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sometimes I'd play with them, you know, a little background with them. That's how I learned all those old songs. I learned dozens of them. They were mostly seafaring songs, old seafaring songs. (So here you are 16 years old, and you only had one influence in your life as a musician. Is that fair to say?) Yes, that's fair to say. That's not lying at all. But there were a couple of old violin players that used to tour around the country. They weren't married or anything. They were just sort of--they weren't hoboes or anything, but they were just, you know, knockabouts. Archie Gwinn--one of the Gwinns from Cape North. I wouldn't know too much about his background. He died in St. Peter's, a very old man, probably 90. And I remember him being at our house. He'd come down maybe once or twice through the winter and spend a night or two. And that was the only thing, after hearing my father, that I got ahold of, any help. And I learned a lot from him, learned a lot of tunes from him. And there was a MacDonald fellow, Hughie MacDonald, Bay Road Valley. Hector Hugh MacDonald, we called him. I used to listen to him play for picnics. He played for picnics before I could play. And when I took over, that put him out of that job. And of course, there were a lot of good players came up when I was coming up. There was a MacKinnon family in Smelt Brook, Willie MacKinnon. And his boys started to learn to play the violin, which some of them turned out pretty good. And the MacDougalls from Sugarloaf. Mike MacDougall and Angus MacDougall. They were still playing when I was a kid. So their boys grew up to be very good players--Hector and Donald and Jack. They were 30 miles from my home. And they were good musicians.

1 The number of forest fires in Cape Breton is increasing. Fortunately, fast action by Lands and Forests crews and volunteer firefighters put them out before they did much damage. Because even a small brush fire can get out of control and ignite nearby trees in seconds, early detection is essential.

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