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Q: So do you have anymore good stories Mr. Martenyk? We were talking about picnics and dances and parties at Richmond Park in the early days.

A: We got really happy. When we ??????? didn't cost us nothing, and Gieselson, they bring a lot you know, we have a good meal, you know.

Q: How long did these parties last? Like what time of the morning did you go to bed?

A: There was no ???? for us. We come any time. In the evening start getting after supper, we come and start dancing till morning.

Q: This would be in the winter time mostly?

A: In the winter time yeh.

Q: You brought your team of horses and sleigh?

A: No, no everybody walked.

Q: Did you?

A: Sure, we would tie the horses to trees. ^{Gieselson} Gieselson lived only seven miles, the children were coming to school seven miles and more. That ????????? it. ?????????? ?????????? children across deep creek. They came to the school.

Q: That must have been before they built Laura's school?

A: In the old school that I built.

Q: But later on they built their own school.

A: Yeh, but how many years they have to go. Lots of years in this school. One time there was the school twenty-four and there was one time thirty-six kids. In the winter time they have to change all the time. Every while they have to change those closer to the stove, go back and they go warm up.

Q: Did you ever go on an airplane ride?

A: No.

Q: You've never flown. Do you want to go on an airplane ride?

A: Oh I don't care anymore. I tell you, I would as soon as walk because when I go with the car, sightseeing, you know, when I go to the country I want to see. I wouldn't give five cents for the airplane if I didn't have to.

Q: They get you there fast though.

A: The faster you go the faster you die. That is true. You don't know nothing. When you go to the country you ??? see you can tell the people what you see. When I go to Kelowna, once when they took me there, I don't stay, I tell them I don't stay. I want to see everything around, everything that there is.

Q: What do you think the best thing there is in Canada? What is the best thing in our country?

A: In Canada. I have to think because there is a lot of bad things.

Q: A lot of bad things. Well there is a lot of bad things and a lot of good things. What are some bad things?

A: Lot of good things, like for old people is very good. I don't think there is any place in the world for old people. There is only - that's what I don't like lots of old people are old people themselves. How many I know are bones, they didn't clear an acre of bush, they just ????? around and now they get a full pension and everything and this fellow who slaves and working hard and now he's got a few dollars in bonds you know, or something, he's checking the ??? then you have to fill out the income tax because you have interest on the bank, so they cut you right away from?????. Because if a fellow had say fifty, hundred, thousand dollars there is a difference, but when you have a few thousand dollars and you take yet from me that's not right. Like for me I have enough I am satisfied.

Q: But you were a pioneer and they shouldn't take away from pioneers should they?

A: They shouldn't no. When a fellow is that old.

Q: But it is a good country thats for sure.

A: Well I seen a few countries because I was over ????? Hungaria, and Budapest for three years and I know Hungaria, ????? there is one Hungarian, Kutona, he's a Hungarian. I was ????? only fourteen miles from where he lived.

Q: That was in World War I? How many years were you in World War I?

A: Not even a year because that was the end.

Q: You were pretty young then.

A: I was eighteen years ??????. The main thing I'm glad is mine family is in the best country, because Canada is the

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richer³ land in the world. Canada is ten times richer than the United States. The United States ?????????? ?????????? ?????????? out, and Canada is not started yet.

Q: But maybe with the Free Trade. Have you been hearing about the Free Trade?

A: The Free Trade I think is going to be good. Because Country, you don't find another country like Canada with the States. You go to the States you can buy groceries for ????? and you don't need payments nothing and then we going to be free, two countries are suppose to be. And they got a United States trade with Japan, American, Canada depends on the United States, well you know yourself, better than I do Canada bought from the States last year for a hundred and fifty billion, bought them from the States, and the United States bought for seventy million. Now If we are going to, like those Liberals and NDP's, they fight and ???? against it because, they fight it because they know better, yet they find they want to be in the poll.

Q: Which is the best party Mr. Martenyk?

A: Well, Mulroney makes a lot of mistakes, ?????? and he took the land was bankrupt, Canada, when the Liberals took it over there was five hundred billion debts and when they left there was two hundred billion dollar debts and one and a half million out of jobs because ?????? a job. See Liberal right with Trudeau. When he start right over, you remember when give two hundred million to build up those bums. Those hippies, what you call them reporters they had a lot of work making good jobs because they follow them all over and the people of the Tories they were afraid even to go over there, because that place everything was hippies. That cost them Two hundred million dollars, because he wanted the young people to see Canada. They were very good to people. He give them everything they wanted. What they want some day they have to pay for everything.

Q: So you watch the news, you know whats going on in our country don't you?

A: I know everything. All over the world. I still so interested, always was interested.

Q: That's what you do mostly now, play cards? Do you go to the Drop-In Centre?

A: No, I go after dinner for coffee to the restaurant.

Q: You don't go down there to play cards?

A: Somethings I go play with ?????? there is only one guy I go play pool. That's Tom Berry.

Q: So you have friends to come into your house?

A: Yes, and then my daughter comes.

Q: How many grand children do you have - great grand children I suppose.

A: Thirteen great grand children and eight grand children. I feel very good yet you know because I'm in my eighties I go down when I'm in my ninties. Just sit in the corner and read the bible and cry. I'll be ninty or a hundred.