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G.P. Hello I'm Gary Peck, your host on Memories and Music, presented Sunday at 1:00 p.m. by Inco Metals Company. This week my guest will be C. R. Martindale and we'll be talking about Mr. Martindale's years with Sudbury Hydro. In addition, Mr. Martindale will be reflecting on Sudbury's past. Join Mr. Martindale and myself, Sunday at 1:00 when Inco Metals presents Memories and Music on Stereo 92.7 CIGM FM.

G.P. Welcome to Memories and Music. Today our guest is C. R. Martindale, better known as Charlie Martindale, and Mr. Martindale worked with Sudbury Hydro for a total of approximately forty-three years. In just a few moments we'll begin our interview with Mr. Martindale, however first we'll turn the program over to our music host Doug McLaughlin.

(MUSIC)

G.P. Welcome to the interview portion of Memories and Music. Today our guest is Charlie Martindale and Mr. Martindale welcome to the program.

C.M. Thank you.

G.P. Mr. Martindale your father, - father and mother, - came to this community fairly early in the history of Sudbury I believe. Just after the turn of the century?

C.M. Yes. Mother and her dad came in 1899 from Bracebridge, and dad came from Alliston in 1901 or 1902.

G.P. Just after the turn of the century.

- C.M. Yes, mmhh.
- G.P. Your mother's maiden name?
- C.M. Was May Boydell.
- G.P. Daughter of Canon Boydell.
- C.M. Daughter of Canon James Boydell, yes.
- G.P. A name that is certainly recognized in this community in the early history. What line of work was your dad in? R. H. Martindale* I believe.
- C.M. Yes, that's right. Well he followed the electrical field right from early beginnings. He worked on various types of industrial electrical work and equipment installation in different parts of southern Ontario and worked for a while I think in the little station, - sub-station, - that used to be in the town of Alliston, his home town, and came here to start in the little steam plant which used to operate in the corner of David Street here, - and there was a little hand-fired coal, - hand-fired coal-burning steam plant.
- G.P. What was located, - er, what is located on the site today?
- C.M. Well the present....
- G.P. The present plant.
- C.M.David Street Waterworks Plumbing Station and Sudbury Hydro, the original number one sub-station....
- G.P. That was the original site?
- C.M.the same site, yes.
- G.P. Did he ever say what prompted him to come to Sudbury? Was it the awareness of a position or a job being available, or was it the community itself that attracted him here?
- C.M. Well I think it was probably something of both. He had looked into the situation here and apparently there was quite an opportunity for a rebuilding job of the old equipment which the community had and he was interested in tackling that. He spent most of his life in building it up.

*R. H. (Rex) Martindale, Secretary-Manager of Sudbury Hydro-Electric Commission, 1936-1953.

- G.P. So it was a combination of a number of factors that brought him here.
- C.M. Yes.
- G.P. And whereabouts was the home, - in Sudbury?
- C.M. Where they first lived?
- G.P. mmhh.
- C.M. Their first home was up on Ramsay Road, just a few blocks from here.
- G.P. Just fairly close then.
- C.M. That's the house where I was born, yes, and then we....
- G.P. Were there many homes along there at that time?
- C.M. Well I can't remember because we weren't there that long.
- G.P. No.
- C.M. We moved from there around the corner to Worthington Crescent and then we were there for a few years and then we moved to Larch Street, - near the east-end of Larch Street north side, - and then we moved to Cedar Street, right at the corner of what would be Cedar and Pearl where the taxidermist shop now is.
- G.P. Yes.
- C.M. And then we built a house along with Fred Lane, who used to be the town engineer for many years, - a duplex they built at Brady Street, 248 Brady. It's on the east end of Brady on the north side.
- G.P. Could you tell us a little more about the type of work that your father was involved in?
- C.M. Well as far as I know in the earliest days, he was responsible for running this little station over here, - the steam-driven generating plant which supplied the power previously.
- G.P. Supplied the power for the town?
- C.M. Yes. Power for the town yes. I think originally it had been run by some small outfit - private outfit - and it got in a pretty bad shape, and I think dad more or less had the job of getting it - lifting it back into shape.

G.P. Right.

