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(Bake!-) bread salesman

I was born in Maniwaki Que.

My parents were also born in Maniwaki
married

9. 62 YrS. old. When I came here in 1952 it was booming and I had 5 very good -years, Cobalt had its ups and downs, but to me it was very good. I came to Cobalt from Noranda to operate a bakery shop which was owned by Mr. Hermiston From 1952 to 1956 I was making my own bread and doughnuts, now I buy my bread from a company and deliver it to my old customers.

13. When we came to Cobalt we had 5 children and I was born since we came here

17. During the last war I was working at the Noranda Mine and the men who worked there were exempt from the army as we were mining copper and it was very much needed by the army. I was working 12 hours a day and 7 days a week as we were short of men.

18. my impression of Cobalt was very good, they had prospectors in the Tri., Towns, the highways from New Liskeard to Temagami were all newly paved.

The Larose mine & the Agnico ore opened and were hiring men and they worked for ova? to some time.

22. I was working 15 hrs. a day in my bake shop, I'd get up at 4 a.m. and I'd bake until 8 a.m. then I would load my truck and make my deliveries, in the afternoon & evenings I'd work some more it was hard work, but I enjoyed every minute of it.

30. TBS, Sam Buckovetsky's, Damiani's grocery, Silver City grocery, Bolan's groceries, Zanin's bakery, Cecil Birtch Garage, Lowery's Wholesale

31. There wasn't too much if you went to the hotel and they knew that you sang or played an instrument you'd be asked to play or sing

36. Dr. Dunning was our family doctor

38. Our first child was born in Maniwaki Que

39. Yves went to school until he was 15 years old and he was in grade 10. He worked in the bakeshop with me for four years. Denise quit school in grade 8 and then she stayed home with us. Jean Pierre went to grade 13, and he worked at the Imperial Bank of Commerce in Cobalt, he is now for the Social & Family Service Depot. Remi went to grade 10 and worked for me for 5 yrs. Andre went to grade 12 in school and is working at Steve's grocery. Suzanne is still attending school and she is going to St. Michel's in New Liskeard

49. As far as I'm concerned it's a nice friendly place to live. When we moved to Cobalt we came from the province of Quebec but people accepted us as we were welcomed.

51. The only change I didn't like was the change for the Regional School.

55. In a mining town like Cobalt the only thing is if the price of silver went

up and the mines working good again it would help a lot. Right our young people are leaving to get work elsewhere.

57. I prefer the summer months as I like to go fishing

We watch TV, my wife belongs to the Rotary Auxiliary and Les Femmes Chretiennes and she also goes to bingos.

If we had an industry that would require silver this certainly would be good for our community.

Highlights:

If the government would help us with tourism, as we have a lot of beautiful scenic countryside. What we need in our town is another, doctor, a dentist, a lawyer, a pharmacy, another clothing store that would cover men, ladies children's wear would also be nice. Recreation could be improved, especially for the teenagers.