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### NEWSLETTER

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For further information on the tour or the Rideau Trail Association, call Marlyn Levitan at 828-2281 (home) or 745-6000 (work).

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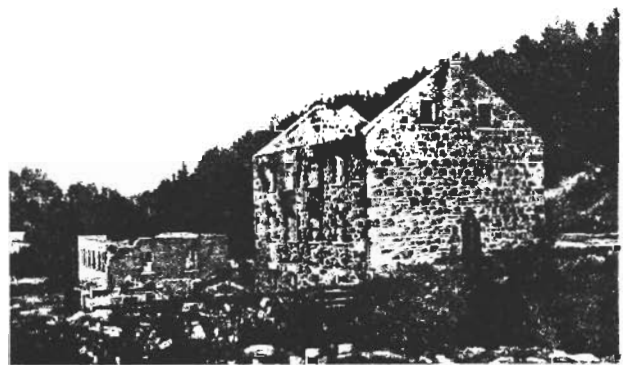
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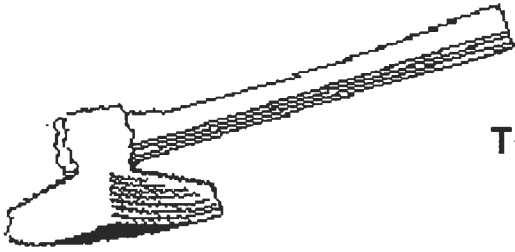
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