C.M. And of course began the, - with the growth of the town, began the need for expansion of the system, and bringing it up to standards which the growing community required. That was more or less the story of the earliest years.

G.P. mmhh.

C.M. That was - shortly after he came, the Wahnapiatae Power Company was formed, and they built lines into Sudbury from their generating stations on the Wanapitei River. The first one was called the Coniston Plant Number One which is still located there, and the second one was McVittie's, down stream from there at the Wanapitei River, and the third one was Stinson, or Number Three Plant. All of these three generating stations are still running. They were owned, - say originally, - and built by the Wahnapiatae Power Company which in turn was bought out years later by the Ontario Hydro and are still run by Ontario Hydro.

G.P. By Ontario Hydro. The names associated with the Wahnapiatae Hydro Company, - McVittie was one?

C.M. Wahnapiatae Power Company?

G.P. Yes.

C.M. Yes, William McVittie and....

G.P. Frank Cochrane?

C.M.Frank Cochrane, the founder of Cochrane-Dunlop, he may have had, I'm not sure, he probably had some interest in it. But William McVittie was one of the principal stockholders I think, and Alex Skene was their local office manager here. Their line foreman for many years was Kit McCrea, who used to live just across on the other side of the C.P.R. They had their line crew and so on, but it was a pretty small enterprise, and eventually their production was too small for filling the needs of the community and the entire Hydro then had to bring in, - build larger transmission lines to connect us with the main grid of network transmission lines of their system to match the supplies and match the need for ever increasing use of power in the Sudbury area.

G.P. When your dad came to Sudbury he was really employed by the town then?

C.M. That's right. The town of Sudbury, yes.

- G.P. What was his position?
- C.M. Well I don't know what they called them at the beginning, but it was for many, many years, it was superintendant of Water and Light Department. The water and light systems were combined under one department, first of the town of Sudbury, and then of the city of Sudbury, and it remained under the city until 1936 when the Sudbury Hydro Commission was formed.
- G.P. It began in '36?
- C.M. Yeah, and took over....
- G.P. I think initially was not the sewage system as well linked....?
- C.M. Yes, the sewage system was run in conjunction with the waterworks system....
- G.P. Initially, yes.
- C.M.but quite a few years later after he started, it was separated into a different department.
- G.P. Right. What type of man was your father?
- C.M. Well he was very active and he had a lot of, - he was a great booster for this community. He saw a great future ahead for Sudbury and he believed in planning ahead. In some cases, much to the, - there was much derision on the part of some of the local people who thought that the goals, or the developments which he could foresee for Sudbury was a bit of a pipe dream.
- G.P. Not attainable.
- C.M. No. He was a great hockey fan. He was, years back, president of the Sudbury Hockey Club. In early years, he was greatly interested in supporting the community hockey.
- G.P. Was he a community-minded individual then? Could we say that?
- C.M. Yes, oh yes. He was very much concerned with the community and with planning to meet the needs of the community, and not just power-wise but community-wise. He was also of course a very active layman in originally the Sudbury Methodist Church and then in the United Church of Canada. And he was interested in music. He sang in the choir most of his life and sang in some other, I think, occasionally other music groups as well.

G.P. We're going to have to take a break at this point, and when we return we'll talk about Sudbury Hydro. First we'll turn the program over to Doug McLaughlin.

(MUSIC)

G.P. Welcome back to the interview portion of Memories and Music. Our guest today is Mr. C. R. Martindale and Mr. Martindale I believe at the beginning of the program you indicated you'd worked with Sudbury Hydro for approximately forty-three years?

C.M. That's it, about that, yes.

G.P. When did you begin working with Sudbury Hydro, and was that your first job?

C.M. No, that was actually the second job. The first job was say a summer vacation. I worked at Bethnal at McCreary sawmill, ten miles past Gogama up the main line of the C.N.R.

G.P. And that year was....?

C.M. That year was 1925. I had an interesting summer there about half a dozen different jobs around the mill and at twenty-five cents an hour.

G.P. How long was your working day, then?

C.M. It was, I think it was either nine or ten, nine or ten hours a day, - maybe ten hours. I'm not sure.

