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and rested. I would think that it's highly likely that what these people told Ms. Malloy is quite true, that many women did go up and carry sewing machines on their backs. It's nothing surprising, because you go back to the book written in Nova Scotia by that chap Lamb (The Hidden Heritage: Buried Romance at St. Ann's. Nova Scotia by James B. Lamb, 1975), who I enjoy very much, or perhaps it's in the other book, the more novelish type. Watchman Against the World (by Flora McPherson, 1962; reprinted, 1993). And those women, or their mothers, I think it was seven miles there and back to the grist mill in Nova Scotia. So they had on their backs the grain, and they walked up there in the summer and the spring, certainly not in the winter. And they were backward and forward until they had a supply of grain all ready for the winter. And they carried that.... To walk long distances and to carry things Catherine McLean. 1824-1910. Daughter of Donald. Passenger on the Highland Lass. Married Roderick Finlayson. ?? ?? ??

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Nova Scotia, at St. Ann's, and looking down, I thought • I'm thinking particularly of McIzines; he had sent his sons off on the ship • they were related to the Reverend Norman • so the boys, the sons of Norman and these ones were second cou? sins. They were related to the McLeods and they also were Normanites. Now you see, this was the difference. You had the Norma? nites, who were adherents, who considered their leader to be the Reverend Norman. Many of the master mariners (who went) didn't. They were mariners in their own right and sea captains in their own right. SUPERIOR FENCING LTD: Commercial Residential Industrial INSTALLATIONS and REPAIRS Chain Link Fencing Custom Decks Wooden Fencing Retaining Walls FULLY GUARANTEED Locally Owned & Operated 539-2027 AFFORDABLE QUALITY WORKMANSHIP 64