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you old bugger, you don't know much about a steel plant if you think you can stop spending money. (Because up till A. V. Roe/ Hawker-Siddeley bought the plant, you were putting money back in that plant and making money with the plant?) That's right. Yes. (If they had put money in and run the plant properly....) They couldn't because they didn't have the competence. Any good steelmaker could have. No question in my mind. The tragedy was when Hawker-Siddeley came in the picture originally. They were completely incompetent. (And your opinion has never changed on this?) No. Reinforced it, if anything. (I wish you could say to me, they saw a way to make money by letting the plant go down, and this was a smart boardroom business deal....) I don't know why they ever came to such a decision, craziest thing I ever heard of, group of so-called industrial people talking, making such silly decisions. (To get out in '67?) Yes. To abandon this plant. At that time they could buy billets, for instance, from England cheaper than they could buy them from here. There was a slump at the time. Well, this was one of the arguments they put up to the government at the time, That's why they were closing up. They could get their steel supplies from England cheaper. (And if they had held onto it, if they had treated it right, would we have the problems we're facing today?) Not if they had been competent operators. In fact, on the contrary, if they had gone ahead with Con? trecoeur as we decided originally, this plant would be making over a million tons every year. And it did make a million tons the first full year the government had it, (You put a tremendous amount in that plant,) I gave my life to it, in effect. My working life, I was appointed general manager of that plant in 1940, and in 1945 they made me general manager of the whole thing, not coal. (And you've stayed, not gone back to England or Australia.) People used to ask me when I was getting around 60, where you going when you retire? Everybody else pretty well who had anything to do with the running of it, when they retired, they left here. I said, I'm going to stay right here. I don't know any better place in the world. But as for the steel plant, I cut myself clear. Well, they put me on the board of directors for SYSCO, but I wasn't too happy there. (Were you the only one on the board who knew how to make steel?) Except for the president, and he didn't know too much about it. He had not gone through a life of steelmaking as I have. Thanks to Harvey MacLeod, Sydney Steel Corp., for old photographs used in this article. Bird Island Tours CAMPING and CABINS A 2 1/2 hour cruise from MOUNTAIN VIEW BY THE SEA 4 miles off Trans-Canada Highway at Big Bras d'Or (902)674-2384 Growing Blueberries... What about your land? Expansion of the Nova Scotia blueberry industry has been dramatic with the lowbush blueberry developing into one of the most important horticultural crops in our province. In 1953, Nova Scotia produced 1.125 million pounds of blueberries with a farm value of \$152,000. In 1979, provincial production was 10.7 million pounds with a farm value of \$4.2 million and a total value to the Nova Scotia economy of over \$8 million. Blueberries are the number one fruit crop in Nova Scotia in total acreage, dollar return and export sales, providing one of the highest thousand acres. This could double our



present yearly production. However, expansion will only be realized with landowners committing more acres to production on land which in most cases is unsuited for other types of crops. The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing realizes the growth potential in the blueberry industry and has a number of programs to help landowners interested in commercial production. The Department has a land clearing policy which, subject to eligibility, offers financial help to growers for each acre cleared. The Department also provides the latest technical, research and production information available. Net incomes of any agricultural commodity are available through its specialists. assistance on berry production with sound advice, to the grower horticultural and marketing would like more information or how to get your land into blueberry production contact: Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing. ?? NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETING J Hon. Rogers. Bacon, Minister ' Walter V. Grant, Deputy Minister