G.P. mmhh. Meals were fairly hearty?

C.M. Meals, yes. Lots to eat. Good meals.

G.P. Slightly isolated though I would think.

C.M. Oh yes, it was a little community there at the sawmill.

G.P. How many homes would have been in that community because I only know Bethnal as a dot on the map.

C.M. Ah, not very many. There was just a row of, - there was the company office, and there was the barns and the mills and there was a tool shed, and there were some, several small frame homes for the married people there, and then there was one or two bunk houses for the single fellows, and I think there was a section house for the C.N.R. section crew, and I think perhaps a little post office and that's about all I can remember.

- G.P. How large would the crew be at that time?
- C.M. Oh, not very, - it wasn't a big mill....
- G.P. No.
- C.M.it was just a small run-of-the-mill sawmill.
- G.P. How did you find out about....
- C.M. Well I went....
- G.P.the job?
- C.M.I went to school with the Jack McCreary who lived just a block from us, over on Larch Street, and his father ran this lumber outfit. And they said there was work mentioned to me, that I could get work there, if I was interested, for the summer. So I took it, and I had a very interesting summer. Very good.
- G.P. Quite a different experience I would think.
- C.M. This Jack McCreary went on into medicine and became eventually years later the head of the medical faculty in the University of British Columbia for quite a few years.
- G.P. Altogether different line of work then.
- C.M. Yes, yes.
- G.P. Very definitely. That was 1925. The following year, you began work with....
- C.M. I worked in the....
- G.P.Sudbury Hydro?
- C.M.summers. Yes, Sudbury Hydro, as a groundman with the line gang in the summers of 1926 and '27 and then I worked steady from June '28 'till about September '32. I was, - those years, - I was the groundman with the line gang where we dug holes for poles and where we helped lift poles up and where we did all the "Joe" jobs, sending equipment and material up to the, - up the pole on the hand line to the line crews and the linemen working above, and helping replacing street light burn-outs and troubles with ornamental street light standards in the downtown streets, unloading the truck and loading the truck and all the....

G.P. I would think when it comes to working with poles there'd be nothing easy about that kind of work, of lifting them up and....

C.M. In those days....

G.P.placing them in the ground.

C.M.it was all....

G.P. Manual labour.

C.M.manual labour. Brute strength and awkwardness yeah. Digging the holes and raising the poles and there was practically nothing in the way of mechanized or hydraulic equipment in those days and it was quite an experience but it was well worthwhile.

G.P. Looking back over the years, forty some years, some memorable experiences?

C.M. Oh yes, yes. We had I guess, perhaps one of the most vivid memories is of course, the time of the tornado here. We had the tornado in 1970 and that struck our system pretty hard. I guess it was about the most....

G.P. How did it affect the system?

C.M. — Well it did a tremendous amount of damage, as many sections of the city were out of power. We had many poles down, lines down, transformers burnt out, and all kinds of equipment damaged from short circuits and the high winds, and falling trees on our line and so on. It took a long time. We had to bring in extra help from outside from the Sault and North Bay and Orillia.

G.P. Just to bring the system back to order.

C.M. Just to get even the main portions of it working again. It was probably months before all of the repairs were finally completed.

G.P. When you began work, it was called Water and Light Department?

C.M. Water and Light Department of the Town of Sudbury.

G.P. Town of Sudbury.

C.M. Then about, - I think about 1928, - we became a city. Sudbury was incorporated as a city, and we became the Water and Light Department of the City of Sudbury.

That went on until 1936 when the electric system was taken over by the newly established Sudbury Hydro-Electric Commission, and from there on it was separate.

G.P. What prompted the change in the establishment of a commission in '36?

C.M. Well, I think partly to, or maybe mainly, to bring us in line with the practice across Ontario in most of communities of that size or larger, where the local electrical system was owned and administered by an elected commission and these locally elected commissions in the various municipalities bought their power from the Ontario Hydro who were the main generators and transmitters of power across the province. The municipalities then through their utilities, bought the power from the Ontario Hydro and sold it then on their own distribution systems inside the municipality to the customers, the citizens of the community. That was the standard practice through most of Ontario, I guess all of it, pretty well all of Ontario, and quite a few other areas of Canada.

