

Carmen Stubinski April 11,1972

1. Margaret Seed Mrs. Alfred
2. Margaret Weers
4. 69 Nickel St.Cobalt
5. 679-8111
6. 67 years old 1903
7. Antwerp Belgium
8. Mother Holland Father Belgium

In 1914 when the war broke out we fled from Antwerp to Holland. That was when the German's were invading Antwerp. We never saw our father again. He had some to work and was delivering bread and that was it. Antwerp was half bombed out when we left. We had just crossed 1 long bridge when the Germans blew the bridge up behind us. We stayed in Holland till Jan.5,1915. Our aunt was living in Owen Sound,Ont. So my mother shipped my sister and I to Canada to live with my aunt. We were about 22 days on the road walking from Antwerp to Holland. I was 11 and my sister was 13 years old when we were bombed out of our home. We travelled on a White Star Liner called Potsdam when we landed

in New York we had to stay there till our aunt sent us money. We couldn't talk one word of English. We got lost for one day. The conductor had put on the wrong train. We were scared and were so glad to see our aunt.

13. I came to Cobalt alone. I was 24 years old. The only one I knew by mail was Alfred. I met him through correspondence.

18. I landed in Cobalt on May 5,1928. I thought it was a little mud hole never saw so much mud in all my life. The mud and water was so deep. Alfred met me at the station with a horse and wagon. The water ran over the top of the wagon on the way out to First Brooke.

19. It was a busy town I was lucky to get to town once or twice a year. Once the children's allowance started, I came to town once a month in the hummer and horse and wagon in the winter with horse and sleigh. The family allowance act certainly was an outlet and break for me and the children as money was very scarce on the farm. 24.

Frame 2 storey house in First Brook that the Aikinson brothers had built

25. The same as now we had no children

26. Had a pump artisan well the water was so cold. We used the river water to wash with of course by hand. We always hung our butter down the well in a pail with a rope. It was always so cold in the well.

27. Coal oil lamps, lanterns. Later we built a delco of our own

28. Wood cook stove

29. Wood box stove. We had lots of wood for both stoves right at our door.

30. Bucks, later TBS

31. We used to have suare dances in S. crowds from Cobalt and Haileybury

There was the odd car mostly horse & buggy-Horse and sleigh

Dr. Case

We had a hospital in Cobalt

They were all born at home 3 of them I had no Doctor, but the last 2 I had a Doctor

One of the children went to school. The other 4 took correspondence courses offered by the Ontario Dept of Education. I worked hard on the farm. We grew our own wheat,

vegetables, raised cows, pigs chickens tried to raise turkeys but gave up they were too hard to raise. Alfred would take our vegetables meat and butter to the market to sell every Saturday. I'd make 40 to 50 lbs of butter per week. We got 200 per lb. for butter then. We ate well in the depression and fed a few along with our own. One winter I had a woman and 2 boys. One fellow was a bridge builder and his wife and 3 children He was paid \$2.00 per month by the Government, got his tobacco, underwear and clothes supplied for the '2.00 per month. I had a Norman Smith work for us so that was 8 extra for that winter.

45. I wore mens overalls and shirts all the time. I had nothing else to wear They were not our Sunday clothes too.

46. We never went to church we listened to the radio.

47. We were burnt out in 1960 I did have a couple of pictures but they burnt

48. Its been home since 1928. I was married here. Its a town where everyone speaks to you. You can make friends easier than in the city.

51. Streets improved, old buildings torn down. Stadleman building demolished. Improved lots of homes. They are not the shacks they used to be.

53. Don't like the union doing what they did and are doing. Taking the hockey games from millions of people. Silver Miller Mine had over 300 people working there they went on strike. After the strike they had 60 men working there, later they closed.

55. yes

56. If we had a few more stores and more competition. We'd have better shopping in the town. Would like to see more

jobs made, 2 or 3 light industries to use empty buildings (when schools are vacant) to make more jobs.

57. summer

58. Lodges, Rebecca's Ladies auxiliary, Canadian Legion, Ladies auxiliary, Anglican Church, Women's Institute, CP&T Sec. Treasurer Rebecca's

59. knitting

60. just make more jobs

61. Ordinary average class of people

62. Good sightseeing spots. 2 museums, Bass Lake, Sharp Lake ark

Highlights

Mrs. Seed is a very down to earth hard working woman. Sice she moved to town 4 years ago. She joined the different organizations. She was a very active part in the CP&T looking after wheel chairs etc. Shall I say she is always on the job and a hardworker.