

*Newfoundland's heritage*

In 1966 a handful of people concerned about the threatened demolition of a small Anglican church built in the 1840s, formed the Newfoundland Historic Trust. Along with the mounting pressures for growth and change, there is an intense interest in Newfoundland's own history. The battle for heritage conservation has led to the identification of historic sites and buildings, the development of protective legislation and the appointment of citizen advisory groups to act as guardians of Newfoundland's heritage. This renaissance in the rich folklore inheritance of Newfoundland has encouraged intensive study of the Newfoundland dialects, customs, narratives, music and song, folk plays and folk life. The folklore program of Memorial University is particularly worthy of note.

Both Newfoundland's past and its future are tied to the sea. It is from the sea that the province's vigorous traditions evolved, and it is from the sea that the province's future economic prosperity promises to come.