G.P. Would you have noticed much of a change in your line of work after 1936?

C.M. Ah....

G.P. Would it have affected you?

C.M.well, yes. Of course more and more mechanization and automation and so on. It's more, or has been I guess, almost the same with any other industry. More and more equipment, automated equipment, mechanized equipment, and fewer and fewer men, or people to do the work.

G.P. I notice a banner, or a ribbon rather, on the table, Sudbury Hydro Quarter Century Club.

C.M. Yes.

G.P. I assume you recently attended their annual?

C.M. Yes, we just, - just last Friday evening, had the annual banquet for staff and employees and the pensioners and the members of the Quarter Century Club.

G.P. Fairly close organizations then I would imagine?

C.M. Yes. It's a, - oh, there are a lot of new faces there and new people, - but quite a few....

- G.P. It's good to go back and see so many of the familiar ones, I would imagine.
- C.M. Yes. Quite a few we've known for many years.
- G.P. On that note we'll wrap up this section of the program and turn the program over to Doug McLaughlin. When we come back perhaps we could reminisce a little bit about some of the changes that have occurred in Sudbury through the years. First we'll hear from Doug McLaughlin.

(MUSIC)

- G.P. Welcome back to our interview today with Mr. C. R. Martindale. Mr. Martindale, when you look back over the years in Sudbury, and I think you were born in 1909?
- C.M. That's right, yes.
- G.P. There have been a number of changes over the last number of years. What have been some of the more dramatic ones in terms of the cityscape?
- C.M. Well I would say one of the most, - perhaps one of the most visible, - would be the change in transportation from the old streetcar days to variety of types of bus systems, - some good, some bad, some indifferent, - and none of them anywhere as good as we have now with Sudbury Transit.
- G.P. You're saying Sudbury Transit is the best of....
- C.M. Yes.
- G.P. The ones you've experienced over the years.
- C.M. By far yes. Quite visible changed too in street lighting would probably be, - I mean one of the things we would notice particularly.
- G.P. You would notice that very definitely.
- C.M. We've pioneered in introducing. For instance, we were the first municipality of any size, I think, in Canada, to put in the mercury-vapour street lighting system which was installed quite a few years ago, and our first traffic signal system was quite a noticeable innovation too, and when it first came....
- G.P. Where were the first lights?
- C.M. The first traffic lights?
- G.P. Yes.

- C.M. Well they would be down mostly in Durham and Elm, in that area.
- G.P. In that area.
- C.M. I think they were installed about the time that, or maybe just in time, for the incorporation of the municipality as a city.
- G.P. As a city.
- C.M. As a city of Sudbury, yes. I think, as far as I can remember about the late twenties, '28, '29, I think the traffic lights came in then. And then of course the change in quite a goodly number of utility buildings, the pumping station, new sub-stations, which we had to build in various areas of the city to keep pace with the....
- G.P. With the expansions.
- C.M.increasing load, and expansion of our system.
- G.P. If we might go back for a moment to the public transit system and you were mentioning the street car system. Do you have fond memories of that system?
- C.M. Well....
- G.P. Was it convenient, was it comfortable, was it noisy? You hear so many things about it.
- C.M. Well, as far as I can remember, all the cars were second-hand.
- G.P. Now that may say something.
- C.M. ha ha ha ha ha ha. Now I don't think they were reliable. I think the crew did their best to try to keep them patched up and operating but as I say, they left plenty to be desired in the way of a transit system.
- G.P. Was there any heating in them in the winter?
- C.M. Ah, yes, yes. They had some electric heating units installed so they weren't too bad, but as I say, they had been well used before. As far as I can remember, I don't remember seeing any brand new....
- G.P. No.
- C.M.street car come.

