

# EXPLORER

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## Province House and Confederation Centre

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The Duchess of Cornwall, wearing a light green coat ensemble with a scarf coordinating to the colours of the Prince Edward Island flag, and The Prince of Wales, attired in a grey, double-breasted suit, visited Province House in Charlottetown, PEI in the morning to attend a Youth Parliament Debate. They were led into the provincial legislature, a small room with high ceilings and a semi-circular balcony for the public gallery.

Their Royal Highnesses sat at a table to watch more than a dozen youth parliament members debate issues important to Canada's young people. Watching intently, they laughed when one youth Opposition member noted he didn't have an interest in politics. The debate was also shown on a large screen to the crowd assembled outdoors.

Following the debate, The Royal Couple met with the young participants and were led into the library where they were presented with a print of a painting depicting the Charlottetown Conference. They signed the guest book and toured the chamber where the Fathers of Confederation met.

As Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, left Province House, they were presented with flowers and went on a brief walkabout to shake hands and talk with people who had waited patiently in the light drizzle to meet them. Afterwards, they proceeded next door to the Confederation Centre of the Arts where The Prince of Wales delivered the second of four speeches scheduled for the 2014 Royal Tour. He was presented with the Symons Medal for his contributions to Canada by Professor Thomas Symons. The Royal Couple then unveiled a plaque commemorating the 50th anniversary of Confederation Centre of the Arts.

Before leaving, Their Royal Highnesses took a brief tour of the Confederation Centre of the Arts and met with an actress playing Anne of Green Gables. Afterwards, Prince Charles departed for Holland College, and Camilla left for a visit to the Prince Edward Home, a nursing home/manor for long-term care for those in need.

