

Lucy Damiani February 22, 1972

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1. Mrs. Eva Fleury
2. Eva
3. Eva Larose
4. 2 Nadon Street
5. 679-8297
6. 69 years old
7. Astorville near North Bay
8. Mother & Father in Quebec
9. Quebec
10. In 1906, only 4 years old
11. Boat and horses
12. By way of North Bay
13. Came with mother and a sister, father was already here
14. Miner
15. Waitress at Matabanik Hotel in Haileybury, lost all the clothes I had there at time of fire.
16. Retired Miner
17. Retired housewife
18. I don't remember too much of it when I arrived.
19. I don't remember
20. I came to be 'with father and the rest of the family.
21. There was logging and mining right here in Cobalt.
22. Started at 7 in the morning until 8 at night.
23. About \$5. a week plus my room at the hotel.
24. Two storey frame building with 3 bedrooms upstairs and 2 large rooms downstairs
25. WS always had large family gatherings, ate together and sang songs.
26. We had a well, there was no water in the house.
27. For lighting we had oil lamps.
28. Wood stove for cooking.
29. Wood and coal for heating but mostly wood because it was plentiful.
30. All kinds of stores both sides of Lang Street, butcher shops, bake shops, flower shops, hardware, hat shops, shoe stores, clothing, jewelry, fur shops, really everything we needed.
31. Shows opera houses, traveling minstrel shows.
32. Bobsledding and skating and in the summer swimming.
33. St. Theresa's French School. Remember my first teacher was Miss Beth Lafond and the principal of the school was Miss Larocque.
34. About 5 years.
35. Just horse and buggy
36. Dr. McLaren
37. There was a fair-sized hospital at 104 Hill.
38. In Cobalt.

39. Aline was 16, she took a hair dressing course and worked for Bea Gauthier, Pearl was 16
40. One worked, one stayed home until she married.
41. Don't know what mines were like in those days, except my father always said they didn't see daylight and when they came up from underground to go home it was already dark.
42. My dad was famous for winning nearly all the drilling contests they used to have.
43. They ate very good meals, meat and fish were plentiful, there was an abundance of vegetables. There were always vendors going by with horse and cart, selling fresh fish vegetables and apples.
44. The families all ate together and the same food.
45. Christmas was for large family gatherings, ate together and sang songs, played cards.
46. The miners and workers wore plain clothes through the week.
47. On Sundays everybody used to dress up—from the children to the grown-ups.
48. First we always went to Church then visited friends and relatives or they visited us.
49. No heirlooms or souvenirs but many pictures which I treasure.
50. Its a good quiet town to live in,
51. Because my home and friends are here.
52. The town is much cleaner we have nice parks and the buildings down town are being repaired, we have a nice new library, new Red & White and a new motel.
53. None
54. Yes all the dogs that are allowed to run the streets.
55. It degrades the town to see a lot of dogs roaming the streets
56. I like Cobalt the way it is
- 57.
58. The summertime - it's so nice for walking and going out.
59. I enjoy playing cards Church socials.
60. I knit.
61. Another industry would help a lot.
62. I think if we encourage tourist trade, Cobalt won't be as clean and we will have pollution.
63. We could encourage visitors we have many beautiful sights, Old Mission, Montreal River, Hydro Plant at Lower Notch, Drummond Cairn, many lakes for fishing, swimming, good hunting grounds and also winter recreation, skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing and
in the summer we have our festival, in the winter there is always a carnival.

HIGHLIGHTS -

Mrs. Fleury is a niece of the famous Fred Larose who was the first man to find silver ore which later led to the discovery of Cobalt..

Let aside all the myths and stories you may have heard—Mr. Larose did not throw a hammer at a fox. Mr. Larose was prospecting by the railroad track one day, after he had eaten his lunch and he spotted a shiny object on a rock. Upon closer examination he

found this shiny ore in the rock which then turned out to be silver, and this is what led to the discovery of Cobalt.