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when we saw it in the gathering gloom. And again I suppose it's a matter of faith, be? cause it's completely shingled on the out? side, so you can't see anything of the structure. (You haven't seen the log...) No. But it looks--it's just so similar. (So that's one that you'll have to get inside one day.) Yes. (You said that photographs exist of one of these buildings before it was boarded and shingled. What does that tell us then about these buildings? Can we then assume that these were at one time log buildings with no boards on them? Or do you think they were initially built log, and then boarded and shingled immediately?) Either case could be true. And there are contemporary references to a sheathing or covering being the origi? nal intention, and being done as part of the original construction. I suppose sometimes it could start off and then, after a year or two, be boarded in. And in other areas, where log structures are a long-standing tradition, that is the case, too. That they were carefully dressed, and then covered over, boarded over, shingled--obviously make them much more durable. (Where was it done like that as a normal procedure: log--immediately boarded over and shingled--that gives us our reference?) This is something I'm scrambling to re? search myself, hastily getting information on log buildings. In Appalachia, for in? stance, more southern examples, I gather this was the case. (And do we have any evidence of those buildings, even potentially, having any ef? fect or influence on the buildings we have in Cape Breton?) That's an interesting pos? sibility. Gerald Pocius at Memorial made that suggestion to me after seeing all FOREST FIRE! Last year between April and October, 83 forest fires were reported in Cape Breton. 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. WHERE TO REACH US If you see a fire in or near the woods, contact your local If there is no answer, Lands and Forests office or Sub-Ranger immediately, call Zenith 40000. VICTORIA COUNTY Lands & Forests Provincial Building 'Baddeck Lands & Forests Baddeck Depot *Shore Road Sub-Rangers R. MacDonald Washabuckt Douglas W. Jackson Ingonish John A. Curtis Bay St. Lawrence 295-2554 or 295-2771 295-2300 622-2441 285-2502 383-2293 1 INVERNESS COUNTY 'Lands & Forests Office Whycocomagh 'Office Margaree Grand Etang 1 Pleasant Bay 1 Kenny MacInnis Orangedale 756-2339 or 756-2298 248-2029 224-2695 224-2075 756-2370 RICHMOND COUNTY Lands & Forests Provincial Building *St. Peters Sub-Rangers Glen Diggdon West Arichat Thomas Matthews Grand Anse Roger MacLeod Grand River Dan Norman MacLeod Stirling Donald MacLeod Loch Lomond Charles Cavanagh Martinique 535-2032 226-2278 345-2944 587-2871 884-2794 587-2288 226-3143 | CAPE BRETON COUNTY | Lands & Forests 564-6389 Sub-Ri Main-a-Dieu & area: Roy Perry Little Lorraine Boularderie Island Keith Bain Big Bras d'Or "for Industrial Permits or Permits Prior to 5 p.m. If no answer at Lands & Forests I or Sub-Rangers, all areas call: ZENITH 40000 Do Your Part... Prevent Forest Fires Department of Lands and Forests Hon. Jack MacIsaac, Minister Jotnn Mullally, Deputy Minister And Dont Forget Under provisions of the



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