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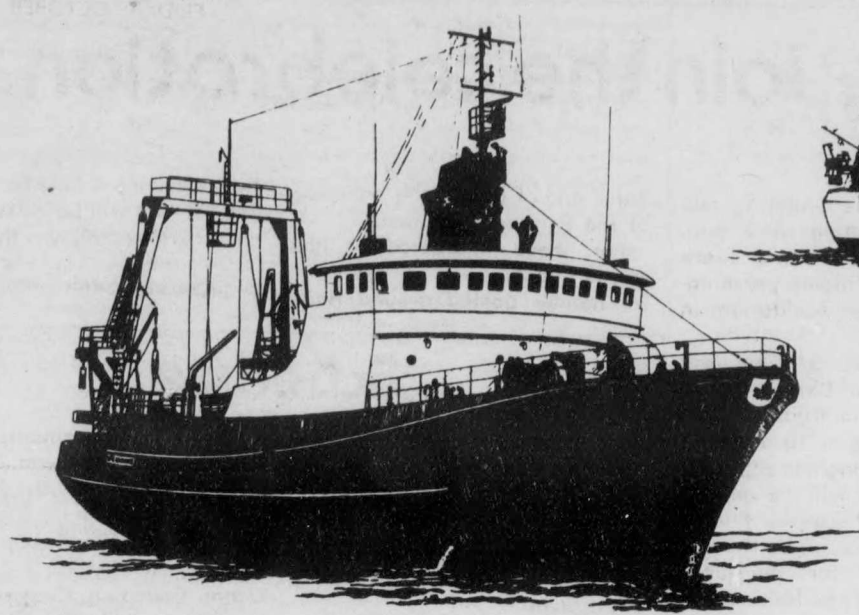
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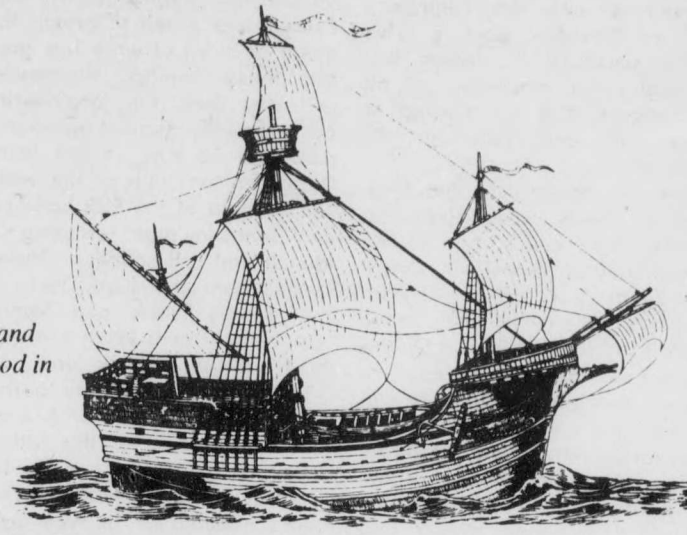
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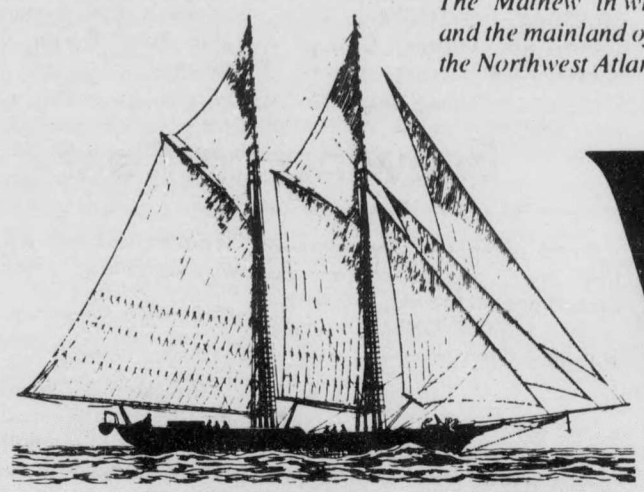
The modern stern trawler Cape LaHave, built in 1973 and capable of carrying over 400,000 pounds of fish from the offshore fishing grounds.



More than three-quarters of non-traditional fish species within Canada's 200 mile zone is being allocated to foreign vessels like this. If we had federal government approval to own or lease our own vessels with freezing and on-board processing facilities, these fish would be caught by Canadians.



The 'Mathew' in which John Cabot discovered Newfoundland and the mainland of North America and an abundance of cod in the Northwest Atlantic.





The famed saltbankers averaging 95 to 100 tons and 100 feet in length, were fast, seaworthy banks schooners, carrying up to 8,500 square feet of sail with main topmasts rising 115 feet above the deck.

# Where now?

We wish we knew. Canada has a long fishery tradition. When it comes to the conventional harvesting of fish, Canadian fishermen have skill, technology and equipment comparable to most of our world competitors. However, when it comes to fishing for the non-traditional species such as offshore squid, silver hake, grenadier, argentine, capelin and offshore mackerel, we are literally missing the boat. The existing Canadian fleet has virtually no on-board freezing facilities and therefore cannot land these species in good market condition. As a result, in 1978, about three-quarters of the quota for the non-traditional species within Canada's 200-mile zone is allocated to foreign freezer trawlers. Canadian companies have asked the federal government for licences to own or lease vessels with freezing and on-board processing facilities. Some licences have been granted for northern shrimp. There have been some approvals for developmental charters. These are short-term, co-operative arrangements whereby foreign freezer vessels, manned by foreign crews, catch Canadian quotas on behalf of a Canadian company. While these co-operative arrangements provide some experience and certain short term advantages, they are not a substitute for Canadian owned and operated vessels. Within our own 200-mile zone, there is still no meaningful Canadian presence in the non-traditional fishery. If we had our own vessels with freezing and on-board processing facilities, or if we could lease them, these fish would be caught by Canadians. Additional work would be provided for Canadians. We would have frozen-at-sea products unequalled in quality for sale in overseas markets. We would earn valuable foreign exchange.

Canada has the opportunity to become the largest fish exporter in the world. However, until Canada is prepared to licence Canadian-owned or chartered freezer trawlers to fish for both non-traditional species and traditional species in distant waters, many of the benefits of the 200-mile zone will not be available to us. We will continue to see a large foreign fishing fleet in our waters — perhaps for all time. As interested and concerned organizations involved in fishing, H.B. Nickerson & Sons Limited, and National Sea Products Limited, would like Canadians to know more about our industry and the important economic opportunity it offers. For additional information please write to: Ocean Resources, P.O. Box 1700 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2Z1

   
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