Pictou’s CN Station

This building was built by Alexander McDonald in 1904 to replace the 1867 Intercolonial Railway terminal during the Intercolonial Railway’s incorporation into the Canadian National Railway. It was a government line, providing a link between the Maritime Provinces and central Canada. The Pictou line served the Pictou port facilities, and contained the railhead for traffic bound for Prince Edward Island. Passenger service was discontinued in 1963. The former Pictou station suffered fire damage in 1996 that has since been repaired.

The building displays elements of the Chateau style. Detailing includes ornate stonework, Elizabethan gables and a Palladian window in the main bay. A projecting canopy runs the length of the building on both the platform and street facing elevations.