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said if I had left them alone, they would all have come out in the same way, and if he had been with us in the winter, he would not have left one leg amongst us all, but would have made a complete cure of us. He also dressed the other men's legs, and he gave orders to the people of the house to let us want for nothing. In a day or two" Mr. Smith, the magistrate, came to see me, and on his return sent me a suit of his own clothes, and I hope he will never know want for his great kind? ness. We sometimes heard we were likely to be sent to Halifax, but in a short time they came to a conclusion that we should remain there, and a subscription was set on foot for our relief in all the churches and chapels, and also among the shipping, which consisted of about thirty sail; not a master, man, or scarcely a boy, but who gave three or four shillings each, and I heard in all there was nearly sixty pounds collected. But what with our board and the doctor's bill, and the relief of several other shipwrecked mariners, who were all paid out of this subscription, there was but a small quantity of dollars came into our hands.... We were told by a person, that Capt. Low- rie, of the Barbara, would probably take one of us to England; we told Simpson he had better endeavour to see him, and speak to him upon the subject. He went upon his knees to his office, and found him, and having engaged with the gentleman who held the subscription money, he took him for five pounds. Simpson gave me the prefer? ence of going in his stead, but I told him that as Capt. Gill, of the Dixon, had prom? ised to take me, I would stop for him, as he was bound direct to Hull, so that Simp? son left in that ship for Newcastle direct. We heard there was some money sent to Pic? tou for our relief from Halifax, obtained by the exhibition of an Indian chief's head, which put us in possession of a few shillings more than our shipmate Simpson got. The Dixon and the Neptune being the only Hull ships, we naturally expected we might have been sent home in them, but they went to take in the remainder of their cargoes at Tattamagush, and after a short time, I was informed they were loaded; I therefore left Taylor, and told him I was determined, if possible, to go to Mr. Smith's, to know if we could not be sent to Tattamagush to be in readiness to go on board those vessels. On my knees I managed to reach Mr. Smith's residence, and his clerk informed me that Mr. Smith was ill in bed, but upon the business be? ing made known to him, he sent word down that those two ships had sailed, and they never had been able with convenience to get us down there; that we should now be obliged to stop and go with Capt. Hobbart, in the Enterprize, as he had promised to take us all three, if we did not meet with a conveyance before he sailed. Of course Taylor and I now had nothing else to de? pend upon. Accordingly, when the ship was ready, we were taken on board, and I was BRIAND'S CAB VISIT TOURS 664-6161 Fortress Louisbourg Graham Bell Museum Miners' Museum Gaelic College SEE THE BEAUTIFUL aBOT TRAIL 664-61' HOUU located Rt 255, 5 miles from Glace Bay Port Morien PHONE:737-2408 Enjoy your favorite MacLeod's Bookstore Ltd. Books on Caoe Breton Still Standing, Terry Sunderland 7.95 The Irish in Cape Breton, A. A. MacKenzie 5.95 My Grandfather's Cape Breton, Clive Doucet 12.95 Dragon Lady,



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