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6. born in 1902
7. born in Haileybury
8. Mother was born in Shelbourne,Ont. Dad, Thomas Lemon born in London,England
9. Collingwood. They were married there in 1895. Three years later they came to Haileybury 1898. They came by boat via Ottawa.
10. Mattawa by rail, at Mattawa they got on "TheScotchman" a small steam boat from Mattawa up the Mattawa River, Lake Temiskaming on to Haileybury. There was no dock at Haileybury. The cattle aboard TheScotchman swam to shore. It wasn't ever dredged you had to push the cattle off the boat. The large pointers paddled you out and took passengers off the boat. Dad worked on boats on the Great Lakes. He was a stationery engineer. He went into lumbering on the John Batiste River towards Elk Lake. I remember crossing logs on the river one the spring. Dad nearly had a fit and took me off. He went surveying after that on the Lake road survey from Haileybury to the Montreal River at the Matabitchewan. I saw the old lake road at the Matabitchewan at McLaren's Bay. It climbed the enbankment, it went south of the Mat. After I sold my business I went to the Mat and operated a tourist camp for Hutchison from Renden. Club owners, private parties. Our first home was behind the Haileybury Hotel on Broadway St. C.C. Farr was the man that promoted Canada in England. Whey they sold 160 acres for 50 cents in this area. Atkinsons, Cobbels and Blackwalls come from England on the Progame. C.C.Farr started the Haileyburian Newspaper. He was quite interested and took a very active part in organizing the town of Haileybury. He was interested and worked for the Hudson Bay Co. at the old mission, before he was married. He bought and sold for them as a young man. Dad (Tom Lemon) started to work for the town of Haileybury, he and C.C.Farr were very good friends. It was in the early 1900 or 1901. Herb Day was the first town clerk. The pump house was located at the foot of Browning Street, the pumping station was on the main ground. The floor was elevated a bit at the back of it.They had a little room at the back with 2 desks, one for Dad town engineer and the other for Herb Day town clerk. When they put the water and sewage in the Town of Haileybury they brought in Italians who lived in tents. The lines were all dug up by hand. Dad planned and mapped the water lines. Mr. Joe Police helped dad. Joe was town foreman for years. Dad was town engineer till he was 80 years old. He died at 89 at my sisters in Winnipeg. After the little 3 room house they built a large frame house on Probyn St. It burnt. It was one of the last houses to burn in the October 4, 1922 fire, The wind changed from the south to the north. The

north end of Haileybury was cut off from the switch of wind. It burnt the south end of Haileybury. Dad was very interested in organizing a fire hall. He was one of the first to volunteer, they built a small hall, later when the fire hall was enlarged and in the new building. Ike Quinn was first fire chief. The truck driver was George Minacher Dad was pump man. They had a steam pump on the fire truck, supplied with coal. Later they got a newer fire truck, where water pressure was low or on a high hill or across the track. These 3 men were appointed to look after this. Later 1910-11 as a hobby the 3 of them got interested in prospecting. They formed a company. In spare time prospected in Kirkland Lake area before there was any Kirkland Lake. They staked a group of claims called Minacher property. The same year they staked a fraction of a claim close to Kirkland Lake. It was open dad was always watching for claims to come open. They had a deal claims just at the time the 1914 war started, They had a deal with an English firm. When the war started everything was cancelled. During the war, the next year the fraction of the claim they had staked. Dad was approached by Harry Oakes and interests they wanted to buy the post claim dad had power of attorney to will, Dad sold it to Harry Oakes, That partition claim was where Lake Shore mine made its find. Dad was asked many times why did you sell, why didn't you keep it, or at least keep an interest. He kept saying I'm satisfied. Ike Quinn went overseas 159 Batallion. He didn't come back from war. After the 1922 fire dad rebuilt large house on Probyn St. There were 5 of us children Ray, Stan, Russ, ~ Percy and Irene. Public school in Haileybury one year High School. Finished my education in Collingwood Collegiate, Came back to Haileybury in 1918 went to work for A.J. Carson on delivery with horse, wagon or sleigh. Worked that winter delivering by horse as far as the splint factory. There was a little Indian settlement there at Moore's Cove. It was quite a settlement. It was no fun handling 100 lbs. of flour, potatoes. Worked all winter delivery, got promoted in spring as clerk in the spring. A.J.Carson had high quality goods imported food certain times of the year. Business men in town would grubstake different prospectors. send them to our store, food was all bulk, we'd pack the food in cotton sacks. 5 lb size beans, rice, cornmeal, rolled oats and put in pack sack, side bacon, triple wrapping. The only cans were jam and tobacco They would grubstake up to \$50 for so many days. The packing in pack sack blankets against their back. Side of bacon against the cotton bags on foot of pack sack. After the 1922 fire I came to Cobalt 2 days later I was asked to give out fire relief rations, food, blankets, even liquor supposedly for medicinal purposes. There were 2 or 3 of us working there, supplies came from Toronto, tons and tons of stuff. I came to work for Pete McKewen Dec. 1,1922. It was right in the building; on the corner where the park is today , Pete was working for Pipe and Presley as clerk their store was approximately where Brosko Shoe repair is today. Pipe was left to carry on alone. Pete bought him out. Pete had a wonderful personality. It was the Nipissing block then (.Stadelman Block) There were 3 stores there. Pete had the corner store in 1920. Grocery store only, no meats. There were lots of butcher shops here then. He carried bacon and sausages only. I stayed with Pete 14 years then I went on my own. I