- G.P. Were they on schedule?
- C.M. Ah....
- G.P. By and large?
- C.M.fairly well, fairly well. At times, we'll say but you know, they had their trouble, especially in the winter time.
- G.P. Would they not have problems on occasion of just getting through the snow?
- C.M. Oh, yes.
- G.P. Getting down the streets?
- C.M. Yes, oh yes, they did have some trouble. They had some snow removal equipment of their own which ran on rails like the smaller edition of the railway equipment. Then of course they ran to Copper Cliff. That was one of their main, - I guess probably their biggest job was the shift workers, to and from Copper Cliff to Sudbury, and they for a long time carried all the large numbers of teenagers from Copper Cliff to Sudbury High School which was the only high school, or course, in the area for a long time and all the Copper Cliff people came to old Sudbury High and they were....
- G.P. That was before the establishment of the school in Copper Cliff.
- C.M. Yes, that's right.
- G.P. What were fares - the earliest fares, - that you can recall?
- C.M. Ah, that's a good question. They had tickets.
- G.P. Would you buy a series of tickets?
- C.M. They had them in strips, I think, yes.
- G.P. Did anyone receive free transportation?
- C.M. Um, not that I knew of.
- G.P. You don't recall receiving any.
- C.M. No, no, I sure didn't.
- G.P. No. Was the streetcar, - did you regard that as a luxury? Was it something that you really would take

when you had to because of the cost, or was it fairly heavily used by the public?

C.M. Well I think it was fairly well used, particularly for people, for instance, from the lake section here getting to downtown.

G.P. Yes.

C.M. And from the flour mill area getting to downtown, and from Copper Cliff coming into Sudbury. Those were....

G.P. So on those runs, the streetcar would be well fared?

C.M. Yes, and of course they would have peak hours, - at the beginning of the office day, and at the end of office day and then the shift work, - shift change periods were heavy loads to the (unintelligible) loading plant and to Copper Cliff.

G.P. I sense from our conversation that you really do not have necessarily a soft spot in your heart for the streetcar system and you don't long for it. You're pretty happy with what we have right now I gather?

C.M. Oh yeah, yes. This Sudbury Transit is few miles ahead of the street railway.

G.P. Now, right now we can look out the window and you know, we can see Ramsey Lake.* I imagine through the years, there have been some families who have stayed in this area, they have been here for quite awhile. Who were some of the early families along this section of this city? Families as you remember them.

C.M. Well there are not too many left now, but, - some of them we knew well of course, - the Chalmers, - the Chalmers family, - Allan Chalmers who used to build excellent canoes. I still have one of this canoes built in Sudbury. The Crydermans who lived at the corner of John and Elizabeth. They were a well known Sudbury family.

G.P. You call it the Cryderman, - you refer to it as the Cryderman corner? Or the Cryderman house?

C.M. We still know it as the Cryderman house there. And the McCrearys which we mentioned before, - James Senior used to live just off the corner of David and Elizabeth there; and of course the W. J. Bells were up on Bell-rock. They were there for a long, long time; and the

*In 1981, C. R. Martindale resided at 438 Annie Street.

Fergusons and Skenes up on the north end of Ramsay Road. Alex Skene was the manager here for, I think first of all, for years for the Wahnapiatae Power Company, and I think when they were taken over by Ontario Hydro he stayed on with them as their office manager for some time in their Sudbury office. It used to be on the second floor of what we used to know as the Rothschild Block, at the corner of Elgin and Cedar; and the Grants, the Grant family, of whom Gord Grant is still active around Sudbury; and let's see who else....

G.P. The Stulls I believe.

C.M. The Stulls, the Stulls; and the De Morests and the....

G.P. Two early names.

C.M. McCullough is, the McCullough family were over here, just up at the corner on John Street; and the Ainslies, the Ainslie family were back, just across the corner from as well on John Street.

G.P. Was Lake Ramsey quite a recreation centre in the early days?

C.M. Yes.

G.P. Was there a fair amount of fishing as you remember?

C.M. Well yes, there used to be some fair fish. I can remember my mother's sister, Mrs. W. G. Montgomery, pulling a thirteen pound lake trout out of Ramsey Lake at one time. There have been a lot of nice fish....

G.P. Would this be in the twenties?

C.M.this would be back in the twenties probably yes.

G.P. Thirteen pound lake trout.

