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Newfoundland: Island's simplicity is its main attraction

TWILLINGATE, Newfoundland — From Smith's Lookout you can see the rocky headlands around Twillingate exactly as a French fisherman would have seen them if he had climbed this hill in 1650.

The French fishing ships came here every summer then, hauling in cod from the fertile fishing grounds, drying the cod on deck, anchoring in the deep harbor below.

Their sails would have made white patches against the mountains folded in mist against the western horizon, and among the icebergs that made their own skyline against the Atlantic Ocean, the icebergs sometimes stranded there as now against the beach near the lighthouse at Long Point.

When the French discovered this tiny offshore island at the northeast entrance to Notre Dame Bay, they named it Toulinguet after an island off the Breton coast of France.

THE BRETON sailors dried their cod aboard ship and never actually settled the land here. When they sailed away for other shores in 1690, frightened by the Indians and annoyed by the encroachment of British fishermen, the British moved in from the east coast of Newfoundland. Since the Moores and the Smiths and the Youngs couldn't speak French, Toulinguet very quickly became "Twillingate."

There are villages tucked into the crook of every rocky peninsula now, and the square wooden clapboard houses of Twillingate make white, yellow and blue patches around the harbor below Smith's Lookout, but all of that happened after the English came in 1700.

If you talk to Harold Parry over in Little Harbour, or to any of the Dalley family in nearby Durrell, you will know that things have changed a lot in those 300 years, but some things don't.

This is still the same deep harbor that attracted the big English trading ships in the 1800s, to haul dried cod to



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Portugal and Spain, and to establish Twillingate as a major trading post in North America.

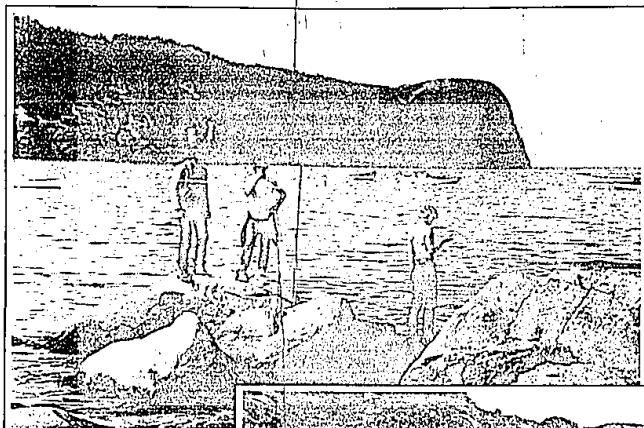
THE GOOD fishing grounds are still there nearby, good enough to provide a living for men who fish in dories and trap boats and trawlers, selling their fish to the fish packing plant. Fishing is not a very profitable business in Newfoundland anymore, but a cooperative effort is being made with public and private money to keep it alive.

They ate dried fish here all winter in the old days, and the fishermen still dry fish too small for the fish plant. The dried fish go to "Africa and other places," according to Dean Dalley, a 14-year-old who is already an experienced fisherman.

He sails out with his older brother from the day when the ice goes out of the bay in spring until the day it comes back in the fall. As he tells it, the trap boats man their own marked-out patch of sea "from July month to August month" and the rest of the time they use hand nets.

YOU DON'T hear much about Durrell in the tourist literature but if you have a camera and you're looking for local color, you will find the most photogenic sights in Durrell, literally around the corner of a bay from Twillingate.

There are wooden houses perched on treeless rocky slopes, fishing boats unloading at the docks in South Jenkins Cove, all the pictures you expected to take at Twillingate but couldn't because of the electric and telephone wires that seem to wrap Newfoundland towns like a spider's web.



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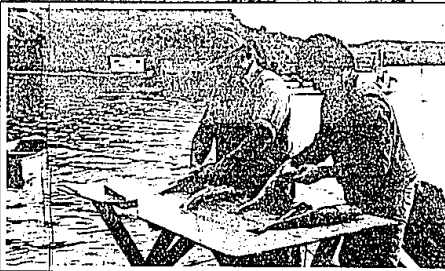
The island of Newfoundland offers an abundance of fishing opportunities, both commercial and recreational. Above: boys fish from the rocks at Flatrock where Pope John blessed the commercial fishing fleet Tuesday. At right: native "Newfies" prepare their catch.

