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brown flour, but it was grey • what was left over from the First World War. My mother was living then, good education, and she wrote down to Newfoundland, and Chamberlain was the government at that time. Limey government--and you know what they give me? Two dollars and fifty cents for a suit of oilskins. That I got out of it. From the Prosser Family Album George during World War Two; Loretta, with cousin; Ruth, on overturned boat. Opposite page: Adeline and Donnie; Emma and laundry, laundry, laundry. S what So it was pretty bad, rough, you know. I had a family, five or six kids. A fella said to me one day, "Come on and go swordfishing with me." I said, "Jeez, I can't leave home. I got nothing to leave home for." He said, "Okay, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll go good for you if you go fishing with me." So he gave the wife and family enough food, and that was in June. I come over here (to Cape Breton) and we made two hundred dollars or more. That was big money in them days. So he come in to North Sydney and took his coal for the winter. We always did that. When I had a boat I al? ways did that too. But I had no boat. I had nothing to go home for. All I had was this money we made and I give it to him, pay him and give my wife the other money. I left North Syd? ney, come over here (to Whitney Pier) and joined an Indies boat. That was in Sep? tember. I was gone then (from New- Leather Works by John C. Roberts Bags Buckets Visit Workshop and Store at • INDIAN BROOK • CAPE BRETON ISLAND BOC IHO On Cabot Trail between Baddeck & Ingonish DAILY 9-5 SUNDAY 10-5 (May thru Oct] Telephone (902) 929-2414 foundland) from June until Septem? ber. I come over and joined the In? dies boat and we went South. I never seen my family no more until the next June. A whole year. The wife and six kids in Newfoundland. We had two after we come over here. I was a whole year never seen my family. And you couldn't go home. I had nothing to go home for. I had a family to go home to, but the goddamn Limey government was so rotten then that they wouldn't feed you, so you couldn't go home. I lost everything I had. Like I said, I had a couple of dories and gear, but that's all. I never had no boat or nothing. And everybody else was just as poor as I was. So I never went home. I stayed over here. 1 called the wife up--"Come over here" • (from) Halifax I called her. I made a trip to Mon? treal, come back and the wife was here. She'd come over here. I (had) said, "If you can't sell it, give it away." Sold the house for four hundred and fif- Cabot Trail's only boat tour to tke Bird Islands (nesting grounds of the Atlantic Puffin) Cniise on a 45' certified vessel with a cash bar, canteen, head, Puffin Gift Shop on board 3 Puffin Tours (june2o-aug26) DAILY 10 am • 1:30 PM • 5:15 pm 2 Bald Eagle & Grey Seal Tours (AUG 27 - SEPT 24) DAILY 10 AM • 1:30 PM Turn off Trans Canada 105

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