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ally happened to the tuna that you caught?) The boys around here ate it. They're very good eating. They canned it. Nearly all had canning machines. I ate it a year later.... (And who was J. K. L. Ross?) He was a millionaire sportsman who had the Triple Crown in racing. He won the Preakness-- very few men have ever done that. (By that j we mean he owned the horse?) Yes. Owned it, bred it and everything. Had two or three stables. One in Maryland and one in Quebec--and he used to breed horses there. Run them in races. One of the greatest sportsmen Canada has ever seen, I guess. Pretty fine fellow, too. (And his connection with Cape Breton Island?) He was head | of the British Empire Steel Company here in Sydney, which his father--I don't know if he owned it or owned most of it. Gave it to his son to manage. And he used to have a tug, and he used to come over to St. Ann's Bay in the tug for Sunday lunch or something like that. And that's how they started coming here. He saw the first Commander and Mrs. Duncan M. Hodgson tuna over here. First he'd ever seen. And he started fishing them. So there's a family connection. From Comdr. Hodgson's "Tuna Diary" This diary is an important record of almost 60 years of observation of St. Ann's Harbour. It details the shift from an abundance of fish to a severe drop in the fish stock (S, in both number and variety. It also documents changing methods of sport fishing for tuna. Readers should remember that these are end-of-the-day and end-of-the-season jottings, and not a polished manuscript. St. Ann's Bay-1932 Arrived June 30th after rough voyage from Rimousl