

Simone Bedard April 12, 1972

1. Denis Larabie
4. Nipissing Property Cobalt
5. 679-5994
6. 42 yrs. old
7. I was born in Cobalt
8. My dad was born in Perkins Mill, Que my mother was born in Pointe Gatineau,Que
9. 11Y parents were married in Pointe Gatineau and came to Cobalt from there
10. I was born in Cobalt
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13. We were 8 children in our family
14. My father was a farmer and a bush contractor
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19. As a child I remember Cobalt as a striving little town with a lot of stores
21. The mines were very busy, the railroad was quite busy with two express offices, we had a pop factory, there was three banks and there was a lot of spare time jobs.
22. In those days the men worked around 10 hours a day
23. Wages may have been around \$12. or \$15. a week depending on the type of work you were in.
24. Our first home was a two storey frame house in mileage 104, we had a kitchen living room, dining room, and 4 bedrooms upstairs
25. We had a Christmas tree, not many toys but a lot of food. We'd hang our stockings and get oranges, apples and a few candies
- 26 & 27. We got our water in a well about 50 ft. from the house and for lighting we had coal oil amps.
28. I remember we had a great big eight ring McLary kitchen stove
29. We had a Quebec heater for the winter months.
30. I remember Rava's, Vellis's, The Farmer's Market, Sam Buckovetsky, TBS and many more stores.
31. We had an outside Band Stand on the square, theaters, the skating rink and recreation at the YMCA sponsored by the town, school concerts & plays
32. We played hockey & ball
- 33 & 34. Yes and I went as far as grade 11
35. I remember when we had streetcars, horse buggie and automobiles
36. The first Doctor that I can remember is Dr. Dunning
37. I would say that the facilities were fair for those days
38. . Our first child was born in the Haileybury Hospital
- 39 & 40. Peter went to grade 10 in High School and then worke the pop factory Bernard, Danny, Claire & David are still attending school.
42. The contests were hand steeling & Hand muclndng.
- 43 & 44. Meat, potatoes, vegetables and desserts.

45. work shirt, jeans & boots
46. On Sundays we'd wear out suits, shirts, ties or dress pants
47. We'd go to church then we'd go visiting or spend the afternoon with parents playing cards or games.
- 49 & 50. I like the friendliness of the people I was learned & raised here, and I think I understand the problems of the people here. I have my home family, friends and also a business here.
51. I like the idea of the parks in town, they are beautifying our town a little bit, I also like the snow removal system that was started this past winter, I agree with their plan of cleaning up main street and renovating the town itself.
52. Losing most of the businesses, the Long Distance Telephone, the Express & Freight from the ONR and the pop factory.
- 53 & 54. I don't like the attitude of the business men in Cobalt, there's no incentive for our young people in town, I feel that they are being ignored I feel that the business men in town here are all eccentric, I guess that they think the town & country owes them a living, they have a down and out attitude. The failure of qualified men for municipal duties. I think the recreation committee should be voted upon at election time and not appointed
- 55 & 56 I would like to see more qualified people in town, such as doctors, dentists, lawyers a resident geologist & qualified mechanic. An expansion of existing businesses, an industry of any kind would be a great help to the community.
- 57.&58. I enjoy fall the most. Hiking, swimming, playing ball, bowling any particular sport as a participant.
59. I enjoy reading, music & hiking.
60. there's only one thing that I can see, the price of silver, and lack of industry.
61. Young adventurous person with a degree or business sense. Any person that has faith in the North Country.
62. Presently, not too much friendship, mining history of the town and a very good mining museum, and our scenic country side.

Highlights

As far as the Regional School is concerned I think its a good thing for the child himself, he has a better teaching staff, better facilities, better equipment, more modern way of teaching. I feel that with bus travelling the kids are better supervised this from the time they leave in the morning until they return at night. I don't think its a deterrent to their education.

I think the government should channel some of their small industries up north in our district, we could try a silversmith industry, we could promote tourism for a small portion of the year.

We should have training facilities here to help keep our younger generation in the north, job opportunities, right now are low, the wages are fair but not the best.

Private enterprise should be governed by a board to coincide with the cost of living in our district.

Recreation is what you make it. Our young people should be taken into consideration regarding recreation.