

Carmen Stubinski March 7, 1972

1 ½ hrs

1. Joseph Turgeon

2. Joe

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4. 47 Galena Street, Cobalt

5. 679- 5703

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7. Otter Lake,

8. Otter Lake, Que.

9. Otter Lake, Quebec, 80 miles east of Ottawa

10. 1936

11. by car, took me 2 days to come here from Ottawa. Went by car from Ottawa to North Bay from North Bay to Cobalt there, was just a path in the bush for a road. The next year they started to work on the Ferguson highway.

12. west — north

13. 8 of us

14. blacksmith in a blacksmiths shop in Campbells Bay

15. worked on a farm for \$3. per month.

16. retired.

17. died in 1962

18. Didn't think much of it. It was pretty low at that time. My brother sold his house. It still stands near the Haileybury bridge on Lang Street for \$30. at that time.

19. It was depression years. I didn't stay here, then just visited my brother overnight.

20. Returned here in 1955. Because I got a job at silver miller mines.

21. Silver Miller mine was going full blast there were around 300 men employed at that time. They had a strike for more wages and when the strike was over they hired around 75 men or 100. I worked at Brady Lake then.

22. 7 to 6. I worked at the young Davidson Mine in Matachewan for 47 cents an hour.

300 men worked there, 800 ton mill. Hollinger mine owned the young Davidson I sharpened steel. Was blacksmith, welder, Lost Ark welding. Can do any kind of welding big or small.

23. \$20 week.

24. Paid rent in Matachewan. \$18. per month. It was a shack. no paint. I built a house myself after

25. Didn't have much money. But you had to make Christmas for the kids.

26. no water in the house. There was an old man, called Mr. Leguay he had one arm he had a sleigh with an oxen pulling it at first, later got a horse. He came around every day with the water cart. Sold it at 250 a barrel.

At the end of the bridge, there was an old negro who lived in a tent, who did shoemaking repairs. He stayed there in the tent 2 years. We didn't know how he survived the 60 below weather in winter.

Nick Costo the shoemaker who lived on the hill in a brown house, went fishing with Joe Fleury. Joe got drowned. To this day they have never found him. I was there. We found the canoe upside down and Nick under it. Nick was still breathing, but when we got him

on shore he died, the rapids were very bad in the Montreal River. The townsite was built on the hill on the side of the Montreal River.

27. hydro

28. wood stove, wood lots of it there.

29. wood. One stove heated the house. We'd get up in the morning and the water would be frozen in the wash basin and pail and we'd fire up all night.

30. lots of stores.

31. never went out. We had no money to spend with a large family.

32. Brought up on a farm. Had to work all the time even had to plow the farm as a kid and was bare foot behind the plow.

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34. one year only. Had to work on the farm. Rainy days split wood for the winter

35. Old car, one of the first models of the Mesh 1930 model.

36. Dr. Dunning.

37. Otter Lake, Quebec

38. some after grade 8 others went to High school. Doreen went to highest. She is in an - assay office in Sudbury.

39. Worked where they could get a job.

40. One boy in Pickle Crow. Some Toronto one boy has been at the same job 24 yrs

41. Hard going in the mines. Couldn't make too many mistakes or you were fired. There was always a lot of men standing at the mine every morning looking for a job. Some of the men paid the mine manager \$10. every pay day to keep their jobs. Harold Nord came to my house inquiring about the men having to pay \$10. each pay to keep their jobs.

Shortly after that there was no more paying to keep a job. Captain McWharrie was captain underground when they got a mucking machine. It stayed in the shed before they used it no one knew how to

operate it.

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43. lunch bucket

44. Big meal. my wife was a good cook.

45. overhaul, rough

46. First suit I ever bought that was tailored was grey. A grey overcoat I've had for 27 years. He went upstairs and got the coat its like new good material. He's still wearing it.

47. Fishing took 2 or 3 of the boys with me. Always got 3 or 4 fish or 5 or 6 good fishinz

48. My overcoat.

49. Not too bad

50. not too far from any place. Good places to go fishing. Latchford, Blanche River sit on the bank and fish.

51 Its a lot better now than when I first came here. Not too many new houses.

They all needed lots of repairs. This house was a mess, the stink was terrible, very dirty, lots of hard work to fix it up, to get it the way it is today. Lots of new houses.

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54. I like it.

55. yes.

56. Hope that something will open up, so there will be more work for people. It would be better living if everyone gets work, to keep our people here. There's nothing now.

57. summer, string, fall

58. Watch TV

59. Knitting have knit 3 sweaters this winter. Carpentry work not able anymore. Fishing when I'm able.

60. If they could get a factory so the people could work. An outlet for our hobbies almost anything to bring in a dollar.

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62. Good fishing, Lots of sports, lots of darns, good lakes. They will have to stock our lakes. You need a plane for good fishing the Americans have the advantage over us because they have money.

Highlights

Mr. Turgeon is sick. His wife is 58. They live in \$103. per month. If there was a hobby outlet they could work at home.