

Joanna Stubinski March 3, 1972

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4. 46 Nickle St.

5. 679-8439

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7. Montreal

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9. Both came from Buckingham, Que.

10. 1906

11. Train and Cobalt station was as far as the track went. Same station today.

12. From Montreal Ottawa to North Bay north to Cobalt

13. 4

140 Lumber Jack

15. Housemaid

16. Died 1964

17. Retired

17a. My husband went to 1st world war, 3 brothers, 1 sister too.

18. I came here when I was 6 years old and disappointed there was only a few cabins and tents to live in.

19. It was all bush, there were no mines going then. Cobalt Lake was beautiful then clean water no cyanide on its shores - the first mine to operate to my knowledge was the Larose Mine later the Nipissing, that's when the slag was dumped in Cobalt Lake.

20. My dad came to Cobalt to work in the bush. He heard there was lots of wood to cut here and money to be made.

21. Logging. Shipped logs out by box car. Logs to build shocks and telegraph poles.

22. My dad worked daylight till dark he got up before daylight and came home after dark. He died when he was 101. Died in Haileybury hospital.

23. Not very much.

24. We lived in French town. It was a log cabin that had been built when we came here. When we moved to Cobalt we had furniture but left it in Montreal. So my dad made his own. Bed were made of wooden planks nailed to the wall the spring of boards. Hay for a mattress - used sugar and flour bags made white and stuffed with hay. When you live in Montreal and had everything and then had to sleep on a hay bed. It was really discouraging, she started to cry when telling me. Grandfather made benches and tables. Most outstanding was the hay bed. Used stumps of trees for chairs. Log cabin, 1 large room

25. Yes, we had a tree and had to make our own ornaments - couldn't do much as we didn't have much to work with. Put my own stocking up for Santa Claus

26. Used to buy water. My uncle had a horse - in summer wagon - in winter a sleigh. He had a large wooden barrel - a tap he made himself and he used to sell water for 10¢ a pail.

27. We use coal oil lanterns on the table.

28. Big iron cook stove had to heat water on top of stove.

29. Used wood in cook stove.

30. 1 store - didn't have much just the necessary things flour, sugar etc. 100 lbs. of sugar, flour we saved the boys to make sheets, pillow cases, towels, aprons, bedspreads, couldn't buy much, we had to make our own bread etc.
31. None - parties among ourselves - cards
32. Slide down hills - take a board or piece of tin - Dad made them a bob sleigh.
33. First school on this side of bridge. It was just a house with benches in it. Weren't too many kids when they built the bridge they built a new school across the right of way bridge. Can't remember the name.
34. Not too long. I was sick a lot.
35. Horse sleighs - wagons - buggies.
36. Dr. Schmidt.
37. None here then.
38. 8 miles in the bush - near Mrs. Conroys place where Mercier's live now. He weighed 12 lbs. Had my baby alone. My husband walked and ran all the way to Cobalt, but too late. Mrs. Jack Armstrong came out and fixed up the baby. That was Wilfred.
39. Wilfred died young.
40. Joe 14 when he went to work at foundry. Rosaire 14 for Greenside. Blanche married at 16. Claire 15 an elevator operator. Out of 9 children 5 lived
41. Lots of mines and mills.
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43. Lunch basket.
44. Big meal at night
45. Long dresses, white collar
46. Fancy dresses plaid. Had a pair of white and 1 black high buttoned boots. In summer a large straw hat - winter toques and scarfs - Red and black felt boots.
47. Go to church and stay home
48. Lost everything in the fire on Lang St. 1948.
8. I like it here, I'm going to die here.
50. My friends and home always here.
51. It's a lot better now. But I never go out much. It was rough and tough in the early days and the boom was on. Lots of blind pigs. Lots of fights The foreigners did a lot of fighting. Many people made their money blind pigging.
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55. Yes.
56. Today there is no work like there used to be. We need work for our men and families.
57. Spring and fall. It's nice for me.
58. Watching TV
59. Cooks
60. Worried about my family
62. Mine tours, Lake

Highlights

Mrs. Marcotte doesn't like cars - she still likes horse and buggies best.

She doe go out as she is afraidl of cars. Really liked the hospital on the corner. Mine hospital and electric cars. Was really frightened when 1922 fire was on.

This had to be translated as Mrs. Marcotte speaks only French.