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others returned, I met them, crying out to my next oldest sister, "Oh, Honey, there is one for you and one for me!" One weighed 2 1/2 pounds, the other 3 1/2. And it was touch-and-go if my mother would live. My sister Rose kept the babies alive by staying up practically day and night, keeping the fire going to warm the babies who were in a cardboard box on the top of the warming closet of the stove. They were born on March 24, '37, and my mother never recovered until late in May. It was then my father made his decision to leave the Valley. It must have been quite an experience for Rose, because the midwife would not have been able to come because she was on another case. The babies sur? vived, and are parents and grandparents today. Dad was born up there in 1897. And there were no more children born there until the twins were born in 1937. Tom Doucette: The Clyburn remained empty all that time. You see, the gold mine closed in 1896. And that finished the Clyburn. Most people moved out of it. And there were a few people still La Fleur du Rosier Acadian folksongs collected by Dr. Helen Creighton Includes musical notation for each song and English translations of all lyrics. Introduction by Dr. Ronald Labelle, Universite de Moncton. IA.MJ J'Mmj- im M: I h A U fon "IJ. j " j' J. I.O' j 'h I ??' J J' La Fleur du Rosier will be available in bookstores or from the UCCB Press in September 1988. We are now taking advance orders. Hard Cover: \$39.95 Soft Cover: \$24.95 An Anthology of Cape Breton Poetry Back in February the UCCB Press put out a call for Cape Breton poets to submit samples of their work for possible inclusion in an upcoming anthology. The response was overwhelming. More than 600 poems landed on our desk. The Editorial Board, headed by Dr. Clay Warren, will be selecting the best of these poems, and publishing them along with some of the finest Cape Breton poetry of the 19th and 20th centuries. The Anthology will be published in June. Available in local retail stores or from the UCCB Press. For further information or to order now, contact: University College of Cape Breton Press P.O. Box 5300 Sydney, Nova Scotia, BIP 6L2 Tel. (902) 539-5300 Ext. 146 "... -f." ; ' Mary & Joseph: twins born in the Clyburn Valley hung onto their land, like old Johnny Hines. Leona; They kept cattle out there. Tom; They used it for pasturage, and that's all. And we moved in there in 1932, and Maurice Donovan moved about 1935. But until 1935 we were the only family from 1898 un? til 1935. So for 40 years it remained empty. When we came (back) to Ingonish, and that gold mine had been closed down for 40 years, we used to go up there to pick tame strawberries. And there were strawberries nearly as big as your fist. Where these old goldminers planted--they were very smart when they planted--for the rhubarb, they planted in trenches 4 feet deep. So it was nearly frozen all summer, and it would con? tinue growing all summer. And they had hedges of hazelnuts, blackberries--or thim- bleberries, whichever you want to call them. And they had enormous gardens there. And the remains of where they had their houses--because it was just like row hous? es, north of the gold mine. Leona; They're still up there, the remains--old pots. Tom; You see, they built the gold mine. And I Ca u Cape Breton Tours operated by Briands Cabs Ltd. DISCOVER THE



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