



Friends Across the Miles: Vsos - An Important Part of Labrador Education History: Voluntary Service Overseas (Vso)

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(Cover photograph: Scout hike across the ice from Nain by John Penny VSO teacher 1966.) Original copies of newspaper and magazine articles about the work of the Voluntary Service Overseas (V.S.O.) teachers in Labrador, Newfoundland, Canada 1960 - 70, when 18 year old students - mainly from the United Kingdom, taught in the schools of the Labrador coastal settlements. It s been over 30 years since members of the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) were stationed in Labrador and now a search is underway to locate those who served as teachers from 1960-1970 (one year terms). VSOs came from the United Kingdom to isolated communities and a way of life that was foreign to them. Some of the communities they were stationed in included Nain, Hopedale, Lodge Bay, Cartwright, Mary s Harbour, Cape St. Charles, William s Harbour, Rexon s Cove, Mud Lake, Makkovik, North West River, Port Hope Simpson and Rigolet. The idea to bring members of this volunteer organization to Labrador originated with Reverend Bill Peacock, superintendent of the Moravian Missions in Labrador. He...



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