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During World War I Broughton came to life briefly as a headquarters for the 185th Battalion. Soon af? ter the soldiers moved in, the "Broughton Arms"- was destroyed by fire. After the war the remaining buildings either decayed or, in the case of some of the miners' cottages, were hauled away to Syd? ney or Glace Bay to be turned into private dwellings. William Harris was still working at Broughton in February 1906, and working hard. Robert wrote to him on the 18th: "Don't stick to your work too steadily, it doesn't pay. A tired man can't do it well. I find if I am fatigued and stale and force myself to it, it is only to do it over again--and that is never guite what a fresh effort is." Early in March William passed through Mulgrave on his way from Broughton to Halifax. That was the month in which Thomas Lancaster resigned, and the Brough? ton bubble burst. Our thanks to Robert C. Tuck of Prince Edward Is? land for permission to reprint this chapter from his book Gothic Dreams. The book is still avail? able in local bookstores or from Dundern Press, 1558 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ontario M4L 1E8. The price is \$16.95 plus \$1.25 postage. Our thanks as Iwell to Ken MacKinnon, Halifax, for introducing us to William Harris's work. Some Other Buildings in Cape Breton Designed by William Harris Clockwise, from top: Library (former Post Office), Baddeck; Plan of Trinity Church, Sydney Mines; and St. John's Church, Arichat (today there is no spire.) Museum of Cape Breton Heritage Northeast Margaree on the Cabot Trail Inverness Co., Cape Breton, N. S. OPEN 9 TO 6 DAILY DO NOT MISS THE ENJOYMENT OF The Inverness and Richmond Railway a new book by Allister MacBean Features include nearly 100 pages, glossy paper, over 60 pictures, roster, maps, and much more. What a great gift, too! Just \$10.95 plus 454 postage/packing. THE TENNANT PUBLISHING HOUSE P. O. Box 997, Armdale, Nova Scotia B3L 4K9 Kelly's View Restaurant Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Home Cooking for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Enjoy Family Dining Overlooking the Bras cfOr Lakes and Kelly's Mountain East of Boularderie Centre 1/4 mile from the Seal Island Brklge 674-2473 Your Hosts: Billie & Joe Smolenaars (27)