Christabel Bremner

1. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLaren Mackey
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3. Sanders.
4. 193 Robert St., New Liskeard,Ont.
5. 647-4193
6. Mr. Mackey is 65, Mrs. Mackey is 58
7. Mrs. Mackey was born in Gray Township, Huron County: Mr. Mackey was born in Fort Stewart, Hastings County.
8. Mr. Mackey's parents were also born in Fort Stewart. Mrs. Mackey was born in the same house as her father in Huron County, her mother was born in Oxford County.
9. All ancestors were of either English or Scottish descent.
10. Mr. Mackey arrived in New Liskeard in April 1914. Mrs. Mackey came north in 1933.
11. Both came by train, but in 1914, it took three days
12. ONR and TNO were used.
13. Mrs. Mackey came by herself. Mr. Mackey came with his parents and two other children, the other children were born here.
14. Farmer
15. Schoolteacher
16. Retired
17. Homemaker
    No war service.
18. Mr. Mackey said it was darn tough in 1914. The roads were axle deep in mud in the spring. Mrs. Mackey had to make a livelyhood so she had to make it her home. Her worst impressions of the area were the forest fires.
19. Mr. Mackey said that Liskeard was not too big in 1914. There were three hotels, one of which was the Grand Union. There was a wooden bridge.
20. It was a new country to open up. Mr. Mackey's father had won a gold medal for the best kept farm in Hastings county. Mrs. Mackey came to teach school for $60. a month.
21. Not too much land was cleared for farming. There was mostly bush work, cutting pulp wood and lumber
22. The days were long, they worked from sunrise to sunset and sometimes

long after. Mrs. Mackey's hours were from 9 - 4 but there was always preparation in the evening for the next day.

23. Mrs. Mackey's salary as a teacher was $60. a month for 10 months. Mrs. Mackey's first job paid $26. a month at a lumber camp.
24. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey's first house had been built in 1906. They had a wood stove, coal oil lamps and one cow. Mrs. Mackey remembers that it was so cold that water froze in the basin at night.
25. The Mackeys spent their first Christmas at Mr. Mackey's parents home.
26. Mr. Mackey said they had a drilled well with a pump about 50 feet from the house.
27. Coal oil lamp.
28. Wood stove.
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30. There was Grill's Store, McKnights, Reids, and Greenwoods, another General store and a shoe store.
31. There were sleigh rides, parties, silent movies, and then you could always make your own fun.
32. Tobaggoning, skating in winter and baseball in the summer.
33. Mr. Mackey attended school for about three years, first in Fort Stewart and then in New Liskeard. Mrs. Mackey attended school in Tavistock, both public and high, Brussels Continuation, historical High and Stratford Normal, the teacher's college in Stratford.
34. Mr. Mackey obtained his high school entrance and then stayed home to drive the team, while Mrs. Mackey is a graduate of teacher's college.
35. The streetcar ran from Liskeard to Kerr's Lake on the hour. Horses were used also.
36. Dr. McNaughton then Dr. Farlinger and Dr. McCullough.
37. Red Cross and the Lady Minto Hospital, which was as cold as a barn.
38. Their one child Donald was born there.
39. Donald never went to school or worked outside of home. He trains ponies.
40. Training ponies is his whole life, he is a spastic.
41. Schools. They had a wood stove, often as cold as heck, even though the caretaker supplied cords of wood for $8. a month. The floor and decks were wooden, and the toilets were outdoors. There were not many books, only readers. One room held every grade and there were

about 20 pupils in the room in 1933.

42. There were Christmas concerts. The children were picked up by "horse-bus" which had a little stove in it. There was more parent teacher contact then as the teacher was usually invited to the parents homes for supper.
43. Meat and potatoes, porridge for breakfast, beef and pork, home vegetables.
44. as in # 43.
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46. In the winter the men wore heavy Macinall pants, in summer they wore coveralls. The ladies wore woollen dresses or cotton print dresses.
47. Mrs. Mackey said they dressed much the same as Sunday.
48. The Mackeys were to church, then to his mother's for dinner and family gatherings.
49. Mr. Mackey has his grandfather's kettle, bean pots and frying pans, all in caste iron and over 100 years old and a set of dishes over fifty years old.
50. The Mackeys think of New Liskeard as a clean friendly town.
51. It is pleasant to live here.
52. Everything is paved downtown.
53. Taxes have more than doubled, the money has been spent foolishly and the facilities have raised prices.
54. No, not really.
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56. There is plenty of area at the beach and the Mackeys would like to see the beach fixed up.
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58. The Summer.
59. They both belong to the Tropical Fish Club and the Horse Club. Mrs. Mackey leads 4 H groups and sews.
60. They have their greenhouse, the ponies which they show at area fall fairs.
61. We need more secondary if not primary industry. All facilities are here especially for industries requiring a farming district.
62. Working people.
63. We have the school facilities even though we have no industries to entice people. There is no work for anyone to come here to do.