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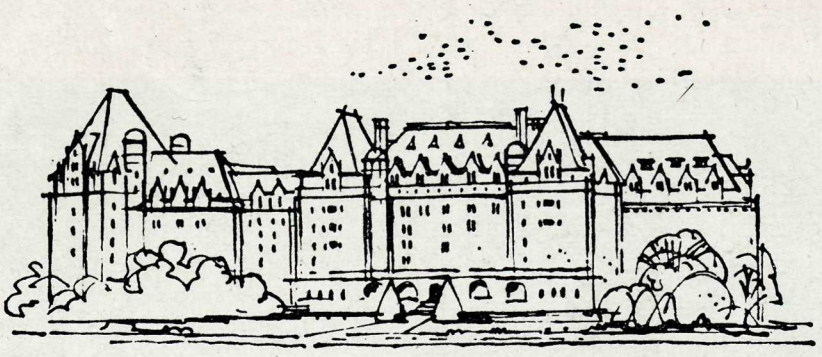

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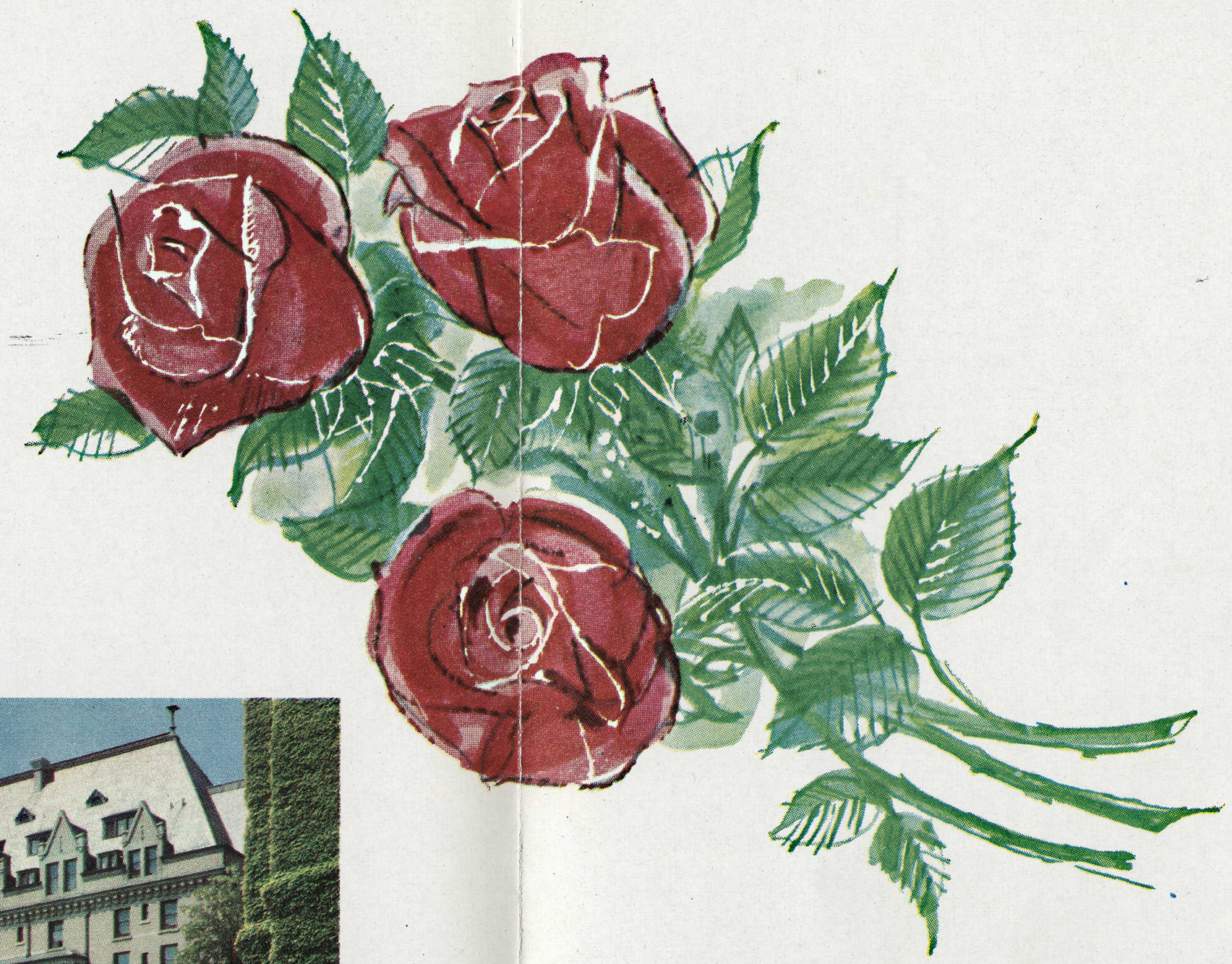
