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liked that. Now I don't know what I'm go? ing to do next. But I'm very interested. Not only am I interested in politics for the sake of politics, but I'm interested because I think a politican who has the right intentions can do a lot for the peo? ple he represents. And especially the pol-ticians who represent the Island of Cape Breton can do a lot to make sure that Cape Breton takes its rightful place in this here scheme of Nova Scotia and Canada. I'm just appalled--I'm just going crazy--that our population is going down. I tell peo? ple--and I'll ask you--do you know that Sydney, before the 1950's, was the tenth largest city in Canada? Ask some school? teachers- -they don't know that. Like, we were 35.000 (population) for a mo- Education in Your Community! University College of Cape Breton Extension and Community Affairs will offer a series of university credit courses in select communities in rural Cape Breton during the 1991-92 off-campus program. You can earn university credits in your community. For application and infomiation, contact: University College of Cape Breton Extension and Community Affairs p. 0. Box 5300 Sydney, N.S. BIP6L2 PHONE (902) 539-5300 FAX (902) 562-0119 ment, for awhile. There's no reason why we shouldn't be 70,000. But, the people--I don't know, some of the politicians--or I should say all of the politicans--they're doing a good job, but they don't seem to have the vision for Sydney, and for industrial Cape Breton, that they should have. Like, I see a great potential for Cape Breton. I've always seen that. I've done things that showed that we were interested in Sydney. In fact we were going to put up a development here in Sydney, my brothers and I. One of my brothers said, "Why would you want to do that?" I said, "Well, this is where we started. Why not put up a development here?" And I proceeded to work on the development. And for some reason or the other it got way? laid, and I had to stop it. But we did invest about a hundred thousand dollars in trying to put the development together. You know, this business isn't just Johnny Abbass. It's my brothers and I--Tony, George, and John. Fr. Frank Abbass just put in some time, but he went on to school. I just don't want you to miss the fact that this is really a family busi? ness. But by the same token, I'm a separ? ate person as well.... I don't know what you're doing (in your magazine), and I don't want to tell you what to do.... Like, you might say that in my office "there are paintings by his sis? ter, Mrs. Annie Hashem, very talented, who just has never really pursued that as a full-time hobby." She worked here for us. And if you'd come in here, and you wanted Tomorrow's Forests ... Today's Challenge Good management of our forest resources today will ensure that they continue to provide jobs, recreation, and a good quality of life for future generations. That's why we have Forest/Wildlife Guidelines n place to protect and conserve wildlife habitat; That's why we have reforestation and silviculture programs to assist woodlot owners: And that's why our Forestry, Wildlife and Parks policies and legislation are based on sound principles and good stewardship. By practising good forestry today, we are ensuring the future health and productivity of our woodland and wildlife resources

... and that's good for all Nova Scotians. "'jji]' Department'of Lands and Forests Honourable C.W "Chuck" MacNeil, M.D., Minister something, and I'd say, "That guy in here again? I'm not going to bother with him." (She'd say,) "Just a second now. He's not doing you any harm. He just wants a picture. He's got to do this. Just help him out." See? Or someone come in and say, "I want to see Mr. Abbass." (She'd say,) "Why do you want to see Mr. Abbass? I can help you. You can see Mr. Abbass if you like. He'll not be any more help to you than I am. I can fix whatever you want." But if they insist, then she'd say, "Well, look, if you in? sist. But I'm telling you--all Mr. Abbass is going to be is very up? set that you've got a complaint. And he's not