C.M. Yeah, and there were quite a number of fish there and there was a lot, - actually there was a lot more boating on Ramsey Lake in those days than there is now, except for sailing. The sailing has developed, I think, on a very substantial scale. But as far as canoes and row boats and motorboats go, I think there were a lot more in earlier days when many of the people in the town had camps on the lake and in some cases travelled, had to travel by boat, to get to the town shore to pick up their cars or go downtown. There were a lot of nice, quite nice launches which as you know is that type which has almost disappeared....

G.P. Inboards?

C.M.inboards, from our water, yes.

G.P. A couple of sites that I've seen on early maps. A reference to Hermit's Bay for example.

C.M. Hermit's Bay, yes.

G.P. Do you know the story behind that?

C.M. Well I don't know how it got the name but there used to be a lot of kids that used to going swimming there. There's a beautiful beach there, a very nice beach, and of course, it's part of Bell Park now. It was a popular spot, and the area in front of Laurentian University where the drive to Laurentian University turns off Ramsey Lake Road, that area was when we were kids, was Cook's Farm. When we first, - when dad first built our camp over on the east shore of Ramsey Lake when I was about a year or so, there was no road across, along the south shore of Ramsey Lake at all. We had to go by water, and we would bring our stuff down to the boat-house, and the Old Mr. Jodouin, who used to run the ice business, - ice house there, - and the boating business would load our stuff onto the scow and he'd take out one of his launches and tow us over to the camp in the beginning of the summer, then come over at the end of the summer, and pick us up and tow us back. So we had a tow on the scow with all our....

G.P. That was your way over and back?

C.M. Way over and back, yes. Then dad had to travel to work by boat. We had a small motor boat with a little single cylinder three and a half horsepower Farrow marine engine. It was a beautiful little boat. I think a lot more reliable than many of the super....

G.P. They were quite attractive as well weren't they?

C.M.outboards we have today. Yes, yes.

G.P. With the mahogany on them and you could really have quite a finish on them.

C.M. Yeah, yeah.

G.P. Another reference, - early reference, - to this area that I've encountered is a reference to a Deacon's Castle. Have you ever heard of that?

C.M. Deacon's Castle?

- G.P. This would be fairly early at the turn of the century. I just wondered if you'd....
- C.M. No.
- G.P.ever heard mention of this.
- C.M. Is this a reference to some house?
- G.P. Yes, it's really a reference to a pile of rocks....
- C.M. Oh.
- G.P.I think fairly close to the Bell residence, but....
- C.M. Oh I see.
- G.P.I can't say for sure.
- C.M. No, that's....
- G.P. You don't recall that?
- C.M.no that's a new one to me.
- "c"
G.P. No. But would Ramsey Lake be the destination in the summer for quite a few people from the city just to come out for a picnic? You know, was it that kind of a place?
- C.M. Yes, I see, many people used to come down by streetcar....
- G.P. Yes.
- C.M.to the Bell Park for picnics. Bring the family and the children and have a swim, and bring their lunch. There used to be well, of course, there are quite a few now, there used to be band concerts. The band concert is quite a popular event, and a lot of people used to come....
- G.P. Even then, as now?
- C.M.oh yes, to come and hear the band concerts. We had quite a number of outstanding regattas, community regattas. There was a variety of water events and these were very popular. It drew a lot of people from the community down to watch and see the fun. There were sailing events and there were canoe races, and swimming events and so on.
- G.P. People then, as today, certainly knew how to enjoy themselves.

C.M. Yes, oh yes.

G.P. On that note, we're going to have to take a break. We'll turn the program back to Doug McLaughlin. When we return we'll wrap up the program. First we'll turn the program over to Doug McLaughlin.

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G.P. Charlie Martindale has been our guest today on Memories and Music, and Mr. Martindale, one of my interests is genealogy and I understand that some fairly prominent clergy, - clergymen, have been in your family. You're a descendant of Barbara Heck, for example.

C.M. Yes, she was my great, great, great, grandmother, and she and her husband Paul, were among the group who helped, - were primarily responsible for establishing the Methodist Church in Canada, and they had a large, - quite an effective, - also quite an effective, - career of assisting the birth of the Methodist Church in the New York area, and as far as I know, the John Street Methodist Church which they helped to establish is still functioning in New York City.

G.P. Now their congregation, was it called the Blue Church, I think?

