

- .1. Robert W. Miller (Meilleur)
2. Hendrick
3. none
4. Oblin Block
5. none
6. 39 yrs. old
7. Stratford,Ontario
8. Father in Brockville,Ontario, Mother in Yorkshire,England
9. Grandmother close to German Polish border. Grandfather is small town close to Alexandria.
10. Came in Nov.22,1952
11. Came by car 1952 Model Ford Convertible
12. left from Ottawa Highway 17 from Mattawa, then North Bay and Cobalt.
13. Came alone father was already here teaching languages in New Liskeard
14. Worked for provincial government, Dep't ofHighways District 14 Branch and was responsible internal auditor for Province of Ontario. Hr. Howard Adamson of No. 12 Queens Park was my employer.
15. Not married then
16. unemployed
17. Hotel owner
18. Thought it was a dump and said this has got to be the last place I'd ever live and I'm still here, 20 years later it was the friendly people who made me stay.
19. When I arrived I wasn't too impressed and it looked like the shack town it had been named.
20. I came to Cobalt because my grandfather and father had been here and I had a job with Dep't of Highways left Ottawa because I was not happy with it and I had the feeling there was something else I wanted to see. I was employed there by Canadian Bank of Commerce in various branches becoming assistant accountant, in various branches in Ottawa. My grandfather came to Cobalt just at the turn of the century, can't remember exactly what year and he said to me go north, go north, young man so I went north
21. Wasn't sure as I had a job when I came but I think mining was mainstay at the time.
22. On staff therefore hours worked meant what was required of my position.
. Paid monthly -183.3 for a clerk in group 2
24. We bought the former MacDonald residence on 35 Commission St., it was a three part structure consisting of 2 rooms top portion had been added consisting of two small rooms the walls were powder box lumber and burlap bags dipped in a mixture with a surface of slatting and plaster no paint about 38 layers of wallpaper miles of stove pipes all through the house, to try to keep it
25. My father and I went south to visit grandparents it was too cold up here warm
26. Water in house just down stairs when you used the toilet you carried a pail of water up to flush it.
27. Electricity for lighting just plain knob and tubing
28. wood stove for cooking

290 A large upright Quebec heater coal for fuel purchased from Mr. O'Gorman local coal dealer.

30. TBS, Buckovetskys, Robinsons garage, silver laundry, Minerva and Boston, Smiths mens wear, Audettes Confectionery Tom Black, Rowdon hardwares, Cain furniture, Cecil Birtch Greaseball garage, Paddy Martin second hand store Giochino travel agency, he was gone to Italy but someone else operated. Silverland Variety, Dominion store, shaw drug store, Woolworths, Lowery wholesale.

31. Theatre in conjunction with famous players Haileybury bowling alleys in the YMCA two hotels and Mrs. Habuka

32. Hockey, baseball, water polo, pool used . I go to Haileybury to play pool at Carrieres pool room.

33. Not in Cobalt

34. My formal education grade 12 and with administrative law at Holland Ave., Ottawa, summer course at Lavalle in business and Commerce.

35. train, bus, highway 11 by car and air travel from Earlton or North Bay.

36. Dr. Fleming, New Liskeard

37. no hospital facilities the Cobalt Red Cross hospital had just closed up so I used the New Liskeard Hospital

38. Haileybury

39. Still school age 10 yrs. old and 8 yrs. old

40. School age, not working

41. Remember mostly through actualities of my grandfather he held properties here and other parts of Ontario, Sturgeon Lake and Red Lake, Neikina areas. He was my guardian so I spend most of my life with my grandparents.

42. General mucking, air drills, and hand steeling and brazing your own bits, packing tampolenes for weight. Quite a few Indians were in contests then they acted as guides in Sturgeon area and showed us basic needs for method of living and survival.

43. Carried lunch pails

44. Quebec steak, bread and pickles

45.. Always wore good clothes as I was not in a position of hard labour.

46. Dressed well all the time in my position I had too

47. Going to Latchford, Silver Centre, I was fortunate enough to have a car so on Sundays we went to Quebec for booze and girls.

48. My personal prospectors pick, literature, later some samples and maps of the area.

49. I'm sorry the Community does not have an industry to enhance its own livelihood. Both Bay street and government rules leaves no recourse for people to seek own existence.

50. Don't like the position we are put in by Bay Street and government

51. never mind the parks and beautiful areas. They won't bring us money if in my opinion if 2% of manufactured mineral was used here we would benefit. I want to give credit to Tressider Bros. for undertaking a large expansion like theirs for bearing results.

52. no answer

53. yes

54. I don't like our municipality needing gifts from the government can't we make it on our own or is it because municipal level has no control over borrowing money. It has to give up itself respect for borrowing power.

55. yes.

56. more employment and I think we would benefit by an amalgamation of Cobalt and Coleman., since most of the mine revenue is going to Coleman

57. Spring

58. Playing cards, talking to friends, going fishing

59. Reading and prospecting and business interests

60. An amalgamation is the only solution there are too many old time properties tied up in estates and this is sad because they cannot be worked or bought, therefore holding back local progress.

61. We should encourage American dollars and English and German industrialists to centralize here with industry.

62. History and much of it.

Highlights

I would like to say from my view point besides industry we have business men here who are growing stagnant. There is a rock shop with many wonderful pieces to offer visitors and tourist. We should have had the Mining School in Cobalt again I blame government for not locating the Mining School here. What more logical place than get in the mining town where they have to come for their studies theories and practical knowledge. This way they are in Haileybury and have to be bused back and forth for their field tests.

Also within a few short months we will no longer have grade 13, several schools will be empty because of lack of students and regional schools going up. Why can't we have some of the extension courses universities are going to be offering held here.

I would like to see Cobalt go ahead so lets do something about it.