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trip. So, I had my vacation in Cheticamp, I recorded a lot of songs there. And, when I came back, I had \$5 left. So I offered it back to Msgr. Savard! Told me to keep that. And from then on, well, I worked for the museum, \$1000.... But I loved that. It made me learn so much about the Acadians, the way they were living. And from the Madeleine Islands, I collected songs, tapes, legends, traditions- -lots of things. It was really rich there. (Why was it rich there?) Because it was an island. It was isolated. And in the winter, in the winter in the Madeleine Islands, that's the only thing they had to do: play violin, dance, tell tales, legends, and things like that. So, when I went there, it was no more going on. But there were old people still living that had that fresh in their memory. So, they could give me all that. (When you were collecting in Cheticamp, was it still going on? Were the stories still active?) Oh, not much, not much. It was ending quite a lot. But they had good people like Marie AuCoin, Placide Boudreau-- very, very good informateur. And you will remember Marie AuCoin that you have known. Do you remember her? She's dead now. Had a memory like my Uncle Boudreau, Anselme. She was a precious informateur--not only for me, for so many people that went to see her, from Radio-Canada, from the University Laval, from the museum, even from France. (Marie Aucoin is Madame Willie D. Deveau. who was in Issues 3. 7. 10. 18. 19. and 30 of CAPE BRETON'S MAGAZINE.) Experience Winter!... Visit VICTORIA COUNTY - Nova Scotia's Winter Playground - An abundance of snow provides skiers annually with a Ski Season from mid-December to early April! • Six Nordic Ski Clubs • Exciting Loppet Series • Several Instructional Clinics • Weekend Tours provide CROSS-COUNTRY SKIERS with a great season Victoria County has over 150 kms of groomed and ungroomed x-country ski trails. For your free copy of the Victoria County X-Country Ski Trails brochure, write to Victoria County Recreation Dept (see address below). ALPINE SKIERS will enjoy skiing at Cape Smokey Ski Resort which has the highest vertical of any mountain in Nova Scotia Victoria County is more than just skiing • it's snowmobile, ice fishing, snowshoeing, ice skating, tobogganing, ice hockey, and winter camping. Enjoy our many indoor sports such as curling as well. Victoria County has something for everyone. VICTORIA COUNTY WINTER GAMES Be a Part of Our Exciting 1991 WINTER FESTIVAL! • January 25th to February 10th • Seventeen Days of Winter Fun with Over 100 Sporting, Cultural, & Recreational Events for Your Enjoyment For your free copy of the 1991 VICTORIA COUNTY WINTER GAMES BOOKLET outlining events and activities, please write or call: Victoria County Recreation Department P. O. Box 370, Baddeck, N. S. BOE IBO Phone (902) 295-3231 • Fax (902) 295-3444