

Page 14 - Travels with Johnny "Butch" MacDonald

ISSUE: Issue 36

Published by Ronald Caplan on 1984/6/1

through the fence, round them out, get them out on the road again. So anyway, there were fellows came along, going to catch the boat, you know, with horses and sleigh. 1 told them to tell the captain that I was coming with these cat? tle, and to wait for me. So, I suppose he waited an hour. But by God, you talk about hardship. You know, there was a lot of snow down then, pretty near a foot of snow--we were plowing through that. But we finally landed them there, got them down, got them aboard the boat. And the truck was still stuck up in the Lake o' Law. The worst experience I ever had was out on the ice. I was to Arichat. I was buying hides. This was in the winter. And I had a load of hides in the truck. Coming back, at St. Peters, it started to snow, and I was tired, so I put up for the night. And the next morning, everything was bright with snow. I said to the people in the ho? tel there, "Looks like I'm in trouble. I guess I'll be here for the winter!" "Oh, now," they said, "I don't know. You may get through. The doctor had a call last night to Soldiers Cove, and he was down on the ice, and he came back." Oh geez, I was scared. "Well," I said, "I don't know the way on the ice." "Well, there's his track. You can follow his track." And I said, "I'Jhere' d he get on the ice?" And they said, "Down at the canal." And I was scared of the ice. Because I was after losing a truck in the ice. I just went through the ice, off of North Sydney there. I had gone out on the ice, and down she went. I had the Model T Ford. The Caribou, that was the Newfoundland fer? ry, she had backed out, you know, she made a pass for herself. Sunday night she broke it. And this ice had just frozen over. I was there Monday morning. I had this lit? tle Ford, but the wind was blowing me out. I had her steering this way, and she seemed to be going out that way. An5rway, she just hit the end of the ice, where the boat had opened it--there was just a scum of ice over it. I hit that, and down she went. Oh, just a second, I got wet up to here. See, there was no top on her. That time, cars, they had little canvas tops. Well, through the time and rough usage, this top was gone. It was just an old wreck of a thing, you know. If there had been a top on her, I'd have never got out of her. But when she went down, I just j-umped away from the wheel, and I put my foot on that door there, and then the ice caught me here. Across the waist. The hands were out on the ice. She was underwa? ter that much then. I had a big pair of woolen mitts, and the mitts were out on the ice like that, you know. I went to put a little pressure on them, and I could see where they were freezing to the ice, and I thought, by God, this is not so bad after all. So I didn't panic. I just took my time, gave my arse a little twist, and I was on the ice. (Did you ever get that car back?) No. But I was scared of the ice after that. And they were telling me at Arichat, "Oh, The Qedit Union Difference. EMscover It For Yourself. Today. When you join the Credit Union, you become a member-shareholder, not just a customer. That means you can have an equal say, an equal share in how things are done. You can be sure that the decisions the credit union makes are made right at home. Another Credit Union difference is that we're always looking for new, innovative ways to improve our services for you. And by operating close to home and listening to you, we're able to offer you flexible financial services based

on your needs. Something else comes with being a Credit Union member -- peace of mind through security. With financial safeguards built in, the Credit Union is a safe, sure place to save. Best of all, as a Credit Union member you can expect a good return on your savings and a fair rate of interest when you borrow. The Credit Union Difference. Discover it for yourself. Today. NEW WATERFORD CREDIT UNION LTD. Plummer Ave., New Waterford (862-6453) NORTHEAST MARGAREE CREDIT UNION LTD. Margaree Centre (248-2401) DOMINION CREDIT UNION LTD. 24 Commercial St., Dominion (849-8648) NORTH SYDNEY CREDIT UNION LTD. 210 Commercial St., North Sydney (794-2535) PRINCESS CREDIT UNION LTD. 154 Main St., Sydney Mines (736-9204) PORT HAWKESBURY CREDIT UNION LTD. Reynolds St., Port Hawkesbury (625-0190) ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION LTD. P. 0. Box 610, Sydney (564-5457) NORTH ISLE MADAME CREDIT UNION LTD. D'Escousse (226-2722) GLACE BAY CENTRAL CREDIT UNION LTD. 57 Main St., Glace Bay (849-7512) BAY ST. LAWRENCE CREDIT UNION LTD. St. Margarets Village (383-2293) SYDNEY CREDIT UNION LTD. 95 Townsend St., Sydney (562-5593) 1164 Kings Rd., Sydney River (539-1684) MARGAREE CREDIT UNION LTD. Margaree (235-2659) PORT HOOD CREDIT UNION LTD. Port Hood (787-3246) WHITNEY CREDIT UNION LTD. 924 Victoria Rd., Sydney (564-6478)| MABOU CREDIT UNION LTD. Mabou (945-2003) JOHNSTOWN CREDIT UNION LTD. Irish .Cove (828-2326) ST. JOSEPH'S CREDIT UNION LTD. Petit-de-Grat (226-2288) LOUISDALE CREDIT UNION LTD. Louisdale (345-2015) L'ARDOISE CREDIT UNION LTD. L'Ardoise (587-2414) MIDDLE RIVER CREDIT UNION LTD. Middle River (295-2572) ST. COLUMBA CREDIT UNION LTD. Iona (622-2626) RESERVE MINES CREDIT UNION LTD. Reserve Mines (849-4583) COADY CREDIT UNION LTD. 7 West Ave., Glace Bay (849-7610 STEEL CENTRE CREDIT UNION LTD. 340 Prince St., Sydney (562-5559 LOUISBOURG CREDIT UNION LTD. Louisbourg (733-2540) MAIN-A-DIEU CREDIT UNION LTD. Main-a-Dieu (733-2555) INVERNESS FILENE CREDIT UNION LTD 1 Inverness (258-2045) LEMOYNE CREDIT UNION LTD. Grand Etang (224-2015) CHETICAMP CREDIT UNION LTD. Cheticamp (224-2055) RIVERDALE CREDIT UNION LTD. JLower River Inhabitants (625-1604 RIVER BOURGEOIS CREDIT UNION LTD River Bourgeois (535-3101) i THE CREDIT UNION BELONGS TO YOU AND ME (14)