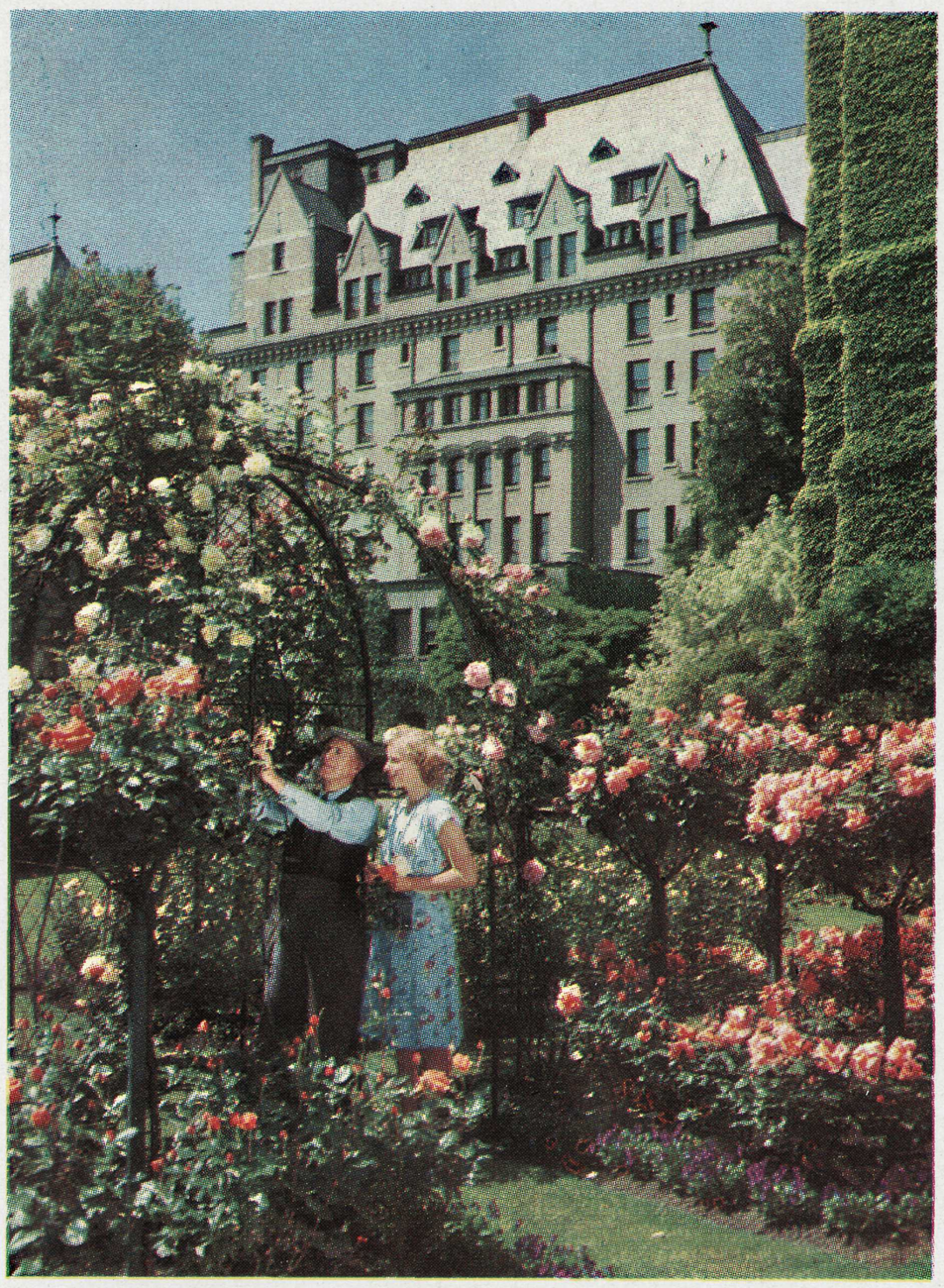




Rose Gardens in the shadow of the hotel provide quiet retreats in the beautifully cultivated area that secludes The Empress from the surrounding busy city.

