

Herring Neck.

western corner of the island to, among other places, Crabbes River Park, Barachois Pond Park, Corner Brook, Deer Lake, Sandy Lake, Birchy Lake, Indian River and Springdale, then south to Catamaran and Aspen Brook, west to Windsor and Grand Falls, northeast to Bishops Falls and Notre Dame, southeast to Gander and Terra Nova National Park, then south to the Avalon Peninsula and St. John's.

Strange-Sounding Names and Faraway Places

Not all Newfoundland's place names are unique. New Brunswick has a Saint John (though it lacks an 's), and Main Brook, King's Point and Grand Falls would seem at home on maps from Texas to Ontario.

But many others are unlikely. Some have gathered a measure of fame abroad—Joe Batt's Arm and Come-By-Chance, for example—but there are hundreds just as striking, tucked away in coves, arms and bights.

Try these: Jerry's Nose, Blow-Me-Down, Run-by-Guess, Bleak Joke Cove, Nancy Oh, Breakheart Point, Famish Gut, Empty Basket, Cupids, Horse Chops, Hare's Ears Point, Mistaken Point and Sitdown Pond.

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Errors of Note

In Volume 14, Number 6 of CANADA TODAY/ D'AUJOURD'HUI, Canada Looks South we confused the Mexican Emperor Iturbide, who ruled in 1822-23, with the Emperor Maximilian, whose brief and troubled reign ended in 1867. Many readers wrote to point this out. Many other readers challenged the derivation of the word "Gringos," attributed by us to J.C.M. Ogelsby in his excellent book Gringos from the North. Mr. Ogelsby said the word was compacted from a song sung persistently by American soldiers in the Mexican-American War which began "Green Grow the Lilacs." It seems clear that he and we were wrong. It is, we are persuaded, most probably a corruption of the word Griego, meaning Greek, which was used to denote all foreigners. Gringo, at any rate, was in use in both Spain and the New World much earlier.