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Ah boy, they were priceless, those old fellows. They had no money. They survived, and they got a house, or they built a house. And they got married and they brought up a family. On peanuts. You know? Of course, things at that time, you know, you could get a good roast of beef for 500. (Did Hughie and Allan have written scripts?) Do you know what? I would pick Hughie up. I always picked him up because I always--I was in the car busi? ness then, and I always had a new car and the company's gas. So why should he take his car? So I always picked him up. I'd pick him up at his house on Dorchester Street. "Well now, who's this deal tonight for? You got the call and you know all about it." "Well, I don't know all about it, but I know who it is." "What are they--what club or what outfit or--do you know any of those fel? lows?" "Yeah, I know a few of them." And then, almost religiously, he'd say, "I heard another story today." And one would lead into another. By the time we got to Glace Bay or Waterford or North Sydney or Hawkesbury or wherever we were going--or just down the Pier or up Ashby--we had a little script on the go. We cooked it up. That was it. We never sat down and wrote anything out. And eventually, after a number of years, when we were going to be going back to some of these people, we had to kind of stop and think, "Well, we were there be- Standing (left to right): Douglas & Amy MacCormack, Allan MacCormack, Allan Hughie Mac? Dougall and wife Anne, Allan MacDougall Sr., Linda MacDougall, David Nicholson, son Mi? chael and daughter Mary Ellen. Seated: Shirley MacCormack, Joyce MacDougall, Bertha Mor? rison MacDougall, Nancy Nicholson. fore. We can't go back with the same stuff." But in the meantime we were pick? ing up more stories We never offended anybody in 28 years we were going. And we never said a smutty story or a dirty story or anything like S & M Trucking Ltd. • General Trucking • Local & Long Distance Loader & Trailer Rentals Float, Flatbed, Drop Deck Service D- OFFICE 1 567-2260 FAX 564-1443 • ? FAX 564-1443 SYDPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK Operating in: NS, 'fB, 'IFLD, PEI, ONT, PQ, and the U.S. A. Donald Sives Manager L GARAGE & DISPATCH • | 564-2011 | IF BUSY CALL 564-0204 ' SYDNEY. NOVA SCOTIA Island Viny LeBlanc Siding Ltd. Siding Ltd. .Mf 'rw Authorized Dealer for Afi4 Yd AN Aluminum & Vinyl Siding Aluminum Windows & Doors Shutters / Softfit / Fascia / Awnings Heavy Duty Vinyl Replacement Windows 109 Reservoir Road SYDNEY Professional Installation of Aluminum & Vinyl Siding In Cape Breton for over 18 years. FREE ESTIMATES, and any siding Inquiries, Call Collect: BRUCE or SONNY MacPHERSON 539-3665 & 539-4626 stores To Serve You CAPE BRETON SHOPPING PLAZA SYDNEY RIVER mH' Featuring AW !(0 'i Otr ARTMENT STOMEt The Crossroads of Cape Breton' Sobeys & Shopper's Drug Mart ??"*"" = >n Daily lOp.r Parking