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Peace Tower-1983

The four columns represent people coming from the four corners of the world to form two similar, but distinct nations with a common base of democracy. The four concrete columns reach a majestic 120 feet into the air. Sets of two columns are joined forming two similar, but distinct pieces mounted on a solid base. The Peace Tower became a reality at a cost of \$1.3 million fifty years after it was listed as an objective by the early garden board. The structure was completed and dedicated in 1983. One hundred and twenty feet or 37 meters are the height of the four columns reaching into the spacious skies. The tower's height represents the early immigrants' soaring ambitions. Lifted into place by crane the concrete columns consist of 17 pre-cast sections each weighing 45,000 pounds a total of 22 tons. The four columns symbolize the four corners of the earth from which thousands of immigrants arrived into Canada and the United States in the 1800s and 1900s to build better lives for themselves. Two columns stand in Manitoba and two in North Dakota, facing each other in two similar, but separate societies. The foundation stands for one solid base; the two countries common base of democratic beliefs.