

Simone Bedard April 18, 1972

1. Simone Belanger
3. Simone Audette
4. 33 Third St.
5. 679-5548
6. 62 years old
7. I was born in St. Claude Quebec, now known as Windsor Mill
- R. My dad was born in St. Casimir Que. and my mother was born in Nicolet Que.
9. Before they came to Cobalt, they were living in St.Claude Quebec
10. We came to Cobalt in 1910 or 1911. My uncle Mr. Alcide Ouellette came before we did,
11. We came here by train as this was the only way of transportation.
13. My parents and 3 children
14. My father was a miner.
21. There were a lot of mines going in those days
22. The men worked 10 hrs, a day
23. When I was a young girl my dad was getting 4.50 a day
24. My first home was on Lang St. and it was a two storey frame house
25. I remember when I was a little girl my parents had got me a little doll and I found it before Christmas. The boys got little toy trucks. We visited friends over the Christmas holidays, and there was lots of food.
26. We were buying our water.
27. For lighting we had coal oil lamps
28. We had a big Legare kitchen stove
30. We had theaters and restaurants, an arena, there was a beautiful hall where the TTL is today and they held Christmas & Easter Balls there. When I got married this is where we had our dance.
32. There was a tennis court and a skating rink
33. yes
34. I went to school as far as grade 8
36. Dr. Taylor was our first family doctor
37. At first it was a miners hospital and then later on it was a family hospital
38. My first child was born in the Cobalt hospital
- 39 & 40. Rita had a commercial course in New Liskeard and then she worked for Morrissette Diamond Drilling in the office. Roger quit school in grade 8 and went to work in Elliot Lake in the mines.
42. They held they're contest at the West Cobalt playgrounds and they had hand steeling and hand mucking.
43. We had a lot of salt pork, potatoes, vegetables and desserts.
45. We'd wear little cotton dresses and ankle boots in the summer, we didn't wear long woolen stockings to keep warm.
46. The men and boys would wear they're dress suits and ties and shiny shoes, the mothers and little girls would wear nice dresses, hats & gloves
47. On Sunday's we'd go to church and then we'd go home and the kids would play skipping rope or something
48. no

49. To me its home and the people are very friendly
51. We have a nice library, a nice Supermarket.
52. I don't see any improvements in the North End of town and we sure need it
55. We could do with more work.
57. I like Cobalt all year round, but I find that it costs quite a bit in the winter months
58. I go to euchre parties at Ste Theresa School in the Winter and I go to bingos occasionally
59. My hobby is knitting
60. We need an industry of some kind that would give work year round.
61. There's the mining museum and the mining tours.

Highlights:

I remember when the mines blew the whistles in the morning and I miss this. When the French school burned down children were going to school in classes in different parts of town in buildings where space could be spared

I remember when Mr. Giachino had a beautiful restaurant, it was named Palm Gardens The Finlanders had a beach at Peterson Lake and it was called Finn Bay. We had many circuses 8: magicians coming to Cobalt. Mr. X. Belanger had a secondhand store on Lang St. he also sold ice blocks and had an ice house on Galbraith St. On July 12th, the Orangemen's had a big parade and they had big beautiful horses The French people had a St. Jean Baptiste picnic every year. When I was a little girl I remember cutting pictures out of the catalogues and we'd 101y cutouts and we would play house, we didn't have much but we enjoyed ourselves.