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than I was and I don't know why I was able to do it but I tore out, under the seat, I tore out a tank. We had a knife. And I sawed this tank in two, it was copper. A thin copper tank, not like anything that was steel or anything. So I hacked the end off it and bailed the boat out myself. And, I don't know, the mate and I kept warm by just wrapping up together in the bottom of the boat. And the weather turned very warm, and we were very thirsty and there was no water at all. And we, there was two morn? ings we did this, we felt around the deck and there was the morning dew--so we used to lick the seats just to get some water just to get rid of the parch. Okay, I haven't got my days straight now, but anyway one day, or one evening at dusk. we hear a drone of an aircraft and we see this aircraft coming. This is a great coin? cidence and a very narrow chance, but got the flares. They had been under water. Struck them, no good. Struck, struck, struck them, no good. Finally, the last flare went PSSSH! Supposed to go for a full minute or more, just a little.... Right away that plane saw it and banked down. When he flew over us he wiggled his wings. We knew we were saved then. Because we knew we had been seen. But (the mate) figured he had about anoth? er few hours to go, and I probably didn't have much better. Because at night we were both.... Oh, another thing I forgot to tell you, we lost our eyesight! He was at one end. I couldn't see him, he couldn't "Come for the summer, " stay for the fall colours- " you are welcome to VICTORIA COUNTY St. Lawr?nce Bav Make Victoria County tile centre of your stay in Cape Breton. Hiking, swimming and golfing, motels or camping, music and dance, museums' and craftspeople • Victoria County is a world to explore. And it's an excellent'; base from which to reach all : other parts of the Island. ??>.-i Keltic Lodg* CspaSmokav