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Well, I found out through trial and error that the people would settle for woodland for \$6 an acre. There was a hundred acres in the park. So the young man knew and I knew that the least he would get for the STEWARDSHIP As much as our forests mean to us for wildlife and recreation, they are also important for sustaining Nova Scotia's economy. By integrating the best we know today about protecting and improving wildlife habitat with the best ways to ensure a sustainable forest crop, the Department of Natural Resources is working with private land holders to manage our forests today and well into the next century. If you are interested in learning more about the programs available to private landowners, contact your nearest Department office. Department of Natural Resources Hon. Don Downe, Minister property would be \$600. We both knew that, everybody knew. Well, there was no wood on the park (portion), there was a few striped maple and moosewood, just barely enough for a rabbit to hide. So we went around a little and then we sat down on the rock and we started to negotiate. And, as I say, we each knew, but just to give the fellow the fun of gaining a little I offered him \$500. So, we negotiated and negotiated and we came up to \$600 and finally we got up to \$700. That was agreea? ble, he would settle. So, we went back to the car where my lawyer friend was waiting and he had been going through the docu? ments. When he got back he said, "This property had been purchased I about the time of the expropriation and the deed hadn't been filed un? til a week after the land had been expro? priated." So he said just to keep things tidy he thought we should go to the former owner and get him to sign a release. Well, this young fellow, he didn't want to go and see the former owner at all. He mut? tered in Gaelic. I said, "You better come along. We're going to talk to the man." Well, we went and we called on an old high? land patriarch. He listened to our story and the \$700 that was the gift. So he imme? diately thought that he should have \$350 of it if he was going to sign the release. Well, the young fellow took a dim view of that. I took to arguing with the old man and I said that this was just a technicali? ty, we actually didn't have to have his signature--it would be nice if we could get it. Well, he eventually signed reluctantly and let the young fellow and his mother have the \$700. So we got back in the car and we started driving back and (the young Breton Energy Ltd. FIREPLACE PRODUCTS 564-4949 94 Johnstone Street, SYDNEY