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cliffs or in small boats. This last resort was believed here to be almost impossible during the present weather conditions. "It is hoped that the breeches buoy equip? ment can be rigged from the clifftop to the shore so the crew can be...plucked from the ship in the basket-like chair that travels along the rope from shore to shore.... Ex? perts who will manage the breeches equip? ment...were flown by RCAF from Halifax last night to Sydney but the plane could go no further due to the weather." Off shore, the tanker Gulf port ha6 been standing by but the weather forced her to leave. From a Navy article: "The breeches buoys, lines and other rescue equipment was transferred to a truck.... Headed by a snow plow, the convoy started over the Cabot Trail. They were stopped short of their goal by narrow mountain roads, covered with ice, and small, unsafe bridges. The journey had to be completed on foot...." Meanwhile, the crew of the Kismet //were cold, wet, their food ruined • into their second day trapped on the rocks at the foot of the cliff. Helicopter pilot Roger Fink later remembered: "Al? though of Iggy sumyt the situation. IWBrufnolet /'warm welcome awaits you < t'yl/Cape Breton's most popular gift shop, located in the centre of downtown Sydney. 'eaturin' arv eatensioe' selection (' 'Maritime & Canadian Handcrafts