



optimism that several major commercial oil fields will be discovered.

Fish

In recent years a rising market for fish has greatly strengthened the economy. Ferryland, an Irish village fifty miles from St. John's, may be the last place in Canada where you can see an acre of fish curing on the flakes (or drying in the sun). The fishermen there gross \$20,000 to \$30,000 in a good summer, and they've had three good summers in a row. The value of Newfoundland's fish landings is expected to triple to \$200 million by 1985, and export values are expected to increase five-fold. The provincial Department of Industrial Development is actively encouraging private outside investors to build processing plants for canning, smoking and vacuum packing.

Seals

Newfoundlanders have been sealing for generations, and the seal hunt is strongly attached to the cultural traditions of the province.

In the 1850s more than 15,000 men in 400 ships sailed from Newfoundland to the ice each spring and brought back 500,000 seals. Of the first fifty steam vessels that went out between 1863 and 1900, forty-one were lost at sea. More than a thousand Newfoundlanders have died hunting seals.

Today, sealing is still the mainstay of many outport communities, and for some fishermen, the

This self-propelled semi-submersible is used in offshore drilling at Hibernia.



It was the lure of cod, above, drying in the sun, which first brought fishermen to Newfoundland 450 years ago.