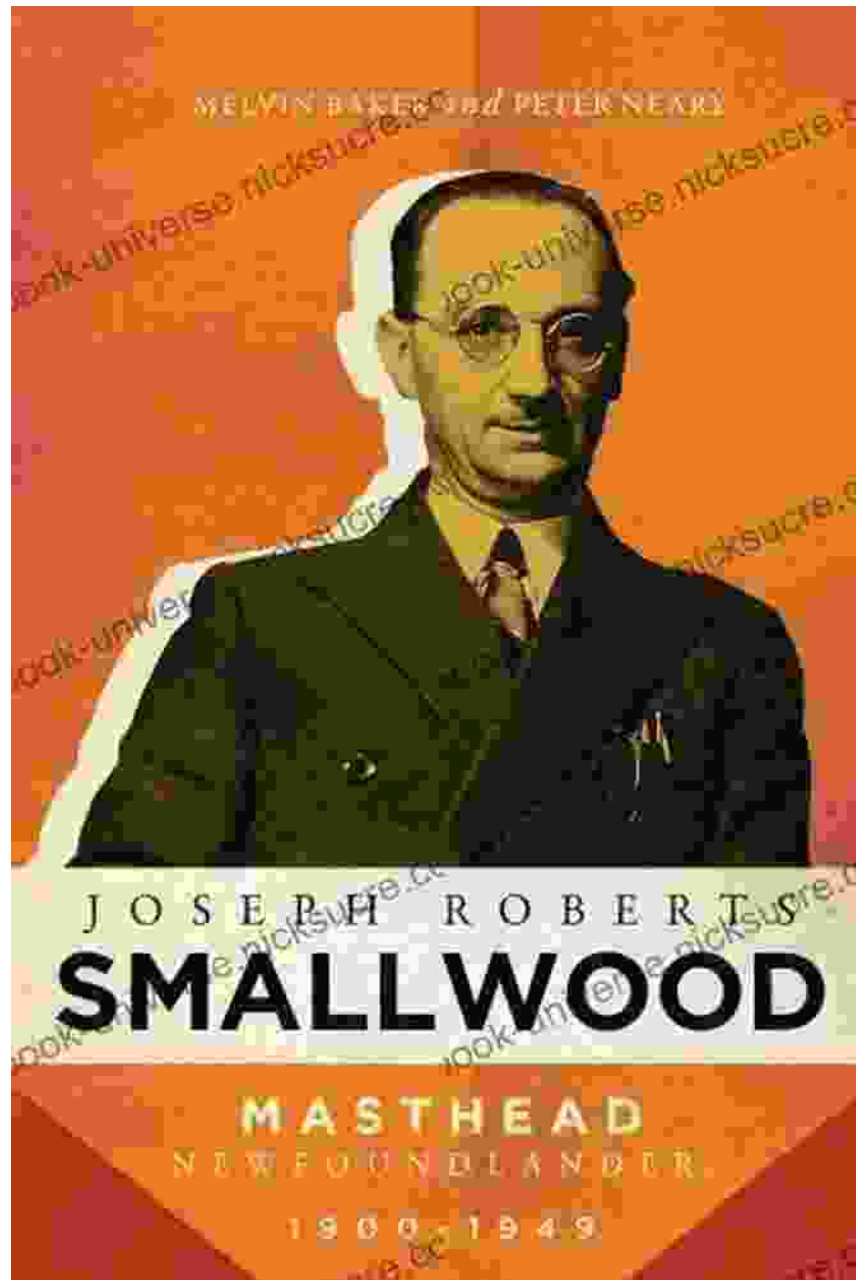
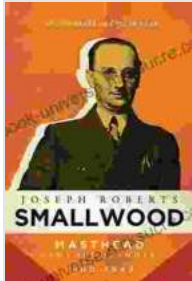


# Joseph Roberts Smallwood: Masthead of The Newfoundlander, 1900-1949



Joseph Roberts Smallwood was a prominent Newfoundland politician, journalist, and broadcaster. He is best known for his role in leading Newfoundland to Confederation with Canada in 1949. Smallwood was also

the founder and publisher of The Newfoundlander newspaper, which played a significant role in Newfoundland's political and cultural life for nearly 50 years.



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### Early Life and Career

Smallwood was born in Gambo, Newfoundland, on December 24, 1879. He began his career as a schoolteacher but soon turned to journalism. In 1900, he founded The Newfoundlander, which quickly became one of the most influential newspapers in the province.

The Newfoundlander was a weekly newspaper that covered a wide range of topics, including politics, economics, and social issues. Smallwood used the newspaper to promote his own views and to advocate for what he believed was best for Newfoundland. He was a strong supporter of Newfoundland's independence from Great Britain and was a vocal critic of the colonial government.

## **Political Career**

Smallwood entered politics in 1919 when he was elected to the Newfoundland House of Assembly. He served in the House of Assembly for over 20 years, during which time he held several cabinet positions. In 1949, he was elected Premier of Newfoundland and led the province to Confederation with Canada.

As Premier, Smallwood oversaw a period of significant economic and social change in Newfoundland. He implemented a number of policies that helped to modernize the province and improve the lives of its people. He also played a key role in the development of Newfoundland's oil industry.

## **Broadcasting Career**

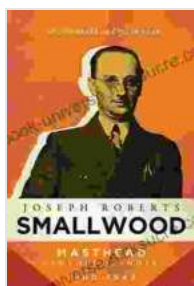
In addition to his political and journalistic career, Smallwood was also a successful broadcaster. In 1957, he founded CJON, Newfoundland's first private radio station. He later went on to found several other radio and television stations in the province.

Smallwood used his broadcasting career to promote his own views and to connect with the people of Newfoundland. He was a gifted speaker and could easily communicate his ideas to a wide audience. He was also a strong supporter of Newfoundland's culture and traditions.

## **Legacy**

Joseph Roberts Smallwood was a major figure in Newfoundland's history. He was a tireless advocate for Newfoundland's independence and a strong supporter of its people. He also played a significant role in the province's economic and social development. His legacy continues to be felt in Newfoundland today.

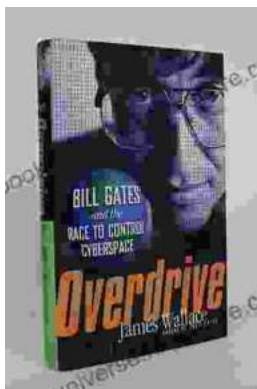
Joseph Roberts Smallwood was a complex and controversial figure, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most important figures in Newfoundland's history. He was a visionary leader who helped to shape the province's future. His legacy continues to be debated today, but there is no doubt that he was a major force for change in Newfoundland.



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