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1. Mr. George Arnold. Mrs. Arnold died 18 years ago.
2. "Nig" - Mr. Arnold got this nichname because in the summer he acquires a very dark tan with no effort.
3. Christina Cameron Russell.
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7. Montreal was Mr. Arnold's birthplace, her's was Scotland.
8. Mr. Arnold's parents were born in London, England.
9. His family is of English descent from way back.
10. Mr. Arnold's family came north in 1902.
11. The Arnold's took the first boat from Mattawa in the spring of 1902. At that time three or four boats were on the lake and two of the Captains were Henry and Reynolds. Capt. Reynolds had the boat on Lake Temagami for many years.
12. see above.
13. There were four children in Mr. Arnold's family and two of them were born here.
14. He was a carpenter.
15. Housewife.
16. Retired.
17. Deceased.

17a. Mr. Arnold had four years of service in World War 1. He spent 18 months in France on narrow gauge railroad, He was 17 years old when he went overseas in 1915.

18. Mr. Arnold was 4 years old in May when they arrived, (he was born in June) and he still loves the North.
19. He had seven miles to go to school, 3 1/2 miles each way and the roads were plowed by horse drawn ploughs.
20. The family was always sick when they lived in the Montreal area, and this area was opening up for immigration.
21. Farms, bush work, sawmill. $15. a month, Statute of Labour.
22. Water boy on government road for $3. a week.
23. a 60 hour week.
24. Log shanty on the North Road near Hanbury. Mr. Arnold went to school in Hanbury with Bert Willars.

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25. Christmas was traditionally a big day. It was lovely, and nothing was too good for the Arnold family. Even though he is a widower Mr. A Arnold still cooks Christmas dinner as he has done for over 30 years.
26. 1/2 mile at first - water was taken from a gully which was fed by a spring on the farm. Mr. Arnold's father had a farm at Hanbury on 3rd concession, Harley, one mile west and a half mile north.
27. Coal oil lamps.
28. Wood stove (caste iron stove)
29. Box stove with a door in front, took longer logs. There were some pot bellied stoves in town.
30. Mr. Arnold actually settled in New Liskeard in 1923, after stays in Toronto, Windsor and out west.
31. Sleigh rides, parties, and sing-songs. His dad played the organ. Walked everywhere 12 miles to a dance, 18 miles to a show. There were silent pictures in the opera house owned by Mr. Ernie Frisby.
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34. Junior, 5 or 6

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35. Shank's mare.
36. Dr. McNaughton
37. Lady Minto-Mr. Arnold still has a bill from the hospital showing $2.50 a day.
38. His three daughters were born at a Maternity home run by Mrs. Maddock on Rebecca Street.
39. Jacqueline 16 went to work for the Wabi after graduating from high school with honors. Jeanne 16 went to work for the Telephone Co. then Hill Clarke &Francis and later the lawyer Mr. Peter Ramsay. Joan 19 went to work for Taylor's Wholesale. One daughter is married to Jack Kincaid another is Mrs. Clair Shepherdson.
40. in #39.
41. Carpentry: by hand, no skill saws or jointers there was no gyprock, or panelling, only wood. Materials now varied and plentiful. On the farm, cradling grain, and binding the sheaths by hand. Hay was cut with a scythe.
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43. Rabbits and partridge, 5 or 6 partridges for supper.
44. Moose meat was quite popular.
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46. Mother made flannel shirts, knee britches and knitted socks.
47. Mr. Arnold remembers wearing an Eton collar with a black bow ribbon on Sunday.
48. Church and Sunday School, The Anglicans had a service in Hanbury at noon, and the preacher came by horseback from town. There was a Presbyterian service at night.
49. Mr. Arnold has a card that he sent to his mother in 1913, the hospital bill, the first and only Christmas card which he had printed with his name in 1921, a sterling silver pin which his wife brought from Scotland, family Testament and a New Testament which his sister gave him when he was going overseas in 1915.
50. People, freedom
51. Quiet, best place to bring up children.
52. The coming of TV, plowed roads, good water and garbage pick-up, the schools, the police service
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54. There are too many dogs running loose.
55. Afraid of some dogs.
56. Wishes they would pave more streets on north side of the river.
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58. Summer because of golf
59. Golf, dancing, bowling, twice a week, Legion, Fishing, cribbage and darts
60. Photography, especially scenic.
61. Mr. Arnold wants to know why government leaders, (MP's and Senators) are not required to retire at 65 from their jobs like most other people. Why are they allowed to hold these offices until they die as Senator Roebuck who once owned the Temiskaming Speaker here in New Liskeard?
62. Poor people who like the quiet life. Country type, the average Joe.
63. Fishing, hunting, Virgin Bush, in natural state, new things not seen in the city. Lakes, rivers and the wonderful people.

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Highlights

Mr. Arnold told me of taking a boat to McLaren's Bay to pick blueberries. They would pick berries when they got there stay overnight and come back by boat the next day.

Sunday school picnics were held at the Old Mission at the narrows and they had 3 legged races.