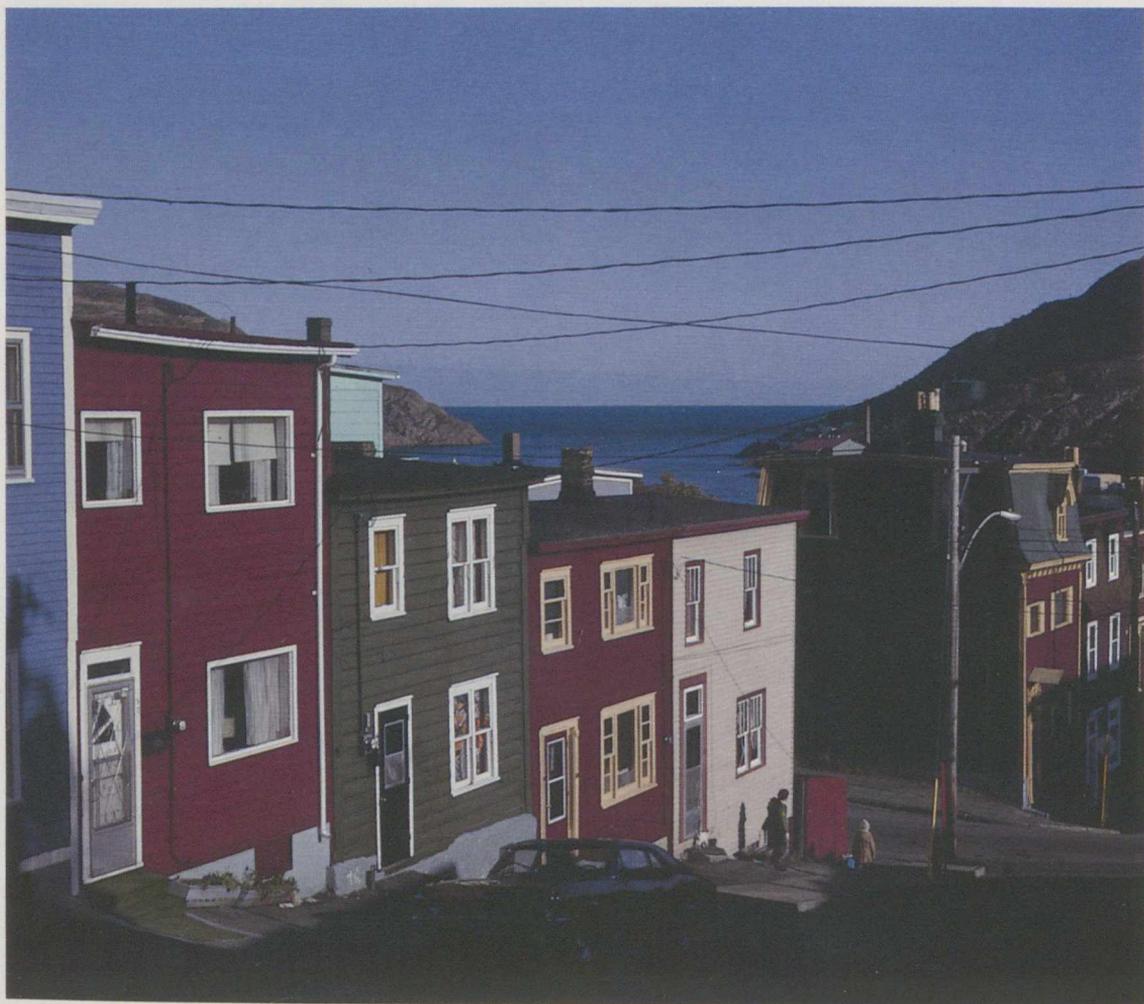


grey eminence of the Courthouse, built in 1892. It also serves as the city's lockup. Move along past the intersection of McMurdo's Lane to the middle of the block and the modern, geometric Atlantic Place complex on the south side of the street. Beyond, at the foot of McBride's Hill, is Bowring Brothers Retail store, which displays models of the company's famous shipping fleet. Many of the ships had names out of Shakespeare—*Portia*, *Rosalind*, *Florizel*, *Sylvia* and *Stephano*. *Stephano* was sunk by a German submarine in 1916 while en route to New York. Another Bowring ship, the *SS Terra Nova*, carried Capt. Robert Scott on his last and fatal voyage to Antarctica. Newfoundland's second Prime Minister, John Kent, once had business offices where Bowring's Beck's Cove entrance now stands. A local physician, Dr. Edward Kielly, pulled Kent's nose one day in 1833 while Kent was standing in his doorway. Kent's friends in the Legislature attempted to call Kielly to account, but he refused to accept their authority and carried the case to the Privy Council in London. The Council not only agreed with him, it passed an Act severely limiting the powers of all Colonial legislatures.

At the corner of Springdale is one of the oldest residences in St. John's, built in 1834 as the home of the manager of Newman & Co., purveyors of Newman's Celebrated Newfoundland Port. The port is still shipped from Portugal to St. John's.

If you are a tireless walker you can turn left at the railway station, cross the tracks in front of the Canadian National roundhouse, and take a look at the direct descendant of the first floating dry dock in North America, built in 1861. It was followed by the largest dry dock in the world, built in 1883. The present one was a reconstruction of one built in 1925. A new, modern synchrolift was added in 1983.

Cross the Waterford River, turn left on Southside Road and walk as far as the green slope and you'll be near the unmarked grave of Shanadithit, the last of the Beothuck Indians, who died in 1829. As you near the end of the pavement you'll come to Pancake Rock. From 1770 on, a heavy chain was stretched across the Narrows each evening to keep out enemy warships and pirates. An anti-submarine net was hung in the same span in World War II.



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