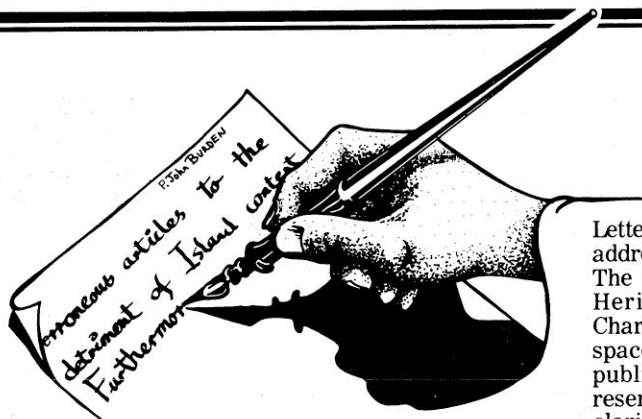


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# Letters to the Editor



Letters should be mailed, with your name and address, to The Editor, *The Island Magazine*, The Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation, 2 Kent St., Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 1M6. Because of space limitations, it may not be possible to publish all letters. The Magazine also reserves the right to edit for length and clarity.

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## Suggestions

Congratulations on the improved presentation of the Magazine, especially the better quality of paper and more imaginative layout, which makes much better use of the potential of offset printing processes. While my thoughts are turned in this direction, the Island Railroad must surely provide material for an article or articles covering something other than the political and economic storms caused by it. I don't recall offhand having read anything very much on the nature of its early motive power or rolling stock—or for that matter its working practices. Another subject that interests me, but which I have yet to see featured other than incidentally (in *The Island Magazine* or elsewhere), is Island brickworks and stone quarries and the outlets for their products. Obviously the former must have been of fair importance 100-200 years ago, so could we learn something about them please?

Rev. John MacLeod  
Portmahomack, Scotland

I would like to offer my congratulations on the Summer, 1985 issue of *The Island Magazine*. The new cover stock makes the Magazine more attractive and the use of the inside covers and the redesigned title page bring more life to a format which had become decidedly boring. I still think that the general design suffers from what I can only describe as a sombre clutter and this, in turn, gives the Magazine an old-fashioned air that

may turn some readers away. At least, that is what I think.

There are a number of suggestions for types of articles or features that I would like to make. This, after all, is a Magazine that is published by a museum of man and nature and I would like to see some token gesture to the *museum* part of this. For example, the provincial collection is always growing and it would be interesting to have short features on significant acquisitions. Since we claim to care for heritage in all its forms and support its preservation, it would be rather useful for the readers of the Magazine to see short features that would give them brief, practical information on how to take care of their old photographs, furniture, heirlooms, and even their family dwellings. A half page, presenting an interesting folksong with its words, music, and background would be appreciated by many readers. And why has the provincial museum never used the Magazine to acquaint the public with its various interesting historical sites by inserting exciting, well-illustrated articles on places like Green Park, Orwell Corner, Basin Head, and Elmira? How many people even know that *The Island Magazine* and these sites are all aspects of the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation? If this issue is indicative of future ones then we are all in for a treat.

R. Porter  
Charlottetown

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## Superlatives

My parents came from Prince Edward Island and I have been there

several times with my wife. We think it is the most beautiful place we have ever been. I wish to thank the staff of *The Island Magazine* for publishing a superb magazine! I am anxious to get all the back issues and all future ones, too.

Robert J. Darrah  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

*Back issues of all previous issues are still available.*

I enjoy the Magazine so much. I am a native of Alberton and so I read every word and I have each issue. Keep up the good work.

Helen Peek  
Scarborough, Ontario

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## Maple Leaves

I am the eldest living son of Michael A. McInnis, who is covered in Professor Robb's article. There are at least 100 descendants in this area.

Edwin McInnis  
Oakland, California

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## Genealogy

As always your Magazine is anxiously awaited and appreciated. Your genealogy articles, ship listings, etc. are especially interesting and informative to we amateur genealogists.

Mrs. Dennis Breton  
Rumford, Maine