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From the family album: P're Anselme said, "That's Mrs. Marcellin Chiasson. (The woman with the churn.) Her name was Virgine. And this was in front of her house. That house was past ours in what we call La Pointe, or Petit Etang, just before Cap Rouge and that area." (And with the plow?) "That's my brother Joe, and that's me. With his soldier cap." (Who was the woman here with the spinning wheel?) "I don't know now. I never could find who it was. I brought this picture to Cheticamp and I asked people. It's certainly from Cheticamp, but nobody recognized her. See, too late." Does anyone recognize this photo? I remember, when he was a child, till now. Names, dates--extraordinary--I can't imagine how he can do that. He had met people. He was in politics, he had the patronage--Liberal Party. He had been (councillor)--he was important.... For years, president of the councillors. And as a big Liberal, and having the patronage, he was called to Halifax, so he had met all those people. Only 16. So he told that he was 17. He still remembers the name of his companions at the Normal School. Oh, it's something really amazing. And he--still good ears, his eyes are not too bad, he can still read. The only thing is, he walks with a walker. And he's not as white as I am-- he's still gray. Just imagine! It's worth living old when he stays so bright as he is--it's worth it. He was a teacher. And he went to Normal School at 16 years. He was only 16 years. He had to lie to be able to go to Normal School. He was supposed to have 17; he was 16. And I have a special link with him. Because, when my mother died, I was going to the convent school, at the harbour. And we were all boys in the family. The first brake service drums & rotors resurfaced 2&4 wheel alignment including 1-ton truck(s) and motor homes computerized engine analysis and tune up (DiSCO TIREonly) Ulbv/U TIRCltd. 539-4070 CANSO TIRE PORT HAWKESBURY LTD. 625-3125