

loween and Christmas—were observed by the whole population and have only recently fallen into disuse. Outport dances once attracted whole communities with lively jigs performed to the sounds of fiddling or accordion-playing. The old art of story-telling has never died out and has perhaps been responsible for the articulate performances of groups such as the Mummers Troupe and Codco, whose satirical reviews have delighted audiences across Canada and abroad. Arts and cultural centres are to be found in all the major centres.

The serenity of life outside the major centres has provided an ideal working atmosphere for many painters and writers. Christopher Pratt and his wife Mary, now living on St. Mary's Bay, are among Canada's most respected painters, as is David Blackwood, who is best known for his gaunt etchings of the Newfoundland seal hunt of years ago. Harold Horwood, a writer of fiction whose interest in his native province and its natural life led him to write both non-fiction and novels about the Newfoundland environment, is an admired and popular author. E.J. Pratt, whose poetry has been described as Canada's greatest achievement in verse, has written about the power of nature. Another celebrated Newfoundlander, Gordon Pinsent, is a novelist, playwright and actor.

#### *Leisure and recreation*

Recreation facilities are liberally distributed throughout the province, available to everyone interested. Lovers of the outdoors can now reach, by paved highway, the hundreds of picturesque outports that dot the rugged Newfoundland coastline. Camping facilities are available at the provincial parks scattered throughout the province and at the two national parks, Terra Nova in eastern Newfoundland and spectacular Gros Moren in the west. Modern hotel and motel facilities are located in the major towns and along the major highways.

Tourists and residents enjoy Newfoundland's varied scenery, spectacular coastline and unique fishing villages. Thousands of unpolluted lakes and ponds and the sheltered waters of the deep, almost landlocked bays provide opportunity for boating and water sports. The fresh water lakes and streams also offer excellent trout fishing, while the fighting Atlantic salmon can be found in more than 100 rivers. In addition, the salt water fishermen can jig for cod or troll for the giant bluefin tuna. Excellent hunting is available throughout the province for moose, caribou and black bear, while grouse, hares, and the wily willow ptarmigan are abundant.