◀ *On the cover the 550 room hotel is seen from the yacht basin of Victoria's placid Inner Harbour.*

Roses . . . their fragrance and beauty a year-round delight in tempered climates . . . best express the qualities of Victoria and the homey, comfortable Empress Hotel that appeal to business and vacation-minded travellers. In Victoria there is business the year-round. There is pleasure the year-round, too. An equable climate . . . separated from snow and ice, from continental heat, by the Strait of Georgia . . . makes this westerly island city of gardens an ideal vacation centre any month you choose.

Popular Annual Event — The Swiftsure Boating Race.

Island life, more leisured than the bustling mainland, gives Victoria its even tempo.

The climate, temperate enough for golf the year round is reflected in the gardens for which Victoria is noted. Frequent services by sea and air make nothing of the 80-odd miles of island-studded straits linking The Empress Hotel with Vancouver or Seattle.

Fast "Princess" liners of the Canadian Pacific British Columbia Coast Steamships make frequent crossings to and from the mainland. Sailings from Vancouver offer a combination of the short steamship route to Nanaimo — and, during the summer months from Victoria to Port Angeles and Seattle. Visitors' cars go with them on the ferries. Air service is frequent too.

Fresh breezes, magnificent views, par golf

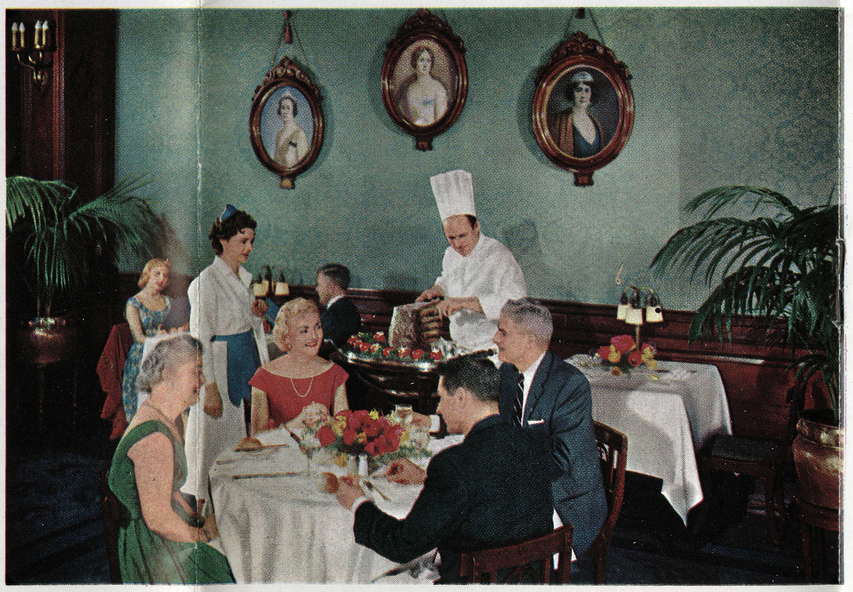
Golf, yachting, fishing, riding, hiking and motoring are high on the list of The Empress. The Victoria Golf Club at Oak Bay, Uplands Golf Club, and the Royal Colwood Club are available to guests on payment of green fees, as are other nearby links. Local gardens, parks within walking distance and pleasant residential areas are ideal for leisured strolls.

Ideal for "sitting out" between dances . . . a mecca for lovers of exotic indoor plants . . . the Conservatory, close to the ballroom and the Coronet Room, is a riot of bloom and foliage all year long. A short flight of steps leads to the rose garden, close-clipped lawns and well-kept flower beds reflective of the changing seasons.

