

Chapter 7 – The Interwar Years

The period between the First and Second World Wars was a rough time for Newfoundland and Labrador. The government of the time was trying to develop new job opportunities for people while facing natural and economic challenges. This eventually led to Britain having to become responsible for NFs government at a time when the world was in the grips of an economic depression.

This chapter will cover the following issues:

1. Land-based industries of the 1920s and 30s
2. The 1929 Tidal Wave and the Great Depression
3. The 1932 St. John's riot and the loss of self-government
4. The Land Settlement Scheme, Education and Health Care
5. Law Enforcement

1. Land Based Industries

- At the end of World War I, Many Soldiers were returning home looking for jobs to help them rebuild their lives.
 - Jobs were scarce and prices for fish were low, so the government tried to create new employment opportunities by exploiting the natural resources of the interior.
 - This **Economic Diversification** was meant to make Newfoundland's economy less dependant on the fishery alone and created new major towns that grew around Land Based Industries.
 - In most cases, living in these industrial towns changed the lifestyles of many people.