

Carmen Stubinski March 14,1972 3 hrs.

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4. 80 Jamieson St., Cobalt

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7. Everton, England on the outskirts of Liverpool.

8. England

9, 1901 came to Canada to Que. In 1912 me and a bunch of lumber jacks came by train from Ottawa to Mattawa, From Mattawa we came by boat up Lake Temiskaming to Haileybury. We got a street car to Cobalt ended up at the end of Argentite St., where Jake Koza lives today. We stayed overnight in Hotel in Haileybury. There was a man there by the name of Fisher. We were working for Bronson lumber Co. From Haileybury we went about 15 miles north. It must have been north of New Liskeard. The bush was very, thick. We cut wood for a couple of months. Then we went out to First Brooke Spring Creek at the West Road of Haileybury about 7 miles out. We worked there all winter. They were sawing lumber all winter 1200 ft. a day. They were sawing for Dunbar in Haileybury. In 1913 I went back to Buckingham Que, Went to work for Sparr Mines, doing hand steel. It was all hand steel then. Most of the mines were just opening up. They sold their Sparr to U.S.A. for false teeth and dishes at \$25. per ton. In 1916 we got married and came to Cobalt to live.

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12. went went to North Bay, North to Cobalt by train

13, 2 of us, we were newly married

14. lumberjack

15. never worked out.

16. retired.

17. Housewife

18. I thought it was alright. Thought it was nice, different, Buckingham was an old town Cobalt was new. There were lots of jobs you could leave one job and get hired at another on the same day. Cobalt - there must have been at least 8000 people here then. There were

houses and stores built solid on both sides of Lang Street. Clean out to Mileage 104 on left hand side with a wooden sidewalk. There could have been 15000 people counting Kerr Lake, and West Cobalt, There was also a wooden sidewalk all the way to Giroux Lake. Houses built on both sides of it, it's the buildings they have town down in the last few years. Cobalt was booming then. It was easier get a job.

21. I got a job at Tretheway Mines. Lots of jobs then anywhere.

22. Underground 8 hrs. surface work 9 hrs.

23. \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day for surface workers with work 6 days a week sometimes Sunday;

24. Mollys store, Molly Darragh owned it. Its still across the street from St. Patricks church. We lived upstairs for a few years, We bought a log house from Bert Smith on 94

Jamieson.St. for \$350. Its still there remodelled We had to get a bigger house our family was getting too big.

25. We didn't do much. The town was dry. Prohibition was here then. We used to walk to Clear Lake to Carrie's for Christmas

26. taps

27. hydro

28. wood stove, we burnt wood and coal.

29. Quebec heater, coal.

30. There were all kinds of stores.

31. We'd go to dances every week in North Cobalt, The show -Dvery time the show changed, There were 2 shows in 1916. Bijou and Grand

32. We were raised in a Shelter home. My mother died when I was 6 yrs. old. My dad was in the Boer War. My dad was killed in the Boer war. There were sixty of us came to Canada from this home in 1901. My brother and I came over together. I haven't heard or seen from him since 1901. We were taken to a British Government Home in Milton. We were out for adoption for anyone that wanted to take us. War can do something to you.

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34. Not too much. There was too much work to do in these days I went to grade 2 and didn't finish. I taught myself to read and write. Those farmers were terrible they made us work all the time. Mr. S.Donaldson took me out of the home. Mrs. Donaldson was a sister to the former Aaron Parcher who was Chief of Police in Cobalt for years.

55. Street cars, trains, lots of horses and buggies not too many cars then we never owned a horse.

36. Dr. Schmidt

37. Yes the Miners Hospital. The miners gave so much out of their pay day every month to keep the hospita operating. There were around 1600 miners then working In 1934 I lost my arm at the O'Brien Mill. I was in the hospital then Dr. Case operated on my arm. It was a nice little hospital. Just like home. Miss Knight was a nurse there then,

38. On Baker Street. We lived in part of a haze on 21 Baker St. I had 10 children then that too many there were no pills in those days.

39. I can't remember

40. Alson at Northern Telephone. Mostly at Woolworths the rest down town. Boys at 104 mill.

41, They were good, A good place to work in. It depended on what you were doing. Hudson Bay, Tretheway Mines, Mining Corp. Coniagus. McKinley Darrah. Nipissing mines and O'Brien were some of the main mines operating then. I worked 14 yrs at the O'Brien mill.

42. On holidays believe me there weren't many, then mostly Labour Day. Had drilling mucking and hand steeling contests

43. Lunch pail, it was a round pail with a tin or granite cup on top. The tea was always cold. I used to boil my tea on the boiler, We used to drink green tea mostly in those day. The only time we had black tea waas when the Minister came to visit us. Black tea was rare.

44. Depending on the shift when we have our big meal.

45. Long dresses, high boots.

46. Same style, better cloth though
47. Took kids out walking visiting my wife's wister at Clear Lake.
48. Our house burned down lost everything.
49. its home
50. friendly people
51. like the park, its nice. The new fire hall is much nicer than the old fire hal]
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- 55, yes.
56. Should bring in a factory. Make stuff here instead of shipping it to the USA There are thousands of tons of iron shipped daily. We could concentrate it here. Refine it. Give our own men some work. The silver is there, but it costs too much to mine it. They can't seem to sell Cobalt anymore. It used to sell for \$3, per lb. Silver 51.25 per oz. They are getting silver and Cobalt from other countries now. If they did more mining there'd be more jobs. Would like to see the smelter reopen.
- 57, summer. I sit outside all time when the weather permits it. My legs are bad watch TV read
60. There is no work for them if the government would help the mines and open them up there'd be more work for miners and there's lots of people who don't want to work.
61. tourists museum, parks, good beaches, recreation.