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ment decided to move all the Indians with? in Nova Scotia from their various loca? tions to two locations--Eskasoni and Shu? benacadie- -in order to administer their own programs more efficiently. Not many Mi'kmag could be persuaded to move from their family homelands, their farms and cleared lots, and their houses. So the governments (used) various appeal strate? gies on them. Some communities lost their church, or the government officials would threaten the people with loss of provi? sions, schooling, or total disenfranchise- ment if they did not move. People were be? ing "urged" to go to Eskasoni. Tearing down the only school in the community of Barra Head was one of the means of moti? vating them to leave. John and Annie lived with Mattie and Mar? tha for a short time, but the house was small for two growing families. So John bought the lumber from the schoolhouse that was torn down during centralization for \$5, and built his house. His father had a horse, and they dragged the lumber to the spot where they built the house near his father's house. Later that house would be sold and moved where it still stands behind Martin MacNeil's store on the shore side of Soldier's Cove. This house they sold for \$75 when John was sick and the family had to move to Eskasoni. John had a mastoid behind his ear and was very sick. The nurse took him back and forth from Sydney by car for hospital and doctor care. This became very expensive as they couldn't afford a car and a bus was too expensive. They resolved that they had to move to Eskasoni where he could get ??)'T'@f spend some time with us before or after your visit to the Fortress of Louisbourg! Sydney & Railway Museum iii IBIBIHffllllinipnn" S&L Railway ran coal & passengers firom 1895 to 1968. Visit our display of railroad & marine items, watercolours, & depictions of life in Louisbourg. OPEN June & Sept: 9-5 July & August: 9-7 I 6 Great Outlets Welcome You to Vacation in Louisbourg! HARBOUR CRAFTS Finest Selection of Quality Crafts in Cape Breton Island! Featuring Atlantic Canada crafts including: • pewter reproductions • quilts • model wooden boats • maple products • jams & jellies kitchen accessories 'jewellery • handknit sweaters 'AND MORE! FACTORY OUTLET for HAND SEWN TEXTILE ITEMS produced across the courtyard by Louisbourg Craft Workshops 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM • 733-3233 • Top floor: Marconi Display i qjm Qlllll • "For Quality & Value" • Featuring a wide variety of locally & internationally designed sportswccu, from T's to fashion wear including jogging suits in all sizes. • BEST PRICES IN SOUVENIR SHIRTS IN NOVA SCOTIA • Factory Outlet: Louisbourg Craft Workshops SHIRTS & SPORTSWEAR 733-3233 • 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM MacIsaac's diving DIVE TOURS seven days per week • Air station • Equipment rentals • Accommodations and meal arrangements • Fully equipped dive boat • Supervised dives by Dive Master • RetaU Dive Shop • Phone 733-3343 FRANK'S LOBSTERS World Famous Lobster! 11 If For LUNCH: lobster rolls & fish chowder. ' In the EVENING: your choice of lobsters cooked just for you and served with Cape Breton potato salad and fresh baked rolls and butter The economical way to enjoy a feast from the sea. • Frank will cook for any size party and pack for beach patrol • Phone 733-2897 • 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM



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