The first thing any visitor to Twillingate does is to drive out to the historic red and white lighthouse at Long Point, the one that looks so picturesque in the post cards.

If you're lucky, you will still be able to photograph the icebergs of Long Point in late July, but the lighthouse itself now has huge towers on either side of it and a rats nest of wires to go with them.

There is a marvelous sunset at Long Point, and it is a good place to watch the fishing boats head back into the harbor although you can see them just as well from the Anchor Inn, a roadside motel where most visitors stay and eat in Twillingate.

HERE, AS in many parts of rural



Newfoundland, you have very little choice in either accommodation or eating places. The government literature is your best friend province-wide. The Accommodations Guide lists the Anchor Inn here; there is also a place called Ocean View and a private home that takes guests.

Hospitable houses are a popular way to travel in Newfoundland. This one wasn't in the government list but it looked like enough from the outside.

You can buy takeout food from two or three places in town, sit down at the China Restaurant or the Anchor Inn.

That combination is very typical of towns we visited: a motel or hotel with a restaurant, a Chinese restaurant that served both Chinese and Canadian food and a take-out place.

Any of them will serve excellent fish

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Tips for traversing Newfoundland

Fishermen have always felt at home in Newfoundland, ever since the day in 1497 when explorer John Cabot dropped a wooden bucket over the side of his sailing ship and hauled it up full of fish.

The Portuguese, French and English were here, fighting over the world's richest fishing grounds and hauling the silver treasure out of the sea.

Another kind of fisherman was on the island this week, when Pope John Paul II visited Newfoundland during his tour of Canada. Yesterday the "rhodes of the fishermen" stood on a cliff high above the village of Flatrock and blessed the fishing dories, trap boats and trawlers that jammed the bay below.

POPE JOHN spent only a few hours here in the tiny province of Canada, but what he saw were the two most important things that any traveler will see in Newfoundland: the 400-year-old city of St. John's, Britain's first overseas colony, which claims the status of oldest city in North America, and one of the fishing villages that are tucked into 10,000 miles of scalloped and serrated coastline.

If you think it is exciting, as I do, to visit picturesque villages in a fold of sea, and you don't mind staying in hospitality houses or timing your driving day for the few good hotels to be found in the "outports," you would probably enjoy driving across the island and into towns like Twillingate and Heart's Content.

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hotel in St. John's and visit the fishing villages on day trips, like the one Pope John took to Flatrock, an hour's drive from the city.

We flew into Stephenville on the southeast coast of Newfoundland, explored Cornerbrook, the Bay of Islands and Grosse Morne National Park, drove 500 miles across the island with stops in tiny fishing villages and ended up in the beautiful harbor city of St. John's.

UNFORTUNATELY, we didn't have time to visit either the scenic northern peninsula or the mainland area of Labrador, which is part of the province.

Western Newfoundland has the most scenic landscape in the island. It is 138 miles from mile-marker number one on the Trans Canada Highway at Port au Basques, where the Canadian National car ferry comes in from Nova Scotia, to Cornerbrook, second city of the island and home of the Glynmill Inn.

The Glynmill is one of those grand

old ladies of beam and plaster left over from another age and may be the most interesting hotel on the island.

Cornerbrook is a pulp and paper town. For the tourist it's the jumping off place for a glorious drive down the coast to the Bay of Islands or to the mountains of Grosse Morne National Park.

NEWFOUNDLAND is the kind of place where you benefit from inside information, so we followed friendly directions to the ferry at Woody Point, inside the Park, and to Parsons Hospitality home in Rocky Harbour.

Parsons is one of a dozen private homes listed in the government accommodations guide. We were lucky. Mrs. Parsons was just taking her famous Bakeapple Tart out of the oven. Bakeapple is a berry found only in Newfoundland. It should be tried along with all the other Newfie specialties like cod's tongue, pod brews and split pea soup.

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