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course. The book (The Present Church of Scotland and a Tint of Normanism Contending in a Dialogue) was a strange combination of personal reminiscences, sermons and theological diatribes. I knew that I must keep from it every phrase and idea that might even possibly be useful, so I copied frantically in all my spare time for three weeks (I was now back working half-time at the London Library). I sorted, indexed and cross-indexed as I went. For the next month I couldn't read at all. Copying from tiny closely-spaced print and old yellowed pages is one of the hazards of history-writing. (Editor's Note: Readers will be quick to notice that in 1959 every librarian did not have a photocopying machine!) Imagine this as your office... f'm mm-' ..'??siBiiISe*' '*'''' hnagine a career at sea... becommg an officer in the Canadian Coast Guard. If you are finishing Grade 12 plus 6 OAC's (Ontario), CEGEP (Quebec) or Grade 12 (other provinces) in your university preparatory program this year, if you excel at math and physics, and if you think big... Head for the freedom, the excitement and the challenge of a sea-going career with the Canadian Coast Guard. I#I The four-year Canadian Coast Guard officer training plan offers:

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At last I was ready to begin writing. I had decided that it couldn't be a teen-age adventure story. The motives of the characters were too complex to be ignored or to be explained simply. It had to be a biography for adults. For my own satisfaction, I wanted it to be not just the story of a man who was a dictator, but also a study of leadership and of the narrow line in a person's thought and conduct between a sense of public responsibility and active dictatorship. That seemed a universal and timeless problem. Gradually, a chapter a week, regularly scrutinized and appraised by Mary Barber, it began to take shape. Writing revealed

- many more things [that I wanted to know--what colour were the students' gowns in King's College, Aberdeen, in 1812? What wild flowers might be in bloom in Cape Breton late in May? What would Pictou harbour look like as one sailed into it in the early fall of 1817? (Since I was a librarian I did the research myself; I didn't phone the reference room.)

By the summer I was discouraged; I still did not know enough about the McLeod family and the inner working of the community. I took a month off and went again to Nova Scotia, driving this time, and taking my mother along for a holiday. In the Archives in Halifax I found much newly-processed material not available on my first visit. There was one major unanswered question--Why, when the settlers at St. Ann's were starving because of crop failures, did they not get help from John Munro, a powerful

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