

Simone Bedard

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1. Azilda St. Laurent

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3. Azilda Perrier

4. 95 Lang St.

5. 679-5590

6. I'll be 82 in November

7. St. Benoit Comte des Deux Montagnes Quebec

8. my parents were born in LaChute _Quebec

9. my family was from LaChute Quebec

10. I had my uncle and aunt here and I came to live with them around 1911-12

11. I came by train

12. We had moved to Combermere from St. Benoit when I was 9 years old. I left Combermere by train to come to Cobalt.

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18. When I arrived there were lots of people and there were stores of all sorts all along Lang St.

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20. I came here to work, I got a job at Chemandy's Dry Goods Store

21. There was lots of work in stores for ladies and for men in the men's wear. The mines were also a place of employment

22. In those days we worked from 9 am to 9 pm on week days on Saturday from 9 am to 10 or 10:30 pm

23. I was getting \$12. a week but in those days that was considered good wages

24. My first home in Cobalt was a room one storey house on Watson St. this was my uncle's house Mr. Hamelin and I was living with them.

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26. We had water and washroom facilities

27. We had electric lights

28. Wood stove

29. Heating was by coal furnace

30. There were all kinds, Milton Carr & Son C.H. Moore Drug Store, The George Taylor Hardware, Galt Hardware, P.D.Devlin & Leo Druggist on Silver St., Crown Bakery on Cobalt St. Henry & Deming Jewelers & Opticians, Adam Davis Coal Dealer, Jamieson Meat Co., M. McKinnon Lumber, Nipissing Stores

Ltd., O'Gorman & Gagne Men's Wear, Mrs. S.A.Campbell Millinery, Mrs. A. .

MacDougall Millinery Ready Made Clothing for Ladies, Charles Reckin at Sons Wholesale & Retail, P.J.Hassett Lumber

31. There were 5 or 6 theaters, the Bijou you could see a good show for 10 cents

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35. Streetcars to go to Haileybury or New Liskeard and horse and buggy.

36. Dr. W.O.Taylor

37. I was never a patient myself, but I had some of my children there for operations and I think the service was okay.

38. my first child was born in Cobalt

39. Lucien went to school until he was 19 years old, then he was called for the army.

Frank quit school at around 16 yrs. old and went to work in Noranda at the Arrowhead Mine. Alice finished her grade 8 and stayed home with me. Hubert (Bert) went as far as grade 8 and joined the army. Cecile went to grade 10, then worked at Woolworth's.

Robert also went to grade 10, and then took an apprenticeship in plumbing. . Our best clothes in those days.

We'd play cards with the neighbours.

49. We've been here so long, that when I go away on a visit I'm glad to return to Cobalt.

55. I would like to see a factory, that would give work to lots of people.

57. I enjoy the winter months, as we have euchre games every Sunday night at Ste. Therese School

59. I crochet, knit and do some sewing.

Highlights

In those days we got a good pair lace or buttoned high boots for \$2.25, cashmere stockings 25 cents a pair. Where the Red & White Supermarket stands today, was a nice store by the name of McDiarmid & Sullivan Ladies Wear.