



Newfoundland Historical Society

J. Scott Macdonald

provided the ancestors of so many Newfoundlanders, quoted with approval Lord Ammon's 1943 tribute to the Newfoundland people: "I should record my appreciation of the integrity, shrewdness, and high level of intelligence of the Newfoundlanders. They are, on the whole, a kindly, hospitable people, hard-working yet easy-going, well-mannered but outspoken, thrifty but generous to strangers. Living in close contact with nature, employed for the most part on hard and often dangerous manual work; they have an ingrained healthy contempt of danger; an easy — perhaps too easy — philosophy that tomorrow will look after itself, and an ability to turn their hands to anything from boat building to home construction. Their aptitude as seamen is well-known, and their contribution in manpower in this war requires no comment. It would be hard to find a more loyal and delightful people."

M. J. Coldwell also recalled that Newfoundland's people "are descended principally from those hardy seafaring folk who crossed the stormy Atlantic in little cockleshells of boats from places like Bristol, Bideford, Plymouth, fishing villages along the Devon and Cornish coasts and from places on the shores of Brittany, Normandy and Scotland." (So Hansard quotes him, but did he not also add Ireland?)

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