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ics of these diseases are believed to have destroyed whole communities, depopulated whole regions, and vastly decreased the native population everywhere in the yet unexplored interior of the continent. The early pandemics are believed to have run their course prior to 1600 A.D. Disease did more than decimate the native population; it effectively prepared the way for subsequent phases of European contact by breaking native morale and, perhaps even more significantly, by cracking their spiritual edifice. It is reasonable to suggest that European disease rendered the Indian's (particularly the shaman's) ability to control and otherwise influence the supernatural realm dysfunctional--because his magic and other traditional cures were now ineffective--thereby causing the Indian to apostatize (in effect), which in turn subverted the "retaliation" principle of taboo and opened the way to a corruption of the Indian-land relationship under the influence of the fur trade. Much of this microbial phase was of course protohistoric, although it continued well into and no doubt beyond the seventeenth century--the time period covered by the earliest French sources. Recognizing the limitations of tradition as it conveys historical fact, it may nevertheless be instructive to examine a myth concerning the Cross-bearing Micmac of the Miramichi Riv-

The number of forest fires in Cape Breton is increasing. Last year between April and October, 169 were reported. Fortunately, fast action by Lands and Forests crews and volunteer firefighters put them out before they did do much damage. Because even a small brush fire can get out of control and ignite nearby trees in seconds, early detection is essential. If you see a fire in or near the woods, contact your local Lands and Forests office or Sub-Ranger immediately. If there is no answer, call Zenith 40000."

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