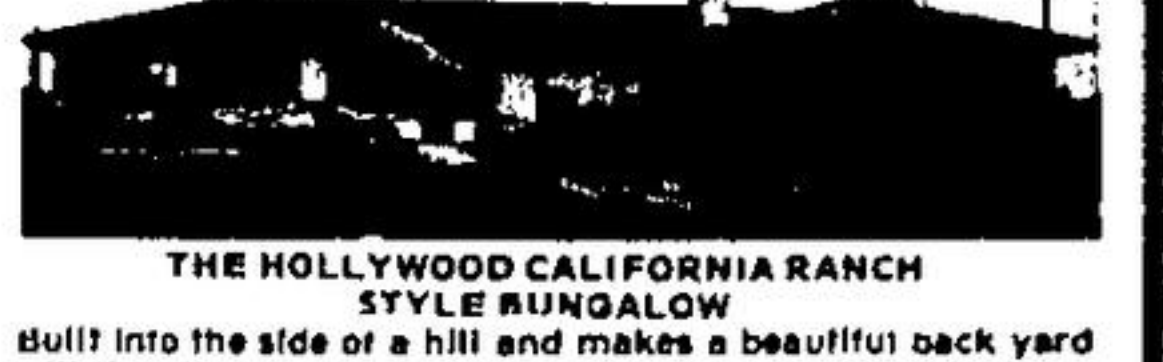
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