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There's so many of them that there's a com? plete loss of life, all hands on board were lost. One of the ones that we're more fa? miliar with is a ship called the Sovereign. She was wrecked in 1814, I think. She struck there in a southeast gale. I think there were 121 on board, total--37 survi? vors.... But she struck in the afternoon sometime and went to pieces almost immedi? ately. But (that ship) again, we followed her along the shore, the way she broke up, with that southeast wind. And we found the place where she struck. First, you know, went over on her beam ends and dumped her guns. Carried along the shore with the wave and wind action. And slowly spilled all her hardware, you know, everything. She was a transport ship, so she carried a lot of cannonballs and musket balls and grapeshot and that sort of thing. So you could follow the trail all the way along. And she had a certain amount of coin on her, too. That's why we had an interest in that one. Her an? chors and so on--it's all still there but it's in spills. A little pocket here with a big spill of cannonballs. Another area where there's a lot of grapeshot. That's pretty much the way they went. But the survivors that got off her were EXPLORE SYDNEY'S PAST ... CAPE BRETON CENTRE FOR HERITAGE & SCIENCE • 225 GEORGE STREET • Summer: Mid June-Labour Dav ==' 10-4 Mon-Sat. JOST HOUSE Winter: 10-4 Tue-Fri; 1-4 Sat. . 54 CHARLOTTE STREET • For Information: (902) 539-1572 Winter: 10-4 Tue-Fri; 1-4 Sun. For information: (902) 539-0355 Operated by the Old Sydney Soclet' ciet']]' SIMEON'S II Family Restaurant 427 Grand Lake Road, Sydney 562-0251 We Feature: • Full Course Meals • Fresh Seafood • Steaks Chops
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