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4. 148 Earl St.
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6. 76 years old
7. Masson Quebec
8. They were born somewhere around Masson Quebec
9. From Masson Quebec
10. We arrived in Cobalt in 1905. My dad had two sisters and two brothers who came shortly after we did.
11. We came by train
12. From Masson we went to Washburn Wisconsin, then to Sturgeon Falls where we left to come to Cobalt.
13. Mother, dad and 6 children.
14. My dad repaired machinery in a saw mill.
- 17a. The only memories I have is that my oldest brother Lucien went to war in 1914 and served for five years overseas.
18. My impressions of Cobalt were very good.
19. When I came here, Cobalt was very big.
20. I came to Cobalt with my family when I was eleven years old, dad came here to work at the mill, then we joined him about 5 or 6 months later.
21. There was the mines and saw mill.
22. The working hours in those days were around 10 hours a day.
24. My first home in Cobalt was a two apartment house owned by Mrs. Joe Harvey, we had a kitchen and a bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. Our neighbours in the other apartment were Mr. Fortin and his family.
25. When we were young Christmas was quiet, and we celebrated on New Year's, this is when we'd get our presents and treats.
28. Wood stove
29. The wood stove served for cooking and for heating.
30. There were lots of stores on the main street but I can't remember any names.
31. We had about 5 or 6 shows I especially remember the Orpheum to often as it was too expensive, we'd go to the Bijou more because it was closer to home. There were dance halls, one in the center of town, one around where Bilodeau's store is today.
32. I didn't participate to any sports but I went to see the ball games.
33. I went to the school on this side of Larose bridge and after it burned in the Cobalt fire, then attended the new one on O'Brien property.
34. I started school when I was 6 years old, and I quit school when I was 14 years old.
35. We had streetcars and horses and buggies.
36. Dr. Taylor was our first doctor.
37. The hospital was on Silver St. next to where Buffam's Chapel is today
38. We never had any children but in 1939 my nephew's wife died a few days after giving birth to a baby girl and we adopted her.
39. She quit school when she was 14 years old

44. Fresh meat, potatoes, vegetables, milk and all kinds of dessert, mum liked to bake cakes, cookies & pies.
45. Cotton dresses, in those days we didn't wear slacks.
46. Sunday we'd wear suits or our nicest dresses
47. We'd go to church then we would go and pick blueberries in Gillies or we'd roller skate, in the winter it was tobogganing
48. No.
- 49-50. It's not like it used to be and it's quiet.
53. I like Cobalt as it is.
54. The young generation would like to see more things to participate in.
57. I enjoy summer the most I can sit outside and just relax.
58. I go to the bingo and we play cards every Wednesday
59. I use to crochet and knit but I had to give it up.
60. We'd need progress of some kind; there are a lot of people without work.
62. Mining tours and the mining museum

### Highlights

Cobalt's big fire burned both sides of Lang St. the fire had started at a Chinese Laundry around where Damiani's store is today. Monsignor Latulipe came from Haileybury and he's the one who stopped the fire. This was a miracle the fire had gone as far as where Mrs. Nixon lives today. During the war we bought a 100 lbs. bag of potatoes for \$7.00 at the Haileybury market.