

1. Alma Lefebvre
3. Alma Gagne
4. Galena, Cobalt
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7. I was born in Joliette Que
8. My parents were also born in Joliette Que
9. They were living in St. Alphonse, then they moved to Ville-Marie Que and then dad had a farm on Brown island before coming to Cobalt
10. I came to live in Cobalt in 1926 or 1927
11. We crossed Lake Temiskaming on the Temiskaming Boat
13. When my parents came to the Temiskaming area they had 6 children
14. We were married in Ville Marie and lived on Brown Island for about a year, then we lived in Guigues for about 6months before coming to live on a farm in Martineau Bay. My husband was a farmer
15. When I came to Cobalt I worked for about one year and then I opened a small shop in my home, as a matter of fact its the same house where I'm living now, 25 Galena, I'm a seamstress by trade and I did sewing during 36 years. I sewed until 6 years ago.
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18. When we came to Cobalt it was that I liked it and the people as they were very friendly
19. When we came to Cobalt it was very dull, there were a lot of houses for sale, I bought my house for \$35 dollars
21. We were waiting for the mines to open. We came to Cobalt as we had a lot of friends here, we knew a lot of people from the market days. When we came there wasn't much work available I was a seamstress and my friends and acquaintances never let me down, this is how I made my living until six years ago.
22. I'd sew when I could sometimes until midnight
23. In those days I would get paid \$1.50 for making a dress
24. When I bought this house it was a mine shack it made partly of logs and wood frame, it had a kitchen, livingroom and one bedroom
25. I spent my first Christmas with my parents in Martineau Bay
26. We had tap water in the house
27. Also electricity
28. I had a cook stove
29. The house was small so the cook stove served the purpose for winter heating
30. When I came there was Sam Bucovetsky, TBS Mrs. Currie and many more stores
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35. For transportation there were the street cars and horse and buggies.
36. Dr. Joyal was my first doctor
37. It was a miner's hospital, but my mother was a patient there and the doctors and nurses were very good
38. I never had any children

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41. I don't know as my father and husband never worked in the mines, they were farmers. We would wear our nicest clothes, and in those days the ladies never wore slacks

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47. We'd go to church and then we'd visit our relatives and have supper with them or they would come here.

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49 & 50. I think Cobalt is looking pretty good now. I like Cobalt as its a friendly place and I've been here so long its simple its just home to me.

51. Since our new Mayor Mr. Mathews, we've had a big change for the best, we have parks, the streets are cleaner, they have a good clean-up every spring, the renovation of the Lang St. buildings. We needed a mayor to do something, one like we have today and I hope he will keep on working for Cobalt and that he will stay for a long time.

52. The only thing was when the mines were going and the people were leaving, now everything is looking up again

53. I like everything about Cobalt

55. I would like to see the road water drain cleaned up in the front of my house on Galena St as my house is very low and when the water rises in the Spring thaw or after a heavy rain it comes in to my basement and veranda and it does damage.

57. I prefer summer, i have a cottage on Gillies Lake and like to go for boat rides and just being outside in the fresh air

58. My hobby now is working in my garden at the cottage, I make a vegetable garden and I also have flowers

60. If the mines were producing more this would give work to our people.

61. The mining museum and the mining tour are things that would very much interest tourists

Highlights:

My father Mr. Francis Gagne had a farm in Lorrainville and he would sell meat, butter, cream & buttermilk at the Haileybury market every Tuesday and to the Cobalt Market Friday's on Saturdays. He's done this for many years. He'd travel on the Temiskaming Boat from Spring until ice time. In winter he was a jobber in lumber camps in Goward or Temiskaming