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Matt Minglewood continued from Back Cover been--probably 9 or 10 or something like that. (By that time I'd) got away from music altogether, ex? cept I'd play the piano-- this one here. My mother got this piano somewhere years ago. 'Cause I started taking piano lessons--I think I took 3. And the re? gimentation. ... (Real good with lessons!) Yeah, real good with the lessons! But anyway. I kind of got away from music altogether, except myself. Just sitting down playing the piano. I sang a lot at this time. I'd sing the hit songs that were on the radio. My par? ents would get me to sing on trips, you know--"Sing that song"--Marty Robbins' "El Paso." and things like that. And I loved that song. And they'd always get me to sing the two Gaelic songs; "Ho Ro Mo Nighean Donn Bhoidheach." stuff like that. (Did your parents ask for any of the Elvis Presley songs?) No, thfey never asked for Elvis. I used to sing "Love Me Tender." though, back then. And then I went to--I had a bad year. Grade 9, I barely got through, just from paying absolutely no attention to school. And my mother sent me to Monastery. My grandmother died--this was my grandfather's wife. She outlasted him--she was 94 when he died. 95. And she left all the money she had--which was. I think. \$5 00--to me. Because I kind of grew up--I spent a lot of time in that house. More so than the rest of the kids in the family. But her stipulation was; she wanted me to go to Monastery and think about becoming a priest. So I went to the seminary in Monastery. Nova Scotia, which is the Order of Saint Augustine, which is a very monastic life, you know. I went there for Grade 9. And it was there I picked up guitar. A fel? low had one--just an old Western-style flattop. He would sing country songs, knew the chords, and I got him to teach me a few. He ended up giving (me) the guitar af? ter, 'cause I was more into playing it than he was. I wasn't as good as him. but I was --he could see that I really appreciated it. So he gave it to me. For a year I went there. And the next (time) I went back (there I was) in Grade 11. Back to Monastery. By this time I'd gotten myself a Simpsons-Sears electric guitar and a little amplifier, and tried to get a band going. I knew maybe 5 or 6 WE HAVE INFORMATION ON YOUR PROPERTY - AND YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT IT IS! Vie have over 20 pieces of information on every number you see on this map, and we have a number on every property in Cape Breton, Richmond, Victoria, and Inverness Counties. That means we have a number on every property in Cape Breton Island. ~ A SERVICE WORTH INVESTIGATING Land Registration and Information Service Property IVIapping and Records Division 66 Wentworth Street, Sydney, N. S. B1P 614 CONTROL SYSTEM of concrete monuments for surveying BASE MAPS: Orthophoto for rural areas, Line Maps for cities, town, villages PROPERTY MAPS with boundary information and ownership information REGISTRY ASSISTANCE for government and private users Your Property Is Our Business - Ask Us About It TELEPHONE (902) 563-2280 or (563-2281) An Agency of the Council of Maritime Premiers From BADDECK