

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 outposts 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 at strategic locations along the major highways.

Tourists and residents alike take pleasure in 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 scheduled 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.

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