C.M. Yeah, the Blue Church was down....

G.P. Eastern....

C.M.down in the Prescott area on the St. Lawrence....

G.P.Eastern Ontario.

C.M.along the old Number Two Highway.

G.P. I think that church is still in existence isn't it? Restored, or one of the facilities associated with that.

C.M. Either that, or unless it was removed. Some had to be, some of these historic sites had to be moved or changed when the St. Lawrence Seaway came through.

G.P. Seaway came through?

C.M. Yes.

G.P. You're also a grandson of Canon Boydell.

C.M. A grandson of Canon James Boydell, yes, who was the rector for years at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Bracebridge,

and then came with my mother to Sudbury in 1899 where he became the rector of the Church of the Epiphany, - the present Church of the Epiphany in downtown Sudbury, and served there from the time he came from his coming to Sudbury until 1918. He retired in 1918, and stayed in Sudbury and died in 1928.

G.P. mmhh. You were married in the 1930's I believe?

C.M. Married in 1939....

G.P. 1939.

C.M.in Caledon East United Church, yes.

G.P. Earlier you were telling me a story associated with your wife coming to Sudbury, reference to the North for example. You were coming from Peel County I believe?

C.M. Yes.

G.P. Northwest of Toronto, in Caledon East. So it was a reference to the distance I think wasn't it, that Sudbury was, to you, somewhat isolated?

C.M. Yeah, some of the folks down her way, and there are still a few left, who sort of regard Sudbury as being way up on the shores of Hudson Bay.

G.P. You've told them otherwise then I'm sure.

C.M. ha ha ha ha ha, yeah.

G.P. I'm surprised you don't gain weight Mr. Martindale. I'm enjoying a piece of your wife's cake and it's excellent.

C.M. Well that's one of the things that contributes to a good retirement is being married to a good cook.

G.P. Mr. Martindale, what are some of the positive things about Sudbury. When you talk to people, what do you like to tell them about this community?

C.M. Well I like to think that it's been a great help to many people in Sudbury and to many families in Sudbury to have the experience of living in a community which has roots in many parts of the world and a great variety of races and cultures. I think it has strengthened our community life and has added very richly to it....the fact that, in our day when we were youngsters, we went to school with boys and girls from all over the earth, and that our children can still do the same. I think it helps them to appreciate at least to a certain extent,

- the contribution of the Canadians from so many different cultural backgrounds that have come here, and have become good Canadians, and have contributed a great deal to the building of this community.
- G.P. So, in essence, the multicultural mix of Sudbury, you think, is quite an important feature.
- C.M. I think so, and I like it, and I think it's good for us and good for our children.
- G.P. You've been retired how many years from Sudbury Hydro?
- C.M. It's seven years at the end of last May.
- G.P. I sense you're enjoying your retirement but I also expect you're keeping busy.
- C.M. Yes. We're never at a lost for something to do. I say once in a while to Dorothy: "I wonder how I ever got time to go to work."
- G.P. Isn't that a good feeling.
- C.M. ha ha ha. I think I have gradually come to the conclusion that life begins at retirement.
- G.P. You would highly recommend it?
- C.M. Yes, but I....
- G.P. What are some of your activities? I know you're involved with the Labour Council for example.
- C.M. Yes, I still attend the Labour Council and take some part in their activities. I represent them on the board of the "Y" and I have represented them at one or two other conventions and gatherings. I'm on a couple of committees at St. Andrew's Place and at St. Andrew's Church. I am very much interested in that. I am active in the political field as well in the background of the community riding associations and we, - I've enjoyed travelling very much. We've managed to get up to the Arctic and up to James Bay, and over to Europe, and up to the Agawa Canyon and so on. We've managed to see quite a bit of Canada, and we hope to see more.
- G.P. mmhh. Well that's an ideal way to spend a retirement I would expect. Also you've been quite involved with the local historical society. I think that's where I first met you actually, at some of those meetings.
- C.M. Yes, we're much concerned with that, and enjoy very much the programs, and hearing and seeing the various

aspects of the development of the community that we have had at their meetings.

G.P. mmhh. Alright we're going to have to conclude the program....

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