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"Republic of Newfoundland"

Pro-separatist T-shirts soon!

A new T-shirt will appear on the market shortly that is bound to please some people and ruffle more than a few feathers at the same time.

While the design is not crude, rude or obscene, it will possibly still be the cause of some controversy.

Surrounding the old Pink, White and Green Newfoundland nationalist tricolour, in large block letters will be the words "Republic of Newfoundland."

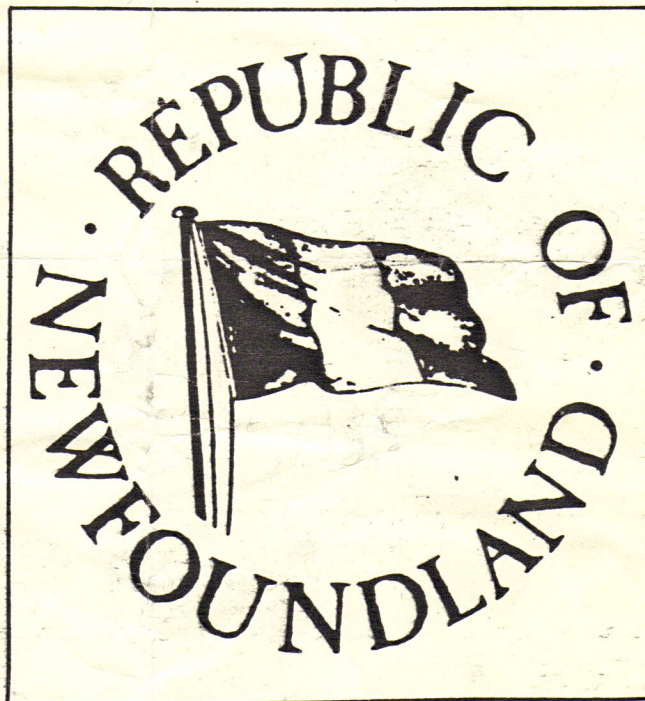
While doubtless a hit with nationalist, republican separatists in Newfoundland, the design is not expected to please either the pro-Canadian Newfoundlanders or monarchists, whether they are separatists or not.

The shirts were designed by Dave Jackson of Harbour City General Store, located on the east side of the War Memorial steps.

Mr. Jackson said the design is in answer to a large number of requests for a shirt that would express the feelings of a sizable portion of the Newfoundland population.

He said that consideration was given to having the name read "Dominion of Newfoundland", but decided that it would denote links to the old British Empire and would not indicate an independent Newfoundland.

Newfoundland was once titled a Dominion when it was a full fledged member of the British Empire, constitutionally the equal of Britain and Canada.



T-shirt message

This is the new T-shirt which is expected to be available sometime next week. The shirt bears the old Pink, White and Green Newfoundland nationalist flag surrounded by the words, "Republic of Newfoundland." The design was created by Dave Jackson, owner and operator of Harbour City General Store, located on the east side of the War Memorial steps.

But Mr. Jackson emphasized that from his point of view, the message of the shirt would depend on who was wearing it.

He said that he sees it as more of an expression that Newfoundland is different from mainland Canada than any overt political statement.

He told The Daily News

that a small poster advertising that the T-shirts would be "coming soon" has been in his store window for about a week and he has had many interested people drop in to see if they were available.

The Republic of Newfoundland T-shirts are expected to be available by the end of next week.