

Such, in brief outline, is an introduction to Newfoundland. Its long and colorful history, marked both by vicissitude and achievement, has moulded the national character of its people--strongly proud and independent. The traditions of liberty and individualism are deeply rooted: the people of Newfoundland are intensely proud of their historic political autonomy within the British Commonwealth. Their land has not been as abundantly endowed as those of their neighbors on the mainland, and through the years, it has not been easy to wrest a livelihood from a rather unsympathetic, though picturesque, natural environment.

Today, the security of Newfoundland is a key to the security of the North American continent. Today, too, Newfoundland is an essential link in the ever extending network of world airways. The people of Newfoundland are confident that they are entering a period of further national development and progress.

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