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the same time. My head is not busy at, all. It's coming from down here. (Because you are aware you don't sound like any fiddler before you, as far as I know.) Well, see, I had no one to copy. I had to play my own way, and I didn't know any other way. So I had my own style, and as I grew up I heard different players, good players. And I knew right off of the bat, damn well, if I learn that tune, I can do it better. I had that feeling. And that was my goal. Play that tune better than the fellow I heard playing it. Set a goal for that, and work on it. Maybe, one tune--I might work weeks on a Step into a World of Excitement and Diversity Nova Scotia is a land of infinite variety. We have scenery that ranges from mountains, rolling hills, and rocky cliffs to lush farmland and a coastline of coves, bluffs and warm, sandy beaches. There's variety in our communities, too. We have beautiful country market towns, charming shoreline villages and bustling cosmopolitan cities. board the m/v Kipawo and the Mulgrave Road Theatre. Lively pubs and clubs from one end of the Province to the other present home-grown comedy and rock, jazz or traditional down-east music. In the summer, street corners are awash with guitarists, jugglers, clowns and performers of all kinds ready to give you a tune and a smile. tune. And then you forget about it. When you come back to it again, you'd try it out and if it sounded pretty good, well, that's the way you play it. Otherwise, you had another crack at it. See if you could alter it a little bit. I joined the Maritime Merry-makers, a road show, about 1933-34. (Where did you find them?) They found me, down in White Point. They came down with a show, you know. And the blackface, half of it. Five, I think we had, in the show. I started out with (the Maritime Merry-makers) at White Point. They came down and they did a show. And I think we had a show in Neil's Harbour or South Harbour--it was a- while back, now, and I just forget which one. But any? way, they asked my dad and mom if I could come up as far as Sydney with them. They were go? ing to show in In? gonish and North Bay and Neil's Harbour and so on. And they said, "Well, he's 19" I said, "Yes, sure I'll go." Nova Scotia has something for everyone. It's a haven for outdoor adventurers, nature lovers, photographers, swimmers, windsurfers, sailors, theatre-goers, history buffs, music lovers, campers, gourmets and people who like to step out on the town. Hundreds of festivals throughout the Province celebrate where we came from and what we've come to be. This is the summer to rediscover Nova Scotia. Step into History You'll find museums and historic sites in towns and cities all across Nova Scotia. Some, like the Alexander Graham Bell Museum and Uniacke House, pay tribute to prominent Nova Scotians of the past. Others tell of the peoples who came here to settle, like the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, the only museum of Black culture in Canada, and Grand Pre National Historic Park which honours Nova Scotia's first European colonists. You can be a part of living history in the restored and preserved historic sites of Nova Scotia. Louisbourg, the Halifax Citadel and Sherbrooke Village bring you face to face with our past and let you experience life as our ancestors lived it Step into Nature Beautiful national and provincial parks beckon the outdoor enthusiast. Trek across the rugged and panoramic Cape Breton



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