

The Emblem of the Newfoundland & Labrador Defense League

The stylized sailing vessel selected represents our sea faring heritage. It recognizes the importance of the sea in our settlement and survival. The design is a reminder of the arrival by Norse settlers a millennium ago, our European discovery by John Cabot and of the schooners that plied our waters during the golden age of our fishery.

The golden hull is representative of the golden arrow contained in the current provincial flag. It speaks to our potential for a golden future. The bow points slightly upward pressing the difficult tides but its jibs are fully drawn reminding us of our growing momentum and strength.

The three sails represent the three states of being our people have experienced during modern history: Under British rule, as an independent nation and as a Canadian province.

The colours in the sail – pink, white and green, are the colours found in the flag of the Newfoundland Republic. A flag that, although never officially recognized, has gained acceptance by many and has come to represent the pride of place and hope we all have for our land. Many legends surround the design of the Newfoundland Republic flag. The most widely accepted identifies that the colour green of the shamrock represents those of Irish descent, the pink of the English Rose, those of English descent and the white represents the white dove of peace resting between the two most prevalent groups in the province. In essence it speaks of peace and co-operation among cultures.

The spruce twig, centrally located on the white sail owes its origins to the twig found on the Labrador flag. It is represented in two year-growths to represent the past and future of Labrador. The shorter growth of the inner twigs represents the hardships of the past, while the outer twigs are longer as a representation of hope for the future. The three segments represent the three founding nations of Labrador; the Innu, the Inuit and European settlers.

The three branches emerging from a single stalk represent the unity of the distinct peoples in the brotherhood of mankind. Its central location recognizes the central importance of Labrador in the future of our land and speaks to the importance of the island and “Big Land” co-operating and working together as single people.

It's time for the people of Newfoundland & Labrador to have a real voice. That voice is yours...

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