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three examples I've mentioned. His conten? tion at the time, and when he wrote to me on the topic, was that they were intended to be as they appear now, or at least ap? peared before they started to fall apart. In other words, they were intended to be covered in. (With boards. And shingled.) Yeah. And his opinion was that perhaps here we have a version of the mountain cabin of Appalachia, southern Appalachia--Maryland, Delaware, that area. Which is interesting. They're interesting possibilities. At first mention, so to speak, you might think, "Wait a minute. That's a long, long way away." Certainly the surviving examples we know--we're talking about Scottish immi? grants, and Highland Scottish immigrants, in Cape Breton. Although really, for all intents and purposes, we could call it Nova Scotia, or northern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. Where did they pick up this idea? Now, there are a number of general miscon? ceptions about building techniques. Some of the latest thinking would point to--for in? stance, the venerable--presumed venerable-- "black house" (of) the Hebrides may, in fact, not date earlier than the 19th centu? ry. May, in fact, be a 19th-century devel? opment. Which is interesting, because what it may mean is that many of the immigrants came here before the black house developed. Now, that's purely speculation. But it cer? tainly has been shown, for a variety of re? search projects--particularly in the High? lands--that (some of) these ruins or remains (in Scotland), which have an air of hoary antiquity, aren't necessarily all that old. In fact, some of the traditional stone forms don't date back beyond, say, about the mid-18th century. And in fact, some of the stone forms come in only about that time or thereafter be- J. M.'s Car Care Clinic Ltd. 191 Brookside St. Glace Bay, N. S. 81A115 Let us give your car a new look! 849-0060 849-0356 Your Sign of Quality DONT ACCEPT LESS Let our experienced staff help you with all your printing needs SPECIALISTS IN PROCESS COLOR PRINTING 562-8245 Fax:(902)539-2040 539-8666 cause wood resources were dwindling so rap? idly. And wood was not available, or was less available, as a material. But certain? ly, down until then, and even into the 19th century, there were areas--even in the Highlands--where houses of wood material, were quite common. Now, these were not log cabins, or anything like log cabins. Proba? bly more in the wattle-and-daub. In fact, the term used is "basket houses." This was the technique. And again in terms of trees, of woods, and of woodworking--it's become accepted that Highlanders came here from a treeless land, and were confronted with this unbroken for? est which they had to clear, which they hated, they hated trees. And there was an element of that. And of course the corol? lary is that they were completely unused to CAPE BRETON COUNTY DAYS '88 Enjoy the Various Celebrations, Food Festivals, Cultural & Sport Events, Picnics & Parties & More!!!! LIVEN UP YOUR SUMMER WITH COUNTY DAYS.... CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS June 30-July 1..District 8 County Days..Westmount Fire Hall July 1..Mira Auction & Beef Barbecue-Recreation Centre, Marion Bridge' July L.Scotchtown Canada Day Celebrations..Scotchtown Ball Field July 1..Canada Day Celebration..Birch Grove Ballfield July 1-2..Grand Lake Road Carnival Days..Mayflower Mall July 1-8..Florence

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