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The Oak and Elm are top-rooted; all the others Stool. There cannot be any doubt but that the timber of Cape Breton might be appropriated to many valuable purposes and form a very profitable and extensive commerce-every-where affords fine and suitable streams for saw-mills and the various species of timber procured in any form, dimension and quantity. Soil and climate The Soil in every part of the Island, except towards the seashore and the mountains towards Cape North and some few spruce barrens, is extremely rich and fertile and capable of yielding on cultivation all the species of Grain, corn, seeds, roots and vegetables in high perfection. Hemp & flax grow very luxuriant. Indian Corn to great perfection. Potatoes in particular are produced in astonishing crops. 30 for one is a common produce. A Gentleman farmer once came to the author to make oath to the produce of his crop of potatoes and had actually written out an affidavit stating that the produce was one thousand bushels from ten planted-he was not permitted to make the affidavit, for on consideration and inspection of the ground planted, it was found that the space could not contain 1000 Bushels if packed close on the surface. The crop was very great perhaps from 50 to 60 for one.-It was new ground of a light soil. Weather. The Climate is remarkably healthy and salubrious; notwithstanding the changes in weather are very rapid and severe. Sydney River which is one mile wide near the town has frequently been crossed on the ice by persons who had 16 hours before crossed it in a boat. Snow is sometimes 5 feet deep upon a level, and no travelling but on snow shoes. Fogs are never known at Sydney nor further to the northward than the Island of Scatterie. May is the most unpleasant month in the Year. June, July and August are Seldom too hot for labour. September, October and November are delightful months: a clear, serene sky and pure air prevail, sometimes, to January. Aurora Borealis is very beautiful in this Island especially after a dry summer, it shoots with the most rapid and vivid rays. Thunder: is very seldom heard. This description is from the Colonial Office records. Series 217. CXXXIV. 1816. It appears in the book CANADIAN ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS, the section called "The Economic Life of the Maritime Provinces." We have normalized some of the punctuation. fW' Need a New Windshield? Your Local Auto Glass Company If we can save your windshield, your Insurance will pay the full cost. 6 Liberty St. 'Rd'd'Ol Across from Ron May Pontiac '??/v\*T T%/' f St. Peters Drug Store Ltd, Don Stone, Ph. C, Proprietor Open 6 Days a Week Monday to Friday open until 8 p.m. Saturday open until 5 p.m. 535-2203 St. Peters, Richmond County, N. S. Home of the PEERLESS ' • AI0??i- SHOWPLACE • 'y' A Division of // %" Provincial Floorina Ltd. > Provincial Flooring Ltd. 'Qo 400 GEORGE ST., SYDNEY P. O. Box 1660, Sydney. N. S. Bl P 6T7 Telephone: 562-8453 Since 1914 H. H. Marshall Limited Corporate Head Office Halifax, N.S. 3731 Macintosh Street B3K5N5 "WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS OF PERIODICALS & BOOKS" 4" Keddy's Sydney Hotel 600 King's Rd., Sydney, N. S. KEDDY'S 218ROOIUIS Air Conditioned Colour Cable TV ST. JOHN'S BRANCH OFFICES CHARLOTTETOWN SYDNEY H. H. Marshall



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