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fence, despite the facts that the islands which they own and on which their mission is established, are eminently suited for agriculture. Their excessive laziness prompts them to take from their meagre savings in order to buy tobacco rather than take the trouble of growing it. Nevertheless, we were obliged to listen to their request and their lamentations on their need for a missionary: "We live like dogs, in danger of dying without the sacraments. Our children are ignorant of their religion. No priest speaks our language. Our elders have not heard a sermon in 50 years. What have we done to be abandoned in such a way? My Father, will you do like the others and leave us without hope of bettering our future?" These words were heartrending. The bishop understood them and promised to meet their request in a few years, provided they get used to paying their tithe more punctually than they did to Mr. Lejamtel who will, from now on, spend two weeks with them each year rather than just one, until further notice. That is all that he could say to them by way of consolation. It is nonetheless admirable that moral standards in this village have been maintained to a high level despite the degree of laziness, of abandonment and ignorance in which they have been relegated for such a long time. They still have books of instructions and hymnals from the late Mr. Maillard, which they transcribe and hand down from father to son. During the afternoon we heard their confessions. Mr. Gaulin took charge of those who understood some English. The others, assisted by two poor interpreters, Madeleine and Marie-Louise, confessed to Messrs Boucherville and Lejamtel. The following day, July 1st, after a last mass where they sang with very good voices, 51 were confirmed. This was on Saturday. We left after dinner. July 1 - The bishop, preoccupied as always with reducing the weight of the provisions, heavy for a trip, and wishing to reward the interpreters for their services, gave a whole ham to one and approximately a quintal of large leftover biscuits to the other. After meandering for a long time in different bays, the two barges bearing the missionaries brought them on the isthmus which has already been mentioned, two leagues from there, which separates the ocean from the interior sea of Cape Breton. It did not take long to reach the superb establishment of Mr. Laurent Cavenagh (Lawrence Kavanaugh) at the place called St. Peter's, formerly remarkable for the large number of families who lived there and who returned to France following the re- Cape Breton's

MAGAZINE WRECK COVE CAPE BRETON BOC IHO NOVA SCOTIA Edited & Published by Ronald Caplan with the help of Bonnie Thompson Belle MacIntyre Paul Cranford • Carol Kennedy JANUARY 1991 Great Stuff! from Cape Breton's MAGAZINE A TERRIFIC 1-HOUR TAPE Mike MacDougall's Tape for Fr. Hector Mike MacDougall, violin with Tim Donovan, guitar "Father, that will be the best tape that I'll ever make, while I live, I think. So you better hold on it, put our names on it, and you better get them engraved." • Mike MacDougall 1928-1981 Winners in Contest Share over \$600 in Cash, Books and Tapes in Cape Breton's Magazine Local History Contest 1990 1st Prize: 1989-90 Grade Six class at St. Joseph Elementary School, Sydney (see page 9). 2nd Prize: Leona Hussey, Sydney, for a life story of her

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