

Maritime Trip Day 17 September 08, 2010 57 degrees F, drizzle

There was a spectacular sunrise this morning over the bay where the campers are parked at the KOA in Cornwall! We were off today in the rental car to explore Prince Edward Island. We headed Northwest towards Cavendish about 50 kilometers away. The country side is lush and hilly with lots of farms and old country-type houses. We stopped at The Little Church at Beaver Run. It was built by the Bible Christians about 1860 and has been bought & sold four times! It was moved to its present location in 1997 and opened for "Quiet meditation to all who wish to drop in". The church is dedicated to St. Christopher-the Patron Saint of travelers. It is being refurbished by private individuals.

On the scenic tour next was the Dalvay By the Sea Inn. Built in 1865, this Victorian style 26 room Inn was once a private home! It had a warm fire burning in the sitting room! We all wanted to grab our books and curl up for the afternoon!

The Great Canadian Soap Company at Brackley Beach was next—really a goat farm with a small cottage industry that makes goats milk soap. We had fun feeding the goats and the kids (baby goats)! We tried shopping at the Island Preserve Company but 4 tour busses beat us there so we moved on to the Farmers' Bank of Rustico. It operated from 1864-1894 as the first people's bank and is credited with being the 'precursor of the credit union movement'. This community was settled by the Acadians from France.

Lunch was interesting at Skipper's Cafe & Fishing Museum in North Rustico Harbor. Fishing for mussels, crabs and lobster is the main industry in this part of the island. Lorene & I shared a Lobster Panini—a first for us both!