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the men used them tied up, spun yarn; (lo" ?? ?? pain. I just made myself believe that I did. So that's the way it was. And isn't it funny? I think this is badness and evil, how we drifted away from these ideas. We all drifted away from the way we were brought up, I think. I know we did. (Would you pick an apple on Sunday?) Today? Yes, and eat it. And I don't think that's going to keep me out of heaven, if I do good things in other ways. The weaving was all done in the wintertime. Think of all the work the women were doing. They had so many sheep--they always kept so many sheep--for wool. And from the time the lambs were born, they looked after the lambs, fed them when their mothers weren't able to do all that, looked after them. They sheared the sheep, Maybe to help with that, for to get that they could shear them. It was the wo men that did the shearing. They'd wash the wool, picked it, carded it, spun it, and wove it into blankets. Of course, if they wanted dyed wool, they were dying it. They did all that. Well, all the work that was around wool, and all they did with it, and all the blan? kets made in the loom. Dear, dear, dear. People don't realize what women did at one time. And they think they're working hard today. And they have everything at their fingers, press a button. I often saw Moth? er with 3 or 4 women coming with the spin? ning wheel on their shoulders, to spin with Mother. Oh boy, what a day! The wool was Mother's, and they were doing it for Mother. Because she always had so much wool, and so much to do. They always helped each other, my dear, when I think of it. (I suppose there wasn't much pay for that.) No thought about it, no. When they had wool to do. Mother would help, if she was not too busy. But my mother was a mother that was always busy, and that large family, and had so much to do. But she'd go and help anybody. (Take her spin? ning wheel with her?) Yes, that's right. They used to make drugget, we used to call it. That was for dresses. That was fine stuff, you know, and it would be different to blankets. That, they didn't mill. But The (3ape Bretoner Motel 560 King's Road SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA Phone (902) 539-8101 Telex 019-35172 Vogue Cleaners Prince Street, Sydney * 539-1250 Suede Specialists DRY CLEANING REPAIRS Tourist Brochures & Colour Printing A Specialty PRINTERS 180 TOWNSEND STREET, SYDNEY, N. S. TELEPHONE (902) 564-8245 HOBBY HUT The Knitting' Craft Shop 204 Commercial St., North Sydney, N. S. Tel. 794-7774 • Pure Wool & Synthetic Yams ? Knitting Needles & Patterns • Crewel & Needlepoint Canvases • Artists' Supplies • Locally Made Ceramics & Gift Items (9)