

SHOW QUOTES – LOUISE MOYES

“Oooh! Wind from the Port au Port! Go right through ya! J’étais à St. Jean une fois... 40 years ago ! Avec l’enfant... by train. Two days on the train. (Inhales) And ‘e was a big youngster. E was big, ay? And me I was only small, I was only a small little kid me! Yien qu’une gamine! J’avais jamais quitté l’ Cap! Avec un enfant de deux ans! P’il pesait je pense une cinquantaine de livres! Un gros enfant! l’était gras! Oh! My god. l’était pas petit. Oh oui, oui. Oh oui ‘ee was a bad size...

– Angela Chaiisson, De Grau, Port-au-Port Peninsula, Newfoundland.

“That’s where Smallwood made the mistake for Newfoundland – ‘ee should ‘ave said alright, give me the coastline from Seven Islands to Blanc Sablon and you can come acrawss the chummy, bring your iron ore from Schefferville acrawss Newfoundland property to Seven Islands, then they would have been in a good outfit, ‘cause it would ‘ave been Newfoundland right around. But ‘ee didn’t put it in ‘ees meeting at awl – whereas when ‘ee thought about it when ‘ee was done, after ‘ee signed the books – it was too late.”

– Stirling Rowsell, Harrington Harbour, Lower North Shore, Québec
A community settled by Newfoundlanders in the 1800s.

‘Femme de natur’ mon mari m’appelle. Pour moi là, c’est l’ jus de carottes, céleri, bettraves, ca nettoie le foie, bon pour les intestins... B’en avant ca flottait dans l’gras! Maintenant pour nous aut’es c’est le gâteau aux zucchinis - hé Louis-Philippe ?! Lui, ca parle pas... Prenez-vous du thé avec des crottes?! Vous allez finir par me connaître!!”

– Rosée Lapointe, Lac St. Jean, Québec.

“Myself I went off in 1940, all volunteers from Newfoundland, there was very little of anything to do here, so you just went that’s all...very little expectations of ever coming back. At least you got fed, if you didn’t get shot.”

– George Snow, Rocky Harbour, Nfld.

“So we brought the ashes back ‘ere. There was 5 of them altogether ‘ay? They put a bomb! They was all sittin’ in their boxcars, ready for to go in for to go to work, and the bomb was put on the track. Gold mine strike 1992. Ee was just there workin’ one week and a ‘alf. Ee didn’t belong to the union. We talked to ‘im on Father’s Day, we didn’t even know that ‘ee was gone even, from where ‘ee was livin’ ‘Awke’s Junction. And then they phoned. My good God.”

– Martha Rowsell, Mother, Harrington Harbour, Quebec.

“Maintenant y raste pu d’monde. Moé j’ai cinq garçons... j’en ai yien qu’un icitte. On avait des grosses familles dans le temps - il’ y avait rien pour empêcher la famille. A cet’heure c’est quasiment la guerre faire l’amour! Faut et’ toute équiper, les condoms pi toute!”

– Téléphore Monger, Tête à la Baleine, Lower North Shore, Québec.



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