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he still, every time he sees me--"Oh, I'll never forget, Annie," he said, "I used to say to--if I had a passenger coming--'You wait--there's always a good supper ahead of us when we get to MacLeods.'" Well, I liked baking, I guess. I liked that kind of work. But I know that--I had lots of help like that. If we didn't have a girl, I know George was good to work, in and out, and then we always had some man there. (You had to feed the mailmen?) Yeah, you had to feed the mailman that came--they had supper there. And if he's staying all night, I had to give him breakfast. And the north mailman, the same way. But I didn't mind the mailman, really. It was when they'd bring a passenger. Perhaps a teacher that was teaching at Ingonish. And she was going home for the Christmas holidays. Home Styled Cooking and Local Dishes at the Miners\* Village Restaurant Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. • 7 Days a Week • LUNCH • DINNER Make this uniquely warm and pleasant BREAKFAST atmosphere part of your uisit to the MINERS' MUSEUM, GLFICE BFIV, N. S. LICENSED (902)849-1788 Meals by Lamplight ' A project of the Industrial Development Division of the Cape Breton Development Corporation ?? Un project de la Division du developpement industriel de la societe de developpement du Cap-Breto HAVE YOUR KITCHEN DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU appliances now on display. mmm, 1" MA DTD • p""' KMARTPLAZA ' '''' JT' SYDNEY 539-5044 BRAEMAR KITCHEN'S SCOTTISH TRIFLE n am. rmprnm jeno w pai I age dbedonsuiil place in fridg\*. Cook on cin Mt aside. Drain IniH cockM; re? tain liioe. Bleak up sponge cate in bottom I ofservfcigdah'spreKiStafaleepoonslam r sponge. Add brandy to lutoe and pou' ??no wnsn cool add thjH cocklall on lopL When le?o just aeUng pour on top and aHow to aet Whip cream aa iiaual and layer on topL Sprinkle cake ?? ' SYDNEY 539-5044 ' ' 'MtnzmUX Kitchens Plus I often wondered, I guess--perhaps I wasn't too pleasant. (Annie Mae: People used to go to their mother's and father's wakes in the country.) Oh yes, people that died. That was the night, I think, we had the 24. The mailmen were there, and perhaps George's father--he used to be down there guite a bit, too. And the fellow that was working there with us, and perhaps the girl. I don't know. Anyway, the mailmen. Two horses came up from Ingonish, and two drivers, to meet the people that were going down to a funeral. Think of that! Twenty-four people. One night. That was the winter that we had 5 barrels of floor. We went through 5 barrels of floor. (Did you have a fee that you would charge someone for staying?) Oh yes, yes, I did. I charged them, oh yes, they knew that. And the mailmen, too. Oh yes, that's the way we kept them. I mean, we couldn't keep them any other way. That wasn't what I minded so much, as some? body coming in the afternoon, going to be in the house, sitting down. That's what I minded, more than, I suppose, keeping him, I guess perhaps. (Explain that more.) Well, he came perhaps early in the afternoon. Now he was going to stay and wait for the mail, which perhaps he'd be there all night. I didn't want him there. You think--doing that to a Mountie! Wasn't I awful? (So, the way you tell it, you really didn't like running the post office.) Well, it kind of--I don't know--got too much to me at last, I guess. (How many years did you do it?) Ten. But George didn't want to (move)--although he got work over at



Chappell's (in Sydney). But to tell you the truth, I wanted to move all my life. That I was there. I didn't like it down there. (In Wreck Cove.) And I wanted to move. And I remember coming up with my sister in Sydney, and I had a sister in Glace Bay. I used to ask them, "I wonder if there's any way George could get work, so we could move over." And I guess that was the reason I wanted to--wasn't, per? haps, the post office altogether. Might have been just that I want? ed- that was a good chance to move. But he didn't want to move. He could have got work, (and) he could have gone home for the win? ter- the wouldn't need to stay over all winter. (But you saw your chance.) But I just had an opening there. We moved in in January, really. The Montgomerys moved us. We had to get clear of the cattle, get clear of the horse, get clear of the sheep and everything. Nobody moved into the house then. We came (