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(I want to take you back to 1946. I want to know what you thought you were coming to--what you thought Glace Bay and Cape Breton were going to be like.) Oh. Well, the first thing, when we were on the boat--this is awful. Some man had come in, and he was asking us--it was a lecture, and we were all sitting around in a great big pile. And he was asking us what parts of Canada we were going to. He said, "I've been all over Canada, so I can tell you the general area." And he was asking this one and this one. And he said to me, "And what part of Canada are you coming to?" I said, "Glace Bay." He said, "Ooo, that's the garbage dump of Canada." Well, you imagine how I felt. You imagine how I felt, in the middle of " the ocean, and that's said to me.... And I was in a store--oh, I couldn't get used to the fact you could go in a store and buy something without (rationing) coupons. And the food--I knew I'd come to a land of plenty. And then I was in--I think it was old Shore's store--it's gone now. One of the Jews' store--Shore. I was in there, waiting my turn. I always got to kind of gingerly ask, "Could I have a pan of sausages, please?" Like as if I got to whisper, you know. And there was one woman talking to another woman. And they were displeased over the cut of a roast of beef they had. They were complaining about the colour of it or the shape. And it took me all my energy and all my will power not to turn around and say to them--I was wanting to tell them, "How would you like, instead of that roast, to eat cat meat? Or cow's offal? And stand in line for one egg, or an ounce of cheese. How would you like that?" But I didn't say it. Because I like Cape Bretoners; they've been good to me. And they didn't know--they didn't know what was going on (in England, during the war). But I did. I did. And that really--to hear them going on about the meat in the store--a piece of meat that I hadn't seen the size of for 5 or 6 years. It really got to me. Little things like that, you know. It's like--something like the rationing. I heard once--and this was in the war-- everything was rationed, but eggs were like gold. They were a very scarce commodity. And I remember it went around that this grocer had one box of eggs for sale, and one (to) a customer. Can you imagine? One egg a customer. So I went and stood in line, waiting my turn to get my egg. Fantasizing whether I'd have it fried or boiled or poached. I couldn't wait to lift that first delicious forkful to my mouth. Fantasizing, just like Disneyland. Well Overlooking the Margaree Valley at the Junction of Route 19 and the Cabot Trail A full-accommodation Lodge featuring: DINING ROOM LOUNGE SWIMMING POOL SPACIOUS ROOMS Take advantage of nearby recreation: BEACHES GOLF FAIRWAYS CAMPING FRESH AND SALT WATER FISHING HIKING The best of Nova Scotian musicians entertain in our lounge every weekend. Check with us to see who is playing, and drop in for an enjoyable evening. P.O. Box 550 MARGAREE FORKS Nova Scotia BOE 2A0 Phone (902) 238-2193, William F. MacIsaac, Manager RELAX IN THE BEAUTIFUL MARGAREE VALLEY mi SHOPPING CENTRES LTD. A&W 539-7222 Olympic Shoe Repair 564-8112 Agnew Surpass 562-3129 Orange Julius 539-0134 Bank of Nova Scotia 539-6760 Radio Shack 539-4617 Bill's Pet Centre 539-2243 Reitman's 562-3177 Bi-Way 539-8860 Sam The Record Man Candy and Things 562-6292 Shoppers



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