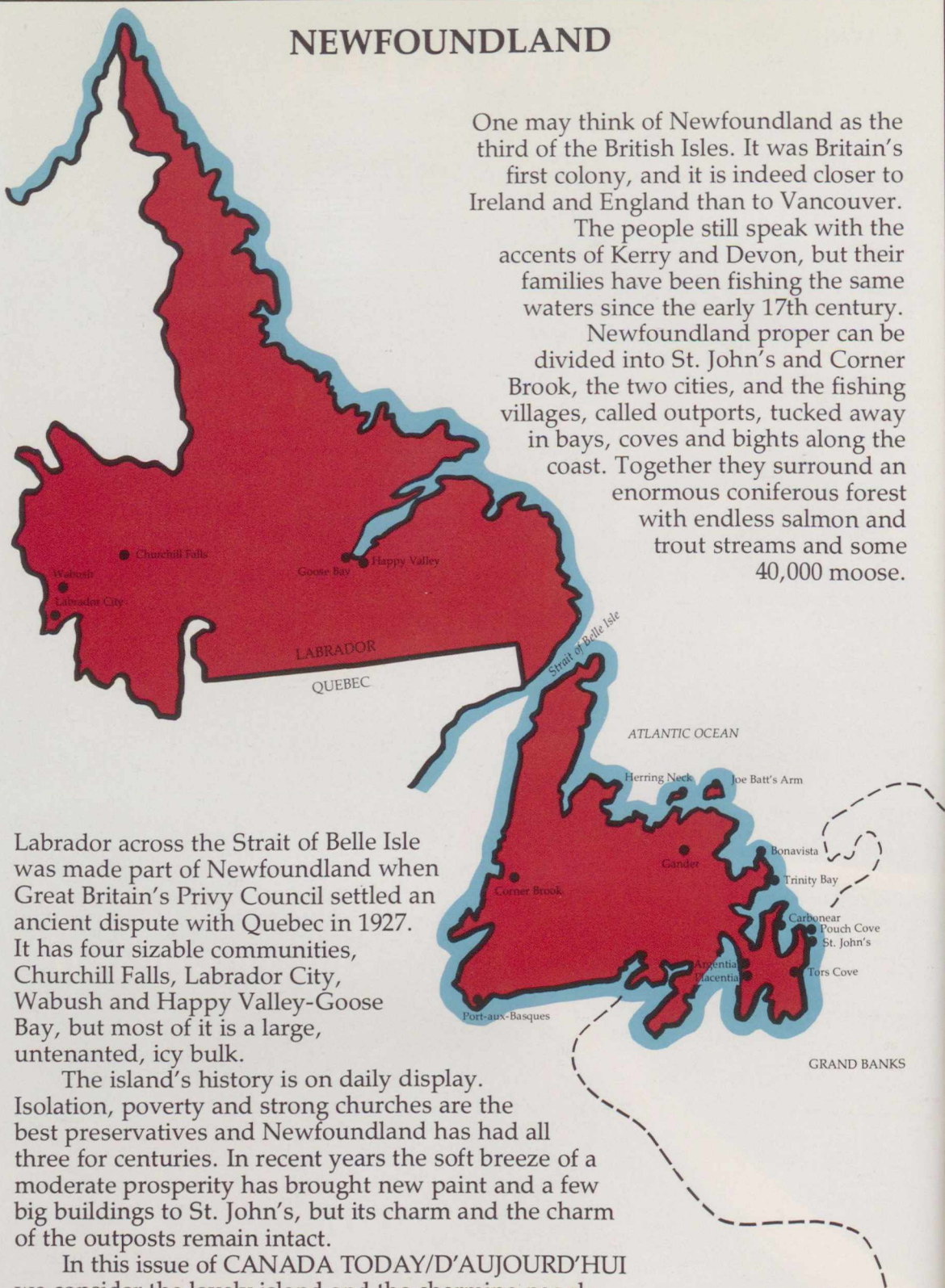


NEWFOUNDLAND

One may think of Newfoundland as the third of the British Isles. It was Britain's first colony, and it is indeed closer to Ireland and England than to Vancouver.

The people still speak with the accents of Kerry and Devon, but their families have been fishing the same waters since the early 17th century.

Newfoundland proper can be divided into St. John's and Corner Brook, the two cities, and the fishing villages, called outposts, tucked away in bays, coves and bights along the coast. Together they surround an enormous coniferous forest with endless salmon and trout streams and some 40,000 moose.



Labrador across the Strait of Belle Isle was made part of Newfoundland when Great Britain's Privy Council settled an ancient dispute with Quebec in 1927. It has four sizable communities, Churchill Falls, Labrador City, Wabush and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, but most of it is a large, untenanted, icy bulk.

The island's history is on daily display. Isolation, poverty and strong churches are the best preservatives and Newfoundland has had all three for centuries. In recent years the soft breeze of a moderate prosperity has brought new paint and a few big buildings to St. John's, but its charm and the charm of the outposts remain intact.

In this issue of CANADA TODAY/D'AUJOUR'HUI we consider the lovely island and the charming people, past and present.