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ed there was only one thing to do. He would have to go to Maine to work. Annie had heard terrible stories of men leaving their wives and living with unattached women in the camps there. The prospect and rumored stories convinced Annie that she would have to go with her husband. At first this thought did not sit well with John. How was he going to take care of children there? Where were they going to live? And the oldest, Eleanor, was now 7 years old. She had already started school. They would be living in shacks behind potato houses. How could they send her to school? She would need clothes and many things that they could not imagine getting easily, including transportation to school. Annie talked these things over with the family, the extended family, and a solution was proposed. Why not send her to Shubenacadie to school? (The Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia.) It was reported to be a good school run by religious women who loved and cared for children. They fed them, clothed them, and there were lots of kids there now and it had served John's sisters when they were young. They all had attended from as early as 1931 and learned much from it. It was reported to be a good school and why not send her there? The fact that Eleanor would need religious training soon to get her first holy communion sealed the idea. They then packed a bag, dressed Marie Eleanor in her best dress, went by train to Shubenacadie, and turned Eleanor over to the nuns at the school at the age of 7. The nuns at the school were very kind to the new visitors and to their new student. The nuns assured Annie of everything, and said she could send letters and gifts and Eleanor would receive them. John and Annie went to Maine with their other two children, Geraldine who was now 13 months old and Thomas who was 4 years old. Annie wrote often to the school, and she received letters from the school nuns, reporting that Eleanor was happy, doing well, learning well, thanking her for the gifts she had sent. These personal messages assured Annie that all was well. Martha, Mattie's wife, later told her differently. She urged her to go to the school and get Eleanor. Her own children were there, but Martha had gone to the school at the end of each year to get her kids and then brought them back in the fall. She reported to Annie that Eleanor was not being treated well, and that she was being spanked every day. She urged her, for Eleanor's sake, to go get the child. After hearing this, it was not long before they readied themselves to go to Shubenacadie. John and Annie packed up all the children. Another child Marie Ann had been born and was nearly 2 years old. They arrived (after) a long car ride from Maine. They surprised the school authorities with their desire to take Eleanor and were re-

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