

Simone Bedard

1. Marie Louise Belanger
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4. 100 Lang St. April 28,1972
5. 679-5643
6. 68 years old
7. I was born in Buckingham Quebec
8. My parents were b born in Buckingham Quebec
9. Buckingham Quebec
10. I came to Cobalt in 1926. I had a cousin here Mr. teach school. Zenon Duval.  
I came to Cobalt to teach school.
11. I came to Cobalt by train.
12. What impressed me of Cobalt was all the houses built on sides of hills and the long flight of stairs to get to the higher streets on the hills.
19. It was booming, lots of houses and stores, depression had not started yet, but there were a few empty houses.
20. I came here for one day to see the school board to make an application for a teaching job; they wrote me later and told me I was hired.
21. There were lots of men working in the mines and girls were able to get jobs as clerks in stores.
22. I worked from 9 to 4
23. I was getting paid \$90.00 a Month
24. I was living with Mrs. Lavigne in a private home.
25. I went home for Christmas,
30. There were all sorts of shops.
31. We had theatres, card parties at the parish hall, skating and tobogganing
33. I did not go to school here but I taught for 3 years,
34. I had ten years of schooling in Quebec and I had my diplomas for Quebec then I took 3 years summer courses in Ottawa to be able to teach in Ontario.
35. There were cars, trains and the street cars communications from. Cobalt to New Liskeard,
36. Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Chase were my first doctors
37. It had everything we needed they had operations there and they had very good nurses, but we had our babies at home.
38. My first child was born at home.
39. They quit when they were 16 and 17 years old.
44. We bought our meat at the market, we had vegetables and we made lots of pastries  
We'd buy our milk and cream from the milkman, we had very good meals.
46. On Sundays we wore our best clothes.
47. We went to church then we'd take car rides with the family.
48. No
49. When you've been here so long it's not so much Cobalt, but my family and friends that keep me here.
51. The recreation committee did a lot for Cobalt, the artificial ice, figure skating, broomball, and organized hockey.
55. It would be nice to have an old people's home and also low rent housing

57. I enjoy Summer most of all as I get out more, at my age it's hard to get around in Winter with the snow and ice.
58. We play cards. I go to bingos and in Winter I play euchre at Ste. Therese School.
59. Sewing, crochet and knitting
62. We have the mining museum and mining tours for visitors.

#### Highlights:

I started teaching in Cobalt in 1926, St. Hillarion School had burnt before the Fall term, there was an hotel on Argentite Street that was closed and they made school classes in it and I taught school there with another teacher until the following Spring when the new school was built there were more class rooms at the Knight of Columbus Hall on Lang St. where Mac's Furniture warehouse is today,

One year in December there was a bad flu going around and the schools were empty so the teachers got together and went to see the president of the school board to ask him to get time off seeing there were no students and we were given permission so we had an extra two weeks for the Christmas holidays that year.

The Sisters of Assumption came to Cobalt in 1929 to teach in the school.

My father in law Mr. Examines Belanger operated a second hand store and he was also an ice dealer, my husband Thomas took over the ice business and had it for about 12 years and he also had mine contracts hauling minerals day and night at the mill in 104. He sold stove wood.

When we were bringing up our family they had 100 a week for an allowance.