Cool airy, The Coffee Shop — with garden entrance too

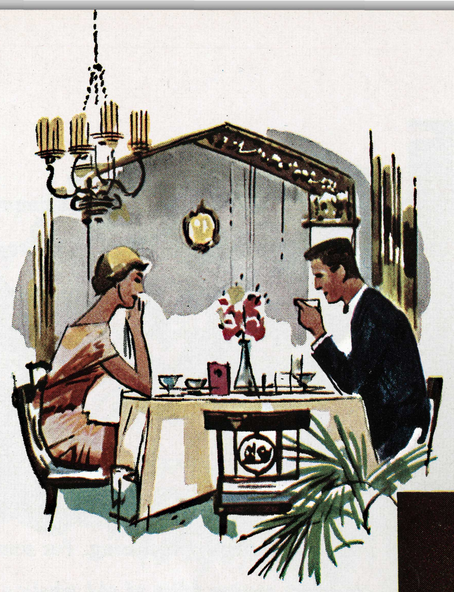
Within walking distance of The Empress are the Parliament Buildings and the British Columbia Provincial Museum; fine shopping streets with department stores as well as many specialty shops. Fine China, British woollens, precious stones, glassware and antiques are worth seeing . . . and, perhaps, purchasing. For some collectors marine relics of old whaling days have great appeal.

The Empress Dining Room, with its portrait gallery of Canada's "first ladies" is noted for its elegant appointments and discriminating cuisine. For less leisured, but equally enjoyable, meals there is the lower floor Coffee Shop with access to the garden.



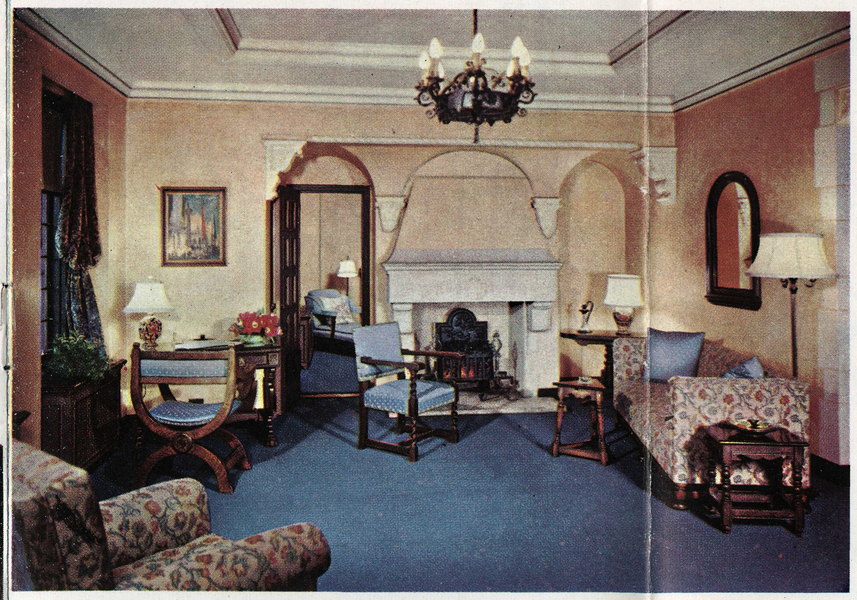
The Empress Room portraits — century and a quarter of history

Lounge, reception centre, hall-porter's desk and sight-seeing agency, Conservatory, ballroom, the Empress dining room and newsstand are all located on the ground floor for the convenience of guests and their visitors.



Indoors, the gracious public rooms of The Empress . . . focal point of Victoria society . . . emphasize dignity and comfort. The Lounge, with broad windows to lawn and harbour, with deep upholstery for relaxation, is an ideal setting for the enjoyment of leisure. The ballroom, too, is worthy of the guests who grace it as they dance to the music of the hotel's noted orchestra.

Old English Yuletide festivities — Carol singers, Mummers, Waits, the traditional Yule Log Ceremony with Seneschal, Jester and Heralds — are famous throughout North America for their revival of old customs and the warm hospitality they express.

