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the afternoon, because the Bay St. Lawrence postman never got up. Due to his road giving out on him. So I'd be down all right, about 9 o'clock. So I had to wait till about 3 or after 3 in the afternoon--probably 4 o'clock before I got started back for Ingonish. And as I got about 3 mile out towards Ingonish, like, through Neil's Harbour, I was a little bit doubtful as to whether I was going to make it home or not. Although, I could depend on my horses; I had young horses and they knew the roads. And they know what to do on a bad road. But you could take a strange horse, and he could kill himself, and he'd get discouraged. And he'll play himself out and not know what to do. But if you get horses that are used to it from the time they're colts, they know what to do. And when they get tired, they'll just lay down in the snow there and they'll stay there until they rest, and then they'll go again. So I was about 3 miles out on this side of Neil's Harbour. And I met a fellow by the name of Ted Dowling. At this time, he was the line repairman from Bay St. Lawrence to Smokey. And he left Ingonish early in the morning, not too long after I did. And his horse played out on him. The road got soft. This was the last day of March. And there would be, possibly, 6 foot of level snow everywhere--clear of the banks, which would be (higher). I met him. And he said, "Look, Herman, turn back. Because," he said, "you're going to lose your horse if you don't." He said, "He can't make it to Ingonish. I left there this morning. And," he said, "my horse was up and down, up and down in? to it," he said, "and I had to leave him back here at Still Brook"--that's 3 mile out. He said, "If you don't turn back, well, you're likely to lose your horse." So I said, "These horses know what to do, and they're acquainted with it. I'll go far enough to say, anyway, to make sure that--I won't take a chance on overdoing it." So I got up about two mile beyond him. I passed his horse that was on the road. He

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