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So I went to Truro. And I was just finishing up. And one of the inspectors of the Mounted Police was sitting alongside of me. He said, "Allan, I just got a note passed to me here," he said. "Come on in this room. I want to talk to you." He said, "Your daughter called. And they wrote it down and passed it to me, and I glanced at it." He said, "You'd better sit down. Have a drink." I said, "No, I had a couple of drinks before I came out here. I don't want any more." "I think you'd better have one with me," he said. He poured me a shot of rum. I sat there and I threw it into me. I said, "Okay, what's going on?" He said, "Your buddy died...this afternoon." Left: Allan MacDougall at the Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay (photo by Owen Fitzgerald). Right: Allan dressed for his day job, as an automobile salesman I didn't give it a thought. I just thought he was one of those guys that drank a pile of water. I didn't drink water like that. He wouldn't miss a cooler. If we were in the hotel walking by one, he'd go, like a horse going to the old trough, and he'd go over there--gurgle, gurgle, gurgle, drink a quart of it. And, like I said, I was the guy that wasn't big and rugged, would have problems, and have a cold and all that. He never was sick a day in his life. But when they got him in Halifax--took him to Halifax from the City Hospital. And they checked him all over. And he was so full of diabetes that it affected every organ in his body. And he never knew he had it. But when they told me, I said, "He should have known, or I should have known." Because we never went in a ballroom or a hall or a hotel, but he'd go looking for the cooler. And he'd go over and gurgle, gurgle, gurgle--he'd drink a quart. And in the hotel room he was going over in the washroom every once in awhile, glass of water, drink it. Always, dying for a drink of water.

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