

MAGDALEN ISLAND FACTS

- The first settler on Entry Island was Mrs. Dixon.
- In 1951 the Islands payed \$1.00 per month for a phone.
- Brion Island was the first island Jacques Cartier landed on in 1534.
- The first fishing cooperatives of the Magdalen Islands were formed in 1933.
- In 1763 the Islands were annexed to Newfoundland by Britian.
- The Magdalen Islands are 160 miles from Gaspe, 60 miles from Cheticamp, Cape Breton, and 105 miles from Prince Edward Island.
- The Magdalen Islands have more than 300 kilometers of beaches.
- Kelp, herring and lobster refuse was used as fertilizer in early times.
- An 8-10 inch lobster carries approximately 5 000-10 000 eggs.
- A little girl named Kitty was said to have been buried nearby a flowing brook which was given the name "Kitty's Brook" and is found on Entry Island.
- In 1927 one plane made the first trip with the island mail.
- The first church on Entry Island was consecrated in 1900 by the Right Reverend Andrew Hunter Dunn.
- In 1871 the census of the main occupations of the Islands were as follows: 598 fishermen; 41 mariners; 82 farmers; 10 merchants; 10 clerks; 1 doctor; 1 miller; and 1 notary.
- 78 square miles of the total land area is soil.
- The Entry Island lighthouse was established in the year of 1874.
- The first ten families who settled on the Magdalen Islands originally came from Nova Scotia.
- In 1915 the first engine was put in a fishing boat.
- In the early years fishermen were payed 50 cents for 100 lobsters.
- The highest hill on the Magdalen Islands is located on Entry Island.
- The oldest home on Entry Island is owned by Ivan Quinn.