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than have people have to research that, I'm going to write it right on the quilt. And I needed a way to quilt .those sashes between the blocks, an5nAray. I spent a coup? le weeks, probably, thinking about how I was going to quilt it. And then just one day I said, "Oh, I'm going to quilt the history right into the quilt!" I think it's added a lot to it because people en? joy reading it. (It says, "From the break of day to the setting sun/ A woman's work is never done."; Right. Because the quilt was per? taining to women and their roles, so I stuck that one in. ("This is the valley of Margaree,/ Tucked in the mountains not far from the sea become m' And then: "Cape Breton has home./ No more do I feel a need one. But I really still haven't bought milk, other than powdered milk, and eggnog at Christmas. And we have our own beef and our own chicken. And we had our own tur? keys , and we have our own lamb. And we've had pork in the past; no more, because it's too expensive now. To buy feed for it. So the only things we really buy at the store are paper products, flour, some spices--I grow my own herbs--and sugar. That kind of stuff, (In the quilt, you're alone in the garden.) Yeah, the garden was always my project. Garry would help get it plowed and har? rowed, and then I was on my own. But then I got a rototiller so I could do it all my? self 'Ididn/th'vetod to roam." And: "Keep love and truth in sight./"Mind the Light.") That's the Quak? er influence, there7 Anybody could see where I came from. The Light is that of God in every person. That was, kind of one of the sayings of Quakers, and it was also the motto of where I went to school. The school seal, symbol, whatever, was a lit? tle oil lamp, and it said, "Mind the Light." It's really like, follow your in? ner feelings, follow your conscience, (And the last across the top says, "Just because I know you'll ask/ It took 316 hours to do this task.") That's because that's the first thing everybody asks me when they see it, and I just point to that corner. (The quilt) covers a lot of time, really. But I made it in 1982, and most of those things I was doing in '82, Some of them I had done previously, and hadn't repeated. ("Planting transplants, planting seeds,/ Growing enough to meet our needs 7') I grow all our own vegetables, almost all our own dairy products. I always kept 2 cows milk? ing; this is the first year I've just had Whale Cruises Capt. Bill Crawford, Cheticamp Boat Tours, P. O. Box 10, Grand Etang, N. S. (902)224-3376 Home of Solid Birch Furniture Sofas Sofa Beds Coffee & End Tables tsfesSsj Rockers Recliners Tables & Chairs All Your Home Furnishing Needs msKingsRoad, Sydney River, N.S. B1S 1C6 \* 539-1715 Enormous Showroom at SYDNEY RIVER THE TREASURE COVE GIFTS AND HANDCRAFTS High quality gifts and crafts from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and abroad 1-902-564-8158 Children's books and toys - pre-school to 12 years 1-902-539-3035 Open Mon.-Sat. 9-6, Thurs.-Fri. until 9 74 Townsend St., Sydney, N. 8. B1P 5C8 Bretoner MOTEL 560 King's Road Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada B1S 1B8 phone (902) 539-8101 call toll free 1 - 800-268-8993 Located on the Sydney Harbour Front away from road traffic, yet only 3 minutes from Downtown Sydney