

# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## Island to Island: A Newfie's Perspective

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Well, I have been in PEI for almost 4 years, and it will never cease to amaze me that there are so many differences in the way people, and things in general, are here compared to home. I is a Newfie, and so, I feel that it is my duty to make you all laugh each week. And, because I am a Newfie, I think the best way to make non-Newfies (and Newfies alike) laugh, is to poke fun at some of the differences between our two islands. Each issue will have something a little different. Some weeks I will tell you about my observations around here, other weeks will be some language interpretations, and anything else that comes to mind. This week I would like to share the lyrics of a song with you. It is called "Partridge Berry Jam" by Buddy Wasiname and the Other Fellers. Until I moved here, I didn't realize that there were places that didn't have partridge berries. Mmmm, they are so good. So, I thought you would be interested in seeing how one Newfie rationalizes about his love for the little red berry.

### PARTRIDGE BERRY JAM

*Uncle Henry went to Florida to satisfy Aunt Mag  
Going through the airport they x-rayed his bag  
They didn't find the weapons of a hijacking man  
They found thirteen bottles of partridgeberry jam.*

*Partridgeberry jam, partridgeberry jam  
Best darn food ever known to man  
Smear it knee deep on some homemade bread*

*Or eat it right from the jar.  
Uncle Henry took the shivers and he almost passed away  
Took him to emergency 'twas there he had to stay  
They gave him chemotherapy and all kinds of pills  
As time passed by he went further down the hill.*

*Now Aunt Mag got the notion she was going to take him home  
Stuff him full of grub never leave him alone  
She fed him partridge berries til his skin turned red  
Now he's out jiggin' cod instead of lying home in bed.*

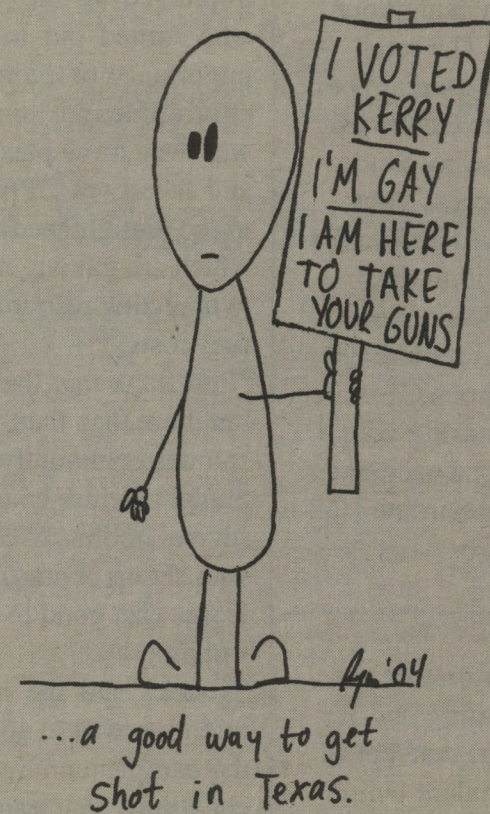
*Uncle Henry took a nap in the middle of the day  
And Mag went and found him lying on the hay  
The stains in his shirt was like the blood from her man  
But 'twas only the juice from the partridgeberry jam.*


*Uncle Henry had it figured out as clear as it could be  
We all need to eat lots of Vitamin C  
But we don't need the fruit from a Florida man  
There's all kinds of berries right here in Newfoundland.*

Stay tuned for more tid bits from island to island! In the meantime, if you would like to ask any questions about this, or other related things, don't hesitate to contact me. Also, feel free to put your two cents in here about the differences you see from your home to here. And if you are from here, we would love to hear what you have to say in response to any of our observations!

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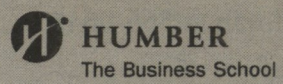
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