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the contemporary Micmac?) No, we can't say we're confident. How far Micmacs descend back is something the Union is very interested in from the point of view of their land claims. I would be favourable to the idea of a very lengthy time for the Algonkian-speaking people to have been in here • of which the Micmac are associated. As archaeological work increases in North America we are finding that you can make long, long connections. At least this site at Ingonish fills a gap. We knew about Debert at 10,000 years ago. I've have a couple of John Erskine sites • ceramic sites • dating in the last 2000 years. We had a site at Gasperaux Lake of which nothing has been published but there are some artifacts in the provincial museum. Then there was a large gap you see between 5000 B.C. and 10,000 B.C. years ago, I see this site as being extremely important because it fills this time gap. It's one of very few sites that has this quantity of material in it. I think it will remain one of the most important sites in Nova Scotia pre-history. It'll rank along with Debert and a couple of others. The best scenario I could envision for the island would be for the government to take some interest in it. I see much more there than just archaeology. It's sufficiently important and of interest to all people of the province. I would like to see some sort of interpretation centre set up - to display some of this material. Also, across the bay there's a French outpost. It's also a place where just thousands of gulls were hatching out • all spring. And it's a beautiful bird sanctuary. It's an unspeakably beautiful island. The centre photo shows part of the crew digging the site at Ingonish Island. In the foreground is a small portion of the nearly two tons of stone knives and points they found. Knives don't change much across the years and are thus poor indicators of chronology. Projectile points are excellent indicators. The one to the left is a fluted, Clovis-like point, about 8000 years old. The four pictured at the right are of the Archaic Period that is, before pottery • about 6-7000 years old. Evidence was found indicating continuous occupation until about 500 A.D. Working with Dr. Nash that summer were Stephanie Paterson, Leonard Buckles, Susan Killen, Barbara Googoo, Ken Prosper, Alan Googoo, Gary Paul, Tom Christmas and Lloyd Ginish. CHICKEN CHALET offered 4 outlets to serve you - Blowers St, North Sydney Sydney Shopping Centre, Prince St Sterling Road, Glace Bay C.W.B. Shopping Plaza, Sydney River 794-3534 564-6322 849-M89 Qualified Dispensers Always in Attendance OWL DRUG STORE D. I. MacDonald, Prop. Your Northside DOROTHY GRAY DISTRIBUTOR Convalescent and Sick Room Supplies Sales & Rental Drug Sundries and Cosmetics P.O.Box 125 794-3611 North Sydney Always at your service