Cape Bretoners have enormous pride

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SYDNEY, N.S. - You don't hear talk of separation in this part of Canada, but Cape Bretoners tend to feel they belong to a province within a province and prefer to be called Cape Bretoners rather than Nova Scotians.

Their patch - or rather, patches, since Cape Breton is made up of several islands joined Even the people of together by high span Sydney have little to say bridges and ferries - is in its favor. It's deadly cut away from the dull, rather grubby, mainland, and its people virtually devoid of have an enormous pride culture, and has only one in one of the most ameliorating circumsexquisite pieces of lance - it is the gateway territory in Canada.

that Canadians from more attractions than other provinces thought anyone can possibly cope of Cape Breton as one with during a week's huge mining area, vacation. frequently struck down Still, if you fly in, or get by underground tragedy there by train, you'll and depression times, almost certainly have to This notion was rein- begin and end in Sydney, forced by business and might find it sensible travellers whose only to make the city your sight of Cape Breton was base. In which case, look from a hotel room in one at the small colony of of the least attractive of motels outside the



to the spectacular beauty It wasn't so long ago of the Cabot Trail and

Canadian cities, Sydney. downtown area for better

Program successful

having good results, according to Industry and Tourism Minister Larry Grossman.

More than a slogan, the program runs courses in the basics of good hosting, like having a ready smile, dealing with the unpleasant tourist politely, and being proud to let others enjoy Ontario.

Mr. Grossman, who is a cheerful character himself, pointed out at a recent Ontario Place press conference that tourism is Ontario's second largest industry, but needs the help of every citizen to keep the business flowing.

Cayuga II will cross Lake Ontario between Toronto and Niagara-onthe-Lake, June 15 through Labor Day. There will be two trips daily each way with seats reserved under a computer system. Fare is \$6.50 each way. Going with one and returning with the next gives enough time to explore Niagara-on-the-Lake and see the lunchtime theatre (not the Shaw as yet) in a

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computerized reservation doubled as a fortress. system for all of Nova Children love a trip energy.

-man-made, than almost shop.

sandy inlet all to yourself, Morien.

there's more than photographs. scenery to see.

reconstructed under a was one of his pupils, and Margaree is world forced out of work a towards his best known and a world record for decade ago is an absolute invention, the telephone), tuna was established off must for anyone finding Bell was also in the village of Judique. themselves within 100 miles of the historic monument. The small town where time stands still in the mid-18th century, puts the visitor into the ghost-like position of walking through the past without

accommodation at being seen. The "locals" strumental in John A. D. The northern highlands ignore anyone not asking McCurdy's flight in the also have a reputation for Reservations can be questions, carrying on Silver Dart (the first good fishing in sea and made ahead of departure with the day-to-day life of plane flight in the British lakes, and in the south by calling 1-800-565-7105, one of our earliest Empire), the invention of there are many lakes, It's a toll free number, commercial cities that the hydrofoil and the first brooks, rivers and

Scotia, Prince Edward down the mine, and at

First thoughts tourists in Cape Breton comfortable motel conditioned by high naturally swing towards are Port Morien - the specializing in home prices, often going as low the rolling surf that beats reconstructed workings cooking. against Cape Breton's of the first coal mine in Baddeck is on the shore person. shores. The terrain is North America — and of a 450-square-mile

provide you with maps that's full of the in- the inland waterways. and information on where ventor's memorabilia With all that water the Cape Breton Tourist to stay, but don't take the including original around you'd expect to Association, 20 Keltic route too quickly because drawings and family find good fishing. The Drive, Sydney River N.S.

Fort Louisbourg, the deaf (his wife, Mabel, salt and fresh water fish. federal grant by miners some of his research led famous for its salmon,

experiments with solar streams, as well as the

Island and New Brun- Glace Bay, decked out in are fascinating to all don't need a license for a miner's outfit they can ages, so reckon about sea fishing, but must Your next problem is tour Ocean Deeps three hours of ex- obtain one from the N.S. more easily solved - Colliery and the Miner's ploration. If you make the department of lands and what to do on your Village. The village museum tour in the forests for lake fishing. vacation. Nova Scotia is a shows the home life of the morning; drive into the There's available acdelightful province and miners in the period 1850 small town for lunch at commodation all around Cape Breton has more to 1900 and includes a Telegraph House. Built in Cape Breton, but it's often attractions, natural and company store and gift 1861 as the office for the in private homes or in anywhere else in Canada. Other mines open to Company, it is now a dreamlike to travellers

very much like that of the Princess Colliery Tourist inland sea, Bras d'Or, Scottish highlands, but mine. If you want to add whose unpolluted salt the weather is generally to the authenticity of the waters are a paradise for August, most of the billed better. There are times tour, take a steam train sailboat enthusiasts. activities are taking place when you can have a out of Glace Bay to Port There are many landing ramps around the sea. using the rugged rocks as Little more than one and boats can be rented Breton doesn't intend to hour's drive out of Sydney or chartered. For in-There's 180 miles of is Baddeck, where formation contact the festivities and practically scenic driving along the Alexander Graham Bell Cape Breton Tourist Cape Breton route, all spent many summers in Association Information its own celebration. marked and mostly on the countryside that Centre at the Baddeck first-class roads. The reminded him of his intersection on Route 205 Cape Breton Tourist native Scotland. There's a and 105. Canoes can also more than a suggestion in Office in Sydney can museum at Baddeck be rented for trips along Cape Breton Island.

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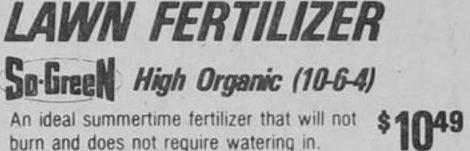
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