

The C.P.R. Superintendent's Residence

117-12th Ave. S.
Constructed 1901



The newspapers of the day were ecstatic that this home was being built, for it reaffirmed the fact that the CPR had enough faith in the future of Cranbrook to make it the divisional point for the Crowsnest branch of the railway. The CPR intended to put their money where their mouth was when they built this grand home for \$6,000 - a large sum in those days, and far more than any other home up to that time!

The house was unusually placed, with the front facing several lots of grass and trees to the north (still existing in park-like state today). The design is peculiar and intriguing with three different roofs all attached by a long gambrel-roof at right angles. This gives a unique roof design - a very informal and "added-on-to" look-typical of the cosy English country cottages. In fact it looks as if it was made from three separate houses, all tied together! At one time a large verandah wrapped around on three sides, but alterations in the early 1960's took off the ends and replaced the simple columns.

The home is now a 'Bed and Breakfast' which continues to be compatible with the area zoning, while maintaining some of the character of early Cranbrook.

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