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1. Mr. Harold Kelly
2. Harold
3. Bachelor
4. 14 Helen
5. none
6. 55
7. Cobalt born at 13 Helen across the street from where he lives now
8. Dad in Buckingham Que., mother in Mount St. Patrick
9. Ottawa Valley
10. born here
11. parents came in 1907-08
12. came by train
13. 4 boys and parents
14. Dad worked as a blacksmith at the mining corp.
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16. Harold is Assistant Mechanic for Ontario Hydro
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- 17a. Harold was in the Army in Jamaica British garrison
18. When he was old enough to remember Cobalt it was going downhill. Mines were being phased out, mines gradually closing down. Father left mining in 1928 and went for H.L. Osborne on Lang St. Mining machinery
19. Busier than now more stores clothing and shoe stores. All way down Lang St. by Charlie Ferris' Population 3000 or 4000
20. Parents came because of the boom in mining
21. mining
22. 10 hours in earlier days
23. Can't remember not too much anyway
24. 13 Helen small bungalow house whole family born there
25. A real good time whole family together
26. running water
27. hydro
28. wood stove
29. quebec heater old fashioned coal stove
30. Store where Crago's house is today. Sam Pucclise moved to where brother Merv lives now. It was a grocery store. He used to visit the Kelly's when he left town. Talon took over store then Caverley's, the building was torn down and a house put up. Corner store was McKinnon Lumber Co.- Neil McKinnons Dad - Neil is national resident of Imperial Bank of Canada
- Pop store was mining Machinery and so was Bob Sopha's house. Damiani was Sullivan - Shilton wholesaler. Alma Reise was Brewers Livery Stable. A good 50 or more grocery stores.
31. 2 or 3 theatres Always went to Classic theatre. Made also dancing
32. local arena, winter sports, ball teams played at old part there was a Cobalt team and one from Silver Centre. Big board fence

8 ft. high around the park had to walk to Bass Lake most of swimming was done at Short Lake where the dam is. July 1st big day spots at Ball park.

32. Played hockey, running and swimming

33. St. Pat's

34. 8

35. Shanks mare, street cars to New Liskeard the McIsaac bus line. Dad had an old Maxwell car it was a 4 passenger.

36. Dr, Smith

37. Local, hospital Dad died in that hospital in 1931 at 47 died of pneumonia

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41. It was a hard way of making a living and a long day

42. McKinnon and his partner would practise drilling in the lane, close to their house on an old granite boulder. Dad used to high jump won a

silver cup and still has the medals. Joe Burk was the shot put man

43. Good heavy meals always ate desserts

44. Same as today

45. Not much different than the kids of today, but no long hair

46. Better for Sundays

47. Everybody took strolls or watched a ball game. The habit was to watch the train come in every evening.

48. Dad's silver cup for high jumping and medals

49. Quiet way of life good surrounding area for hunting and fishing

50. Easy way of life.

51. The parks in town Kiwanis opened up. Bass Lake a lovely beach. The town now building a park at Sharp Lake.

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53. no ..

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55. yes

56. See the government spend money on exploration, take back properties. This would cure a bit of unemployment for a while anyway

57. summer

58. In summer months at the Lake (Gillies) and television. In the winter spends time skidoing and sitting in the Fina bull shitting

with friends

59. Not any hobby

60. Find some mines to create some work. Heavy exploration program with aid from Government

61. Just what has it to offer?

62. Tours, fishing and hunting, museum.; mills historical sites.

This is a mixture of last thoughts Harold told me:

## Highlights:

Dance Hall above TTL also K of C. Hall - a lot of dances and box socials in the country but no transportation so had to stay in town. Sunday was a fishing day in Latchford for Cobalt people. A lot of buildings torn down, There was a gas co. where Montgomery's live today on Galena St.. Mother worked for Parish priest across the lake at O'Brien She was in the church 15 minutes before it blew down on Good Friday. Remembers fire when Hunter Block burned down Hunt's candy store there today. Many people had beautiful rings on after the fire as they had stolen them from the jewellers.

All mines burning down and the 1922 fire the smoke was terrible. People in Cobalt were all parked and ready to pullout but it never got this far.

Old Dixon made blue prints and maps by Buffams, Harris's also had a bake shop there. All kinds of Boarding houses. Jack Ough had a butcher shop where Town Hall is now today. Museum was a paper co. Liquor Store was George Taylor hardware then Theatres along that street. McLean Motors where Aaron Parcher has his store. They sold Terryplane and Hudson cars. Old McKewen had a grocery store where the park is today. Aerial Trams from mining corp. to Buffalo never actually saw them in action. But used to play in them There was a big pipe organ in the arena that played off rolls it even had kettle drums on it a bass drum just a whole percussion section. This organ stood about 25' high it could not be played manually. It was used in the 30's the arena was run by Rowe's It collapsed in the 40's One day walking home from school saw all the roller skates thrown out the arena they had go to get rid of them as the roller skate floor was too badly used up so they threw out the skates. All the kids in neighbourhood had skate from there. Harold and friends used to sneak into the arena under the seats through a hole. Coniagas Manse was a boarding house run by Mrs. Watts. The men melted the silver at Mining Corp. into bricks each weighed 100 lbs. They would be taken to station and put on flat cars to be sent away.