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other does a lot of damage to raspberry canes. Those don't come to light. They're moths, but they!re day-flying, and you have to go .look for them visiting flowers. And they are fast-flying, hard to get. You've ?? got to net them. Or breed them. Leam what the food plant is. Go out in the fall of the year or early spring and dig up the plant. Bring them in and raise them. Within the plant will probably be larvae. And some of these things take two or three years • it's very tedious • two or three years to mature. It's hard work. But see, the possibilities are infinite. Even in Cape Breton, which is not a particularly rich place for these things, there's a lot of things here they don't know. A person looking for a hobby • he could take a small group, work on it, really make a contribution. This Erora laeta, they think it feeds on birch • but no? body has reared it for a long time. Someone could find a colony and watch them, see where the female is laying her eggs, and raise them. Infinite possibilities for moths, especially the little ones. Barry Wright, Curator of Zoology, Nova Scotia Museum, sent us the following titles which should be of help to collectors of butterflies and moths; Bryan P. Beime, COLLECTING, PREPARING AND PRESERVING INSECTS, Canada Dept. of Agriculture 932. Donald J. Borrer & Richard E. White, A FIELD GUIDE TO THE INSECTS. Houghton Mifflin Co. Bos? ton. Douglas C. Ferguson, THE LEPIDOPTERA OF N.S. PART I (MACROLEPIDOPTERA). Nova Sco? tia Museum Bulletin Number 2, out of print. W.J.Holland, THE MOTH BOOK, Dover Publica-tions New York. Alexander B. Klots, A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH AMERICA EAST OF THE GREAT PLAINS, Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston. Mr. Wright wrote; "Klots and Holland are both paperbacks which are readily availableBorror and White is the best general insect book which can be used in this area. Beirne is the best guide to insect preparation and no serious collector should be with? out it. Ferguson is of use only to advanced collectorso...All serious collectors should make an effort to visit the Nova Scotia Museum and we encourage use of the museum ref? erence library and the reference collection of over 300,000 insects." Phone Cabel Telex (902) 794-7251 BRENNANS 019-351'9 Night & Holiday 736-8479 794-3178 Brennans Travel Agency 158 QUEEN STREET, NORTH SYDNEY STEAMSHIP AIRLINE
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