married Edith Garvin from New Liskeard. 1923. I took over Bill Ross's store on the corner of Nickel and Prospect in 1936. It was depression years. It was a push push, but I had good help. All the Tressider boys, Stan, Ivan, Ernie and George worked for me at different times. In 1948 my wife and I planned a trip out west to Vancouver Island. I left Ivan in charge of the store, we were away 6 weeks. When we came back the store was redecorated, painted reorganized. Stock that hadn't moved Ivan moved it. I was very much surprised and appreciated what Ivan had done. I had a home on Ruby Street the one Paul Hermiston owns today. We decided to sell our home make an apartment and live above the store. We had 3 children, 1 girl, 2 boys, Doris, Mrs. Robert Hunter, after she graduated from High School, she trained as a nurse at East General Hospital, Toronto, graduated as R.N with honours. Peter lives in New Liskeard works for Rexwood, he went with them when they started. Donald joined the army when he was 16 years old. He can get full retirement from the army next year. He is on loan now to CIDA, Nairobi Kenya to instruct and teach in vocational school for 2 years. He's now 38 years old. I am semi-retired in 1952, sold my business to the Tressider brothers. For my wife's health sake she became sick. We moved permanently to Bass Lake to make it a permanent home there. Since I have retired we winter in Florida for the last 20 years. She wanted to come home so bad: in 1970 we were in Florida. She was an invalid so sick. We got back the end of April 1970. She died May 22, 1970. I served on the Cobalt High School Board for 12 years, was a Kiwanis member.. I'm not active anymore. I worked on Giduin work, on crippled children work for years. Doris and Donald were born in Cobalt at home on Ruby St- Peter was born in New Liskeard. Cobalt is my home base. It has memories. I was brought up in a town of different classes, Cobalt never had that. Its got friendliness. You always see someone you know on the street. Its a mining town, anyone living here or has lived here knows what I mean. People are natural, nothing put on. They are themselves. The greatest thing today is tourist attractions this Cobalt has. There must be living accommodations available. Plus interests for everyone. Planning and arrangements must be made to entertain and accommodate these people. With the historical background of Cobalt and area, this can and should be made possible. The scenery on Lake Temiskaming is beautiful. Boat trips can be arranged. If a book is made or whatever becomes of this restoration program maps should be drafted, put in book or places where people can come and see or read them. This would include Tri-Town area street car line, old route New Liskeard to Giroux Lake. Busy corner, Drummond Cairn, old mines, Old Mission, All former areas of points of interest should be brought out on a map

Mr. Lemon thinks this is a wonderful programme. Its been a long time in all his travels no one had ever approached him in years to talk about Haileybury and Cobalt.