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2. Luke

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6. 56 yrs. old

7. I was born in Cobalt April 24,1972

8. My dad was born in St. Clet, Quebec. and my mother in Buckingham

9. They were married in Buckingham and they were living there before they came to Cobalt in 1906 and my mother joined him with the family in 1909. 11. They came by train

13. My parents and 4 children

14. My father was a blacksmith by trade

16. I work for the Department of Correctional Service

17a. The only war memory I have is when I fractured my spine in a mountain climbing practice. I was in the army for 3 years

21. When dad came to Cobalt he worked as a blacksmith and steel sharpener in the mines.

22. He was working, 10 hours a day

3. In those days he was getting P_.75 a day.

24. Our first home where I was born was at 36 1st Street it was a two storey frame home.

25. When I was a child we had a lot of relatives and friends at Christmas. We had a few toys and a lot to eat.

26. We had tap water

27. For lighting we had electricity

28. Wood stove

29. In winter we had a coal furnace for heating

30. We had a lot of stores and they were in every part of town

31. In winter we played hockey on the swamp and skated on Cobalt Lake, in summer we played ball,

33. I went to St. Hillarion school on O'Brien Property

34. I finished school in grade 8

36. Dr. Taylor was our first family doctor

37. The facilities & service are very good

38. He was born in Haileybury Hospital

39. He finished school when he was 19 years old. He worked for CJKL radio for three months then went to work for a finance company.

41. All the mines were working, and the work was hard.

42. They had hand mucking, hand steeling and hand drilling contests

43. My dad ate side pork or pork chops and fried potatoes and homemade bread for breakfast

44. Ragouts, roast beef, potatoes; vegetables and all kinds of pies. We wore little suits and these were made at home as my mother made a lot of our clothes.

47. We went to mass and when we got home we changed our clothes and went to play ball or hockey depending on the season.

48. no
49. People in Cobalt are friendly, we know all our neighbours and to us its home.
51. The new library and the remodeling of buildings in town have really improved our town.
52. What I don't like is losing all our stores and offices, Express, freight shed, long distance. Why should we have to pay extra to pay our telephone and hydro bills
53. There's only a few stores and they're expensive so we go out of town and once there we do all our shopping groceries and clothes.
55. We'd like to see a dry goods store in town. Something that should thoroughly be investigated is our 'Welfare problem in Cobalt, some people are Getting welfare that could at least do a watchman's job.
57. We prefer summer as we love to go fishing.
58. We play cards, go fishing and we also love to travel
59. My hobby is wood working
60. I think we need an industry in this area.
61. I don't think Cobalt has much to offer at the moment
62. We have the mining museum, the mining festival in the summer and we have pottery for visitors.

Highlights:

I remember when the 1922 Haileybury fire was just across the bridge mom had dressed us all up in our best clothes as we were going to take the train that we here just for that purpose to rescue the people and we each carried a little bag . I was told that when the influenza epidemic was in Cobalt all those who were infected were moved to Mileage 104 in a big house so they would not spread the flu and they were all taken care of together it was something like a hospital.