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ers. So please get well. Your own Loving John A., St. Pauls Island June 26, 1921

Dearest Margret, The reason why I didn't call to see you was that I hated to admit to you or any body else that I was very near penniless after paying of all the old bills against the farm which amounted to more than the place was worth. I found myself broke with nothing but an old farm. Mind I didn't know that we were so heavily incumbered till I came home this summer they jumped me. I had a mind to let the hole place go but hated to part with it. Some of those bills were twenty years old and uncollectable by law but my father contracted them and it was only right to pay them. There is my reason for not going to see you. I intended to ask you this spring to marry me and I was going to settle on the farm if you would, as I couldn't do as I wanted to do I stayed away. I love you more than I can tell you by writing hear but I am not asking you to share my poverty. My position hear is not such as will support a wife. I am pulling down \$50.00 a month and board. If I can get a light house job with a dwelling, they pay \$700.00 a year with house and coal we might make it go, that is if you will have me and live on St. Pauls. There is a lot of nice people living hear. Its a good place to make a stake the north light keeper is leaving some time this summer. I am trying Dear? est Margret I want to be fair and set things down as they ar, if you give me up I am not likly to ever marry for I couldn't bring myself to think of anybody else in that light. Well dear I must conclude for this time heaping you will under? stand the way I feel. Please write as I will be waiting nervously to hear from you. Your loving sweetheart John A. McIntyre, St. Pauls Island "Experience a New World of Shopping" A collection of Maritime handcrafts, Canadian pine, woolens, folk art, country clothing, gifts and accessories. Major Credit Cards Accepted A Cape Breton Country Store OPEN DAILY (902) 295-2868 Chebucto Street Baddeck July 11th, 1921 Dear Margret, Hear I am once more after be? ing storm stayed for four days at Bay. St. Lawrence. We started to cross Munday but four miles out we had to turn back and land at Cape North. The weather was to rough for an open boat. I had a good time. We were at a dance Munday night and started early Tuesday morning for St. Pauls. The day was fine and we A channing Victorian House ' CLCVanMr 11 nUUDB in the heart of B ADDE CK, with gracious dining in an elegant setting. A truly delightful Maritime Scottish Breakfast, Businessman's Lunch, and Daily Dinner Specials. Children's Orders as well. Open Every Day of the Week • Fully Licensed Dining Room Relax in the warmth of open fires, stroll at your leisure thru this historic house where courtesy and hospitality have been a tradition for over 100 years. A place to free the soul. Inquire About Our Weekend Room Rates • CALL 295-1100 got hear all right. We ar hay making on the Island. Well cut a lot of hay enough for four cows, twenty five sheep and two horses. The ground is rough making work with hand syths rather tiresome. Well dear I was talking to Mr. Campbell, SC Supt of St. Pauls, he is now in charge of Sable Island. I met him on the way at Neils Harbour. I toald him that I was applying for the light he told me he would do all he could to get me the pos- sition. He is in the service a long time and



has a lot of influence with the depart? ment. Also, Mr. McLeod who is in charge hear, I think he will be giving me a help. I didnt like to ask him before for I was not sure that his brother in law the re- tyring super was leaving and he might think I was trying to get the place over Mr. Hunt- ly's head which of course would be rather a shabby thing to do. Anyway I am in good heaps, there will be a lot of folks looking for the place and the person with the most pull I suppose will get it so we cant be sure un? till the appointment is made. Well dear havent much more news for now. Re? member me to your folks in? cluding your brother, of course. I think he is a fine fellow. Be sure and write soon to your loving John A. With love to you John A., St. Pauls Island Sept 1 1921 Dear Margret, I received your letter was glad to hear from you. But dear little girl I am afraid about my job this time. I am enclosing reply from Ottawa. Its not very promising. They are giving all those places to returned men. I di? dent hear from halifax yet, so I am afraid it would be doing you an injustice to keep you from applying for a school. Of course if things turn out in my favour It wont be hard to fix the trustees of a school section up any time. I hate to stay on the life station this winter but of course it cant be helped. We on the Bras d'Or Lakes! o/> erformances July 10 July ] 3 July 15 July 18 July 20 July 23 July 25 July 28 July 31 Aug. 1 Aug. 3 Aug. 5 Aug. 8 Aug. 9 Aug. 14 ?? Aug. 17 Aug. 18 Aug. 22 Cape Breton Ceilidh MacLean Sisters Hewson & Smith Exit 13 Rhapsody Quartet Bach Youth Chorus Guitar Summit Brakin' Tradition SAPPY La Claire Fontaine Songwriter's Circle Janice Jaci