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1. Mr. Charles Greenwood.
2. Chuck.
3. his wife was Blanche Frisby
4. 18 Beaver Terrace, New Liskeard.
5. 647-6027
6. 78 in July coming.
7. He was here in 1894 on Queen St. in Toronto.
8. His mother was born in Toronto, himself he didn't know where his father was born.
9. His mother's maiden name was Black and her father had been a schoolteacher in England. There were 11 children.
10. Mr. Greenwood arrived in New Liskeard in 1902.
11. They had taken a train to North Bay, a makeshift train from there to the foot of the Lake at South Temiskaming.
12. From there to Liskeard by the steamer Meteor.
13. His mother, father and himself came up here the other children were born here.
14. Mr. Greenwood owned a restaurant and a grocery store on Whitewood at Armstrong for 50 years. He said he married seven couples in the store.
15. His wife Blanche worked at the cash register when he was busy and always on Saturdays night.
16. Mr. Greenwood retired, and sold his establishment to a Chinaman. He built his house after the store was sold and had the contractor bill him every two weeks.When he moved in the bills had all been paid and he owed nothing. He designed the house to his own specifications.
17. Blanche died three years ago.
    His father died during the early part of the war due to a fall on the ice on Queen St. in Toronto.
18. As a boy when he arrived here, he was "just in heaven" with the rabbits, partridges, and trails through the bush. This was a virgin bush then.
19. The wagons used to get stuck in the mud up to the axels.Very little shopping sbut there were two or three stores on the North side of the river. This was about 1910.

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20. Mr. Greenwood's father owned an ice house in Toronto. He also owned 13 teams of horses and wagons to deliver the ice. One night afte after firing a troublesome employee the ice house and the barn were burned to the ground. Wiped out almost entirely, he brought his wife and son north to start over.
21. Mr. Greenwood's father had worked for Price Bros. in Toronto who owned a brick yard in the Don Valley (This was prior to ice house). His father opened a brick yard here on Pine Street beside the river, (Westman's Store), near the gully, there he made bricks from local clay and fired them in his own kiln. Mr. Greenwood Sr. and Mr. Guloska also had a lumber yard at the mouth of the Wabi. When silver was found at Cobalt, Mr. Guloska went to Cobalt and opened a store. Mr. R.S.Robinson (father of Judge Robinson of Haileybury) opened a Dry Goods store and later changed to Ladies Wear. Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson later purchased this store from Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Wilkinson (Jean) is Mr. Greenwood's sister-in-law (Blanche's sister) and Mrs. Robinson still lives in Liskeard at 165 Farah Ave.
22. When Mr. Greenwood owned the store and restaurant his hours were from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. He told me though that he had had customers as early as 4 a.m. His employees had regular hours. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson who have the Red and White Foodmaster in Liskeard worked for him at one time. Mr. Bill Barr who was one time Mayor Liskeard also worked in the store. The lady who cooked in the restaurant (who is now over 80) still writes to Mr. Greenwood. Howard Walters was the lawyer in town at the early beginnings of his store. His wife still corresponds with Mr. Greenwood.
23. The clerks in the store received from $18. to $22. a week. The waitress were paid $15. a week plus tips in the restaurant.
24. His very first home in Liskeard was a log cabin on what is now Pine St. West. His first married home was an apartment up over his store. He and his wife lived there until they sold the store and built the present home where Mr. Greenwood now lives with his housekeeper, Miss.Rae Carter, niece of Annie and Emily Carter. He also has a student from the mining school living there.
25. He didn't remember his first Christmas here but said it must have

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been a nice one.

26. When they first arrived, they got water by a pail from the river, later they had a well near the house.
27. They had coal oil lamps until the electricity came.
28. The wood stove was used both for heating and cooking.
29. Mr. Greenwood as the eldest had the job of keeping the woodbox full and one day scared his mother by carrying a garter snake in with the split logs.
30. not answered.
31. Movie house was known as "Wonderland" Edna Thicke sang before the movie began. Mr. Greenwood's father-in-law ran the Empire Theatre which used to be where the Canadian Tire Store is now.
32. When asked about sports Mr. Greenwood told me he had pens for raising rabbits and he kept pigeons.
33. He attended a little school which is now part of Irene Grills house on Armstrong Street. Mrs. Grills father-in-law Tom Grills was the postmaster for 30 years. Miss Murray was the teacher and she always wore lace boots to the knee. In 1904, according to Mr. Greenwood a Mr. McKelvie and a Mr. McCamus who jointly owned a saw mill and a Mr. W.A. Taylor father of Dick Taylor started a telephone company. There was only one operator a Miss Thompson who lived in the corner house at the north road. Miss Thompson had bright red hair and Mr. Greenwood remembered being strapped by Miss Murray for teasing Miss Thompson about her red hair. In 1909 a block school house was built on what is now the parking lot of the New Liskeard Public School and a Mr. John X MacDonald was the principal.
34. Mr. Greenwood attended both public and high school. High school was held in a tin building which stood where the Cenotaph now stands in New Liskeard (beside library) Mr. Sparks was the teacher. "Fats" McLean would throw red pepper on the stove and after about 14 lb. had set everyone sneezing. Mr. Sparks would ring the bell and give his pupils the afternoon off. Mr. Greenwood's sister Edith taught school on the west road. The tin school house was later used for a storage shed by the fireman.
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36. Dr. Field was the earliest doctor. There were also two brothers who enjoyed curling, a Dr. J.C. and a Dr. J.S. McCullough.
37. Lady Minto Hospital on the hill.
38. Mr. Greenwood's only son was born at home.
39. Bill attended Queen's University
40. Bill now works for Iron Ore of Canada. Bill and his wife Lois reside in Dorval, Quebec, they have four children. One son is studying at McMaster and another is travelling in South America.
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42. The merchants did not hold contests.
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46. Running shoes, perhaps socks, coat & sweater, breeches.
47. Better
48. Mr. Carruthers taught Sunday School singing hymns. The Methodist Church was on the corner of May Street and Elm near where the Taylor home now stands.
49. Picture of himself as a boy taken outside of the Imperial Bank. Mr. Greenwood drove a car for 54 years without an accident and I think he treasures this record.
50. Always lived here.
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52. Changes, could mean many to him. Mr. Greenwood regretted that he never was able to serve on the town council because the store took up so much of his time.
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59. Mr. Greenwood enjoyed fishing in the early morning.
60. No hobbies.
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63. (I asked all of the questions but he just continued talking and never answered some of them.)