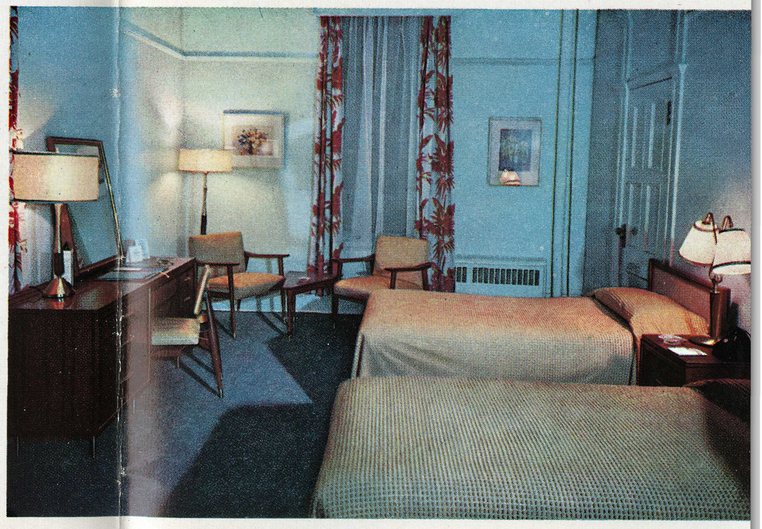


This suite sitting-room emphasizes the quiet elegance of private apartment decor throughout The Empress

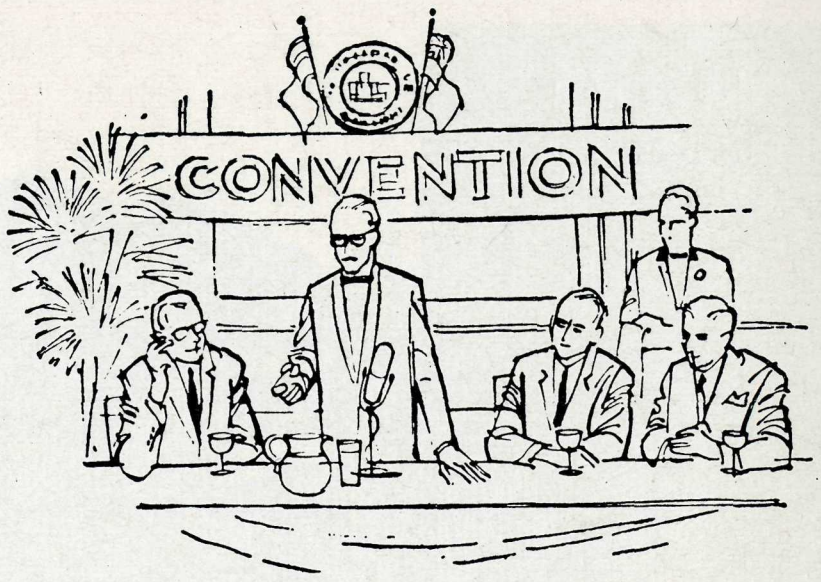
Porters from The Empress meet all "Princess" liners, a quarter of a mile from the hotel. Trunks, each way 50 cents, Hand Baggage, 25 cents per piece. For motorists' convenience . . . the supervised Car Park . . . on the grounds. Reservations from your own agent, your nearest Canadian Pacific office — or, The Manager, The Empress, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

The comfort of luxury — the luxury of comfort

Any of the 550 rooms at the Empress will make your stay an outstanding event, commanding pleasant views . . . rose garden . . . rock garden . . . water garden . . . shade trees . . . pleasant lawns. All . . . whether suites, bed-sitting rooms or bedrooms stress comfort and homeyness in their appointments. Room service . . . maid service meet Canadian Pacific standards . . . Victoria's pleasant island climate conspires with mattress comfort to make your nights restful and refreshing.



Spacious, airy twin bed room



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CONVENTION FACILITIES

The greatest convention facility The Empress has to offer is Victoria's . . . equable . . . climate! In addition to helpful staffs . . . trained in convention techniques, there are available for meetings and banquets: Empress Ball Room — Tea Room — Georgian Lounge — Conservatory — Empress Dining Room — Coffee Shop, Prince Albert, Princess Charlotte, Duke of Kent, Princess Louise private dining rooms.

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