



Hotel Kipling Tea Pot - 1998.453.001



Souvenir Hotel Kipling teapot made in Germany in the early to mid-1900s. The teapot is lavishly decorated with gold leaf, a coloured image of the hotel and the inscription "Hotel Kipling, Parry Harbor". As you can see, the "P" in Parry has disappeared, but on the other side the identical inscription has all letters intact.

Parry Harbour was on the other side of the Seguin River where hotel owners did not have to abide by the strict prohibition of alcohol implemented by the Beatty Covenant. Robert Thomson opened Thomson House in the summer of 1880 on the hotel's original site. In October 1892, Dr. Thomas Smith Walton acquired the hotel in an auction and renamed it the Canada Atlantic Hotel. It was then purchased by Sarah and Charles Alonzo Philips, but they lost it in a card game to brothers Albert and Charles Gentles in May 1904. They renamed it Hotel Kipling after the famous English writer and poet, Rudyard Kipling.

The Kipling was a fun and exciting place for visitors up until 25 March 1915, when a fire ripped through the building, causing the death of guest Storey Philips. Although eventually restored, another fire destroyed the structure on 30 November 1986 and it was never rebuilt.

Once a precious souvenir, this teapot now serves as reminder of both Parry Sound's joyous and tragic past of the Hotel Kipling.