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there. Well, just get your sister and I'll hire her too." The man of the house • 'his wife had died, leaving him with a little baby and another girl who looked afl; er his child. Afl?r getting his sister fi-om the woods, the boy brought her to the farm, and the man of the house said, "You will look after the baby and my daughter will do the housework. Take care of the baby." The boy was to work on the farm with the man. Every morning, the boy would hug his sister before go? ing to work. Suddenly, he fell in love with the farmer's daughter. He married the farmer's daughter. But he continued to do the same thing every morning • hugging his sister before going to work. The wife be? came very jealous because her husband would hug his sister. She asked her husband, "Why do you do that?" "Well," he said, "it's a promise I made to my mother, that every morning before leaving for work, I would hug my sister, I have to do it." He had three lovely horses. The farmer had signed everything that he owned over to him. No money, but he had signed over the farm and the house, everything. He had kept his money. Every morning, the boy hugged his sister. He had three lovely horses. His wife went to the bam one day and killed the best horse. Her husband was working on the farm. She went to the door and cried for him and her fa? ther to come home. Her husband said, "What's the matter?" Scenic Rides! Cape Smokey Ski Lift Ei'oy a 20-ininute ride up a 1000-foot mountain. Then relax, picnic, or just revel in the view of mountains to the west, bays, islands and Atlantic Ocean to the east. Watch for it, aU summer! SOUTH INGONISH on the CABOT TRAIL Go ACADIAN 4 TRIPS DAILY BETWEEN SYDNEY & HALIFAX DEPART \$YDNEY 7:30 MA 8:30 AIM 11:00 AIVI 4:30 PM ARRIVE HALIFAX 3:00 PM 1:50 PM 5:45 PM 10:50 PM Schedule subject to change Various stops made en route. For further information contact your local ticket agent or 1-902-454-9321. PARCEL EXPRESS • Same day service to most Maritime destinations • Picltup & delivery available • Collect shipments Prepaid "Priority Pak" service • Excess insurance In HALIFAX... Sightsee the area on board HISTORIC HALIFAX TOURS JUNE 15 through SEPTEMBER 30 J IACADIAN LINES LIMITED 6040 Almon Street, Halifax, N.S. B3K 5M1 His wife repUed, "Your sister, that you are so fond of, that you hug every morning • 'go see what she did in the bam." Her husband went to the bam only to find his horse with his head cut off. His wife thought he would punish his sister for killing his horse. He said, "I have plenty of horses. If I need another one, I'll go get one." This didn't suit his wife at all. One year after they were married, she had a baby • b. Uttle boy. When the baby was only three months old, the cutest little baby, she was still so jealous that her husband hugged his sister, that she used the same knife that she used to kill the horse, to cut off her son's head. She once again ran to the door screaming for her husband and her father to come home. She was tearing her hair out • completely beside herself. She had pushed her sister-in-law in a room, thrown the knife in with her and locked the door. When her husband and father arrived, they asked, "What's the matter, what happened?" She replied, "Your sister that you are so fond of, who



killed your horse about a year ago, go see in the cradle what she has done now. She has cut off your son's head. I pushed her into her room and locked the door so she can't get out." Her husband went to the cradle. His son had bled to death. He opened the door to the room where his sister was. She got down on her knees and swore that she nev? er touched the knife that killed his horse and his son. He said to her, "Shut up! You did this!" He stuffed her mouth with a handkerchief and ordered, "Get dressed so I can go kill you in the middle of the for? est." She got dressed all in black and brought along her prayer book. When they arrived in the middle of the forest, maybe two hundred feet into the forest, they noticed a river that flowed. He tied his sister to a tree and said, "Now, you have two choices: either I take my gun and kill you instantly or I cut off both your arms and throw them in? to the river." "Well," she said, "if I have my choice, cut off both my arms and throw them into the river. Tie my prayer book W. J. DOOLEY FUNERAL SERVICE LTD. • Peter V. Walsh • Joseph A. Walsh • Daniel P. Campbell 107 Pleasant Street, North Sydney, N.S. Telephone: (902) 794-3418 • Over a Century of Service • 78