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your family do at night?) Nothing! There was nothing to do. There was lots of time we had work to do. We used to run the birch brooms. Make our own brooms. Go and cut the birch, get all white birch, sit dox'n, in the nighttime. It would take all night to make a birch broom. Everybody made one. Not only you made one, everybody made one. You used that for scrubbing the stage down. My poor old mother used it for sweeping the house. We lived off wildlife, too. Gulls or what? ever kind of bird • you save the wing. My poor old mother would be down on her hands and knees sweeping the floor with a bird's wing. There was no such things as brooms and that such that you can buy today. There was nothing like that. I suppose there was. There could be some, but we fellers didn't get it, anyway. We had to make all our stuff. You'd go and cut a tree the same way you cut the straws, for the long sticks, put the straws right around, wind it in with line and rope. Make a broom that way. That's like meat. You didn't get no meat. Christmas time, from the merchant there, you'd get a quarter of beef. You take a QQuarter of beef and share it up among five other people and it didn't go very far. You never got no more of that till the next Christmas again. We all lived on wildlife. Deer meat, seal meat, and all the birds. The grull, in them days, you'd kill them, cook them. That was what you lived off of. I was looking after a tanker down there, and my boss, he was a Cape Bretoner, his name was MacKenzie. He was my boss and he could eat rocks, although he would twitch you 'cause you were eating gulls and all that. I was looking after a tanker, (keep- Make a Good First Impression! • Letterhead • Envelopes • Invoices I* Business Cards • Reports • Price Lists • Newsletters • Manuals • Resumes • Purchase Orders • Menus • Flyers • Brochures • Tickets • Booklets •

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had to go to church though. Take the boat and go to church and Sunday school. Three times a day you went to church on Sundays, and al? most every day of the week you went to You don't have to sleep with us to get a great meal!" Cape Bretoners and their friends enjoy good food and good times DellaSydney Ddta Hotels & Resorts 300 Esplanade, Sydney, N.S. BIP 1A7 • • • ' (902) 562-7500 Canada Toll Free Reservations 1-800-268-1133 Select Sydney's First Class Accommodation At Affordable Rates