

the SETTLERS' LAKE

Right: For decades, trains of sled barges brought tonnes of frozen fish from the winter fishing camps.

Centre: Hecla Village, the centre of a robust, if isolated, community for decades, has been rejuvenated as the 21st century opens.

Below: The first Icelanders arrived on open barges in late fall, the first indication that they were unprepared for a Lake Winnipeg winter.



The Icelandic Saga

*They set out in these
perilous vessels, trusting
to God's protection, but warned
by Winnipeggers that if a storm
came up on Lake Winnipeg,
they would all be drowned.*

– The Gimli Saga

