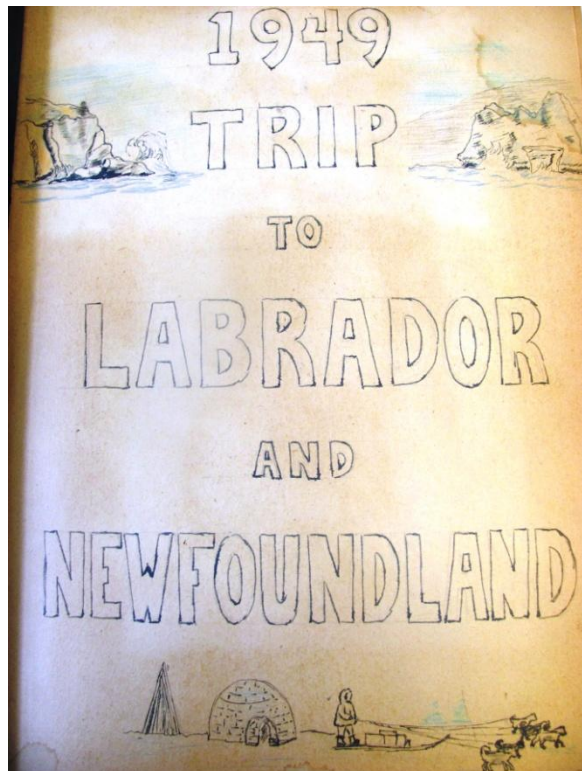


Newfoundland Travel in 1949

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The Railway Coastal Museum has come across a rare treasure. We have recently acquired a scrapbook that chronicles the journey of three Bostonian women as they travel from Boston to Hopedale, Labrador and back in 1949.

This is the first artifact of its kind to come across our desks and what a gem it is. Over the next few months follow with me as we retrace the adventure taken by these Coastal Cruising ladies as they go on their journey.



1: Inside cover of the Scrapbook

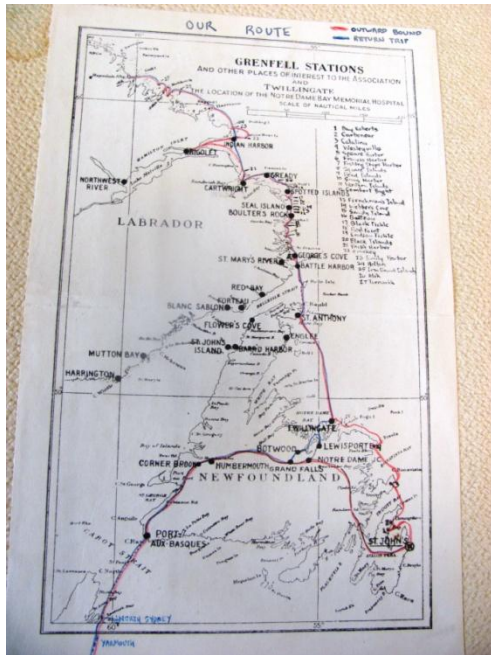


We will follow the footsteps of the author (who remains unnamed throughout the scrapbook), Connie (sometimes called May) and Pat as they explore Newfoundland and Labrador. I will share with you their impressions and opinions as they experienced our unique province and its many surprises.

We join the trio at the end of July as they get ready to depart from West Stewartstown to reach the Boston-Yarmouth ferry. From there we will follow them across Nova Scotia up to North Sydney where they have to wait for the S.S. Burgeo to make the gulf passage.

After making the crossing we continue on through Newfoundland by rail all the way up to St. John's where they hop on the S.S. Kyle and begin their adventure into Labrador up to Hopedale. During this voyage we will get a look at a trip on the coastal boats and the kind of entertainment to be found there!

Their return voyage takes a different route as the ladies try to cut a few days off their journey. They depart the S.S. Kyle in Twillingate and head towards home by Newfoundland rail, once again crossing the gulf to Nova Scotia and finally home to Boston.



2: Travel route mapped out in scrapbook

The scrapbook is an amazing piece of storytelling and includes many sketches and photos which I will include in the margins of the e-bulletins to follow. I will hope you will join us in our journey to the past!

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