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the tools outside, put them in the mud, blackened them up so that you'd swear they were old stuff, or had been used before. So I went to work, getting along pretty good. I told them I had five years experi? ence (which wasn't true). Laughter. What they did then, they put a new guy with me, because they thought I had the experience, and he'd be all set. The new guy was from XMAS PARTY SUBS & PARTY PLATTERS 403 Charlotte St. 1102 King's Rd. 326 Commercial St. SYDNEY SYDNEY RIVER NORTH SYDNEY CALL 539-7827 (SUBS) CALL 567-1499 CALL 794-7827 'UBuinv' Your IdeasOur Programs Lets Get TbW)RK At Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation, we know that you and your ideas are our best resources. We have the tools to help you put your ideas to work. Whether your interest lies in the tradidonal industries or in a high-tech related business, we can and will help. It is time to combine your ideas and desire to accomplish something here at home with the resources at ECBC. Make your move, and with our assis -tance, make your mark on our area. Let's become partners for progress! To find out how we can help, Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation the Island, and we didn't know too contact... f much. If it had been shingles, we would have been okay, because I could shingle, but it was "clapboards." and I never put them on before. So we were running back and forth watching the other carpenters, until ten o'clock in the morning, and the supervisor came along. "What the hell are you fellows doing?" (he said), but we never even an? swered him. So he kept on going, then af? ter a little the boss came down, (and he said to another fellow,) "Take those two guys up framing." We had her made then. So we went up. I went with Murdock Sandy Sam. and the other fellow went with Johnny Mul- lins. They were working there, and Murdock was a good carpenter, and Johnny wasn't too bad either. So we were all set to work, and we could stay there as long as we wanted. We worked hard, we weren't slow. We tried to go as fast as we could. I had to leave the job that year, because they started a breakwater down below our place in West Mabou, and I was called to come down to work. That was in the late 1950's. So we built the breakwater, and I carried on with carpentry work after that. I guit shipping the milk, and I continued to work in Halifax, Pictou, Ontario, and all over. When the carpenter work went slack, I went to work in the mines in El? liot Lake, Ontario, until things started moving in Port Hawkesbury. So I came back home, and worked there, building houses. When that died down, I went over to New? foundland with Alec Duncan MacDonnell, where they were sinking a shaft. It was hard work, and we worked there for awhile. We decided to come back home, a long jour? ney coming home, and that's a big story in itself, and I don't want to say a word about it. Laughter. Then back to carpentry work again. Port Hawkesbury started boom ing, and I worked with Duncan Cummings, worked there for about ten years. I worked on my own then, but I had prob? lems with my back, so I went on small jobs. Sydney: Port Hawkesbury: Commerce Tower, 4th Floor. IS Dorchester Street. Sydney. N.: Teh (902) 564-3600 (Bilingual service available) • TTY: (902) 5 32 Paint Street. Port Hawkesbury Light Industrial Pari. N.S. Tel: (902) 625-3111 'DevictfortkeDeaf) BATTERED WOMEN AND



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