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was selling--for bait, haddock or cod or mackerel, whatever it was. So, I didn't know how to mark the name, and mark the kind of a fish. We tried that for about a month--she tried to show me how to do it. Every night, every night. So at last, I got it, an3A?7ay. I got it that way. I started from there. I tried to get the kind of a fish--haddock, cod, and herring-- whatever kind of fish we had, to put that down. And then I tried on the names that used to come around the trap for bait, for fish. The men. All kinds of different men. So I did learn it pretty well. So I or? dered one of those books that used to tell the amounts of fish, and price, and things like that. If it was 2c a pound, or 1c a pound, things like that, I had the special book. You could find anything at all you wanted to find in it--wood, or lumber, or whatever it was • Even the dividends in the Kgdtiicl'EtiedCliickeii CHICKEN CHALET LTD. FIVE LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU: SYDNEY SHOPPING MALL CB. SHOPPING PLAZA, SYDNEY RIVER STERLING MALL, GLACE BAY BLOWERS ST., NORTH SYDNEY PLUMMER AVE., NEW WATERFORD bank. Well, it was a clear book for that, I had that to depend on. So, all that I was selling through the trap, I had to put it in my book. And when I'd go to settle on Saturday, I had to take that over, what I had sold during the week, how much money I had made. So I got along Number One on that. I never made a mistake on that. It's hard to be? lieve. (You were probably extremely care? ful,) I had to be, because if I was losing money, it was off my pocket. So I had to be careful. But I never made any mistake with it. When I took over captain in the trap, I was between 17 and 19. I was good and strong, though. They trusted me. I nev? er tried to cheat anybody. That's something I never did try. Tried to do my best to keep everything nice and clean, and no more. This trap that we bought was between 8 l men--8 shareholders. We were fishing, and paying according to what we were fishing. Those traps were cost? ing that time around \$12,000. But we were paying according to were we making the mon? ey. But you used to make good money in it. Oh, cripes almighty! We got all kinds of fish inside here. You could make good money. It was nothing for you to pay 3-or 4 thousand dollars during the year, on the trap. So when the trap was paid, this was yours. (How long did it take?) Oh well, you could have paid in 3 or 4 years, as far as paying straight. But every year you had to order new stuff, something that was going bad. It was all kinds of fish then. You could make a living off of the trap. But you only had two months to fish, You had to make all that you could in two months. 'Cause at the end of two months you had to take your gear ashore, (You told me about a time that each man on? ly got \$18.) Oh, yeah. That's a year when the fish was so low--the price was so low--they couldn't sell haddock and fish of any kind. What we were selling, you called it "selling it," but you were giv? ing it away fresh, any-