

Transcription of Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warren.

b.1899. 80 a week from today.

b. England. Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England.

came to Canada 1907.

'I don't know why my father come here. He was a baker by trade.'

--came here 1907 and 1903.

'I had the milk for farmer.' Did chores for farmers. Peddling milk at that time. Chased cows, rubbed horses, lived on the farm then

married 1927.

brother trained in the Salvation Army.

Q.What was it like to peddle milk during the strike? A.Well, it all depends on where you were going, you know. Scab some places, you know. Goig peddling milk to scab miners. Of course I had no trouble like that. The union members... ..[would make a fuss about selling milk to scab miners.]

got to grade three.

'I was too ignorant to appreciate school--what it was doing for me.'

His father was a very naive immigrant. He earned his keep as a kid, working on the farm. My father was unable to work....Over fifty when they came to this country. --he liked booze, too, one of the reasons why he came to Canada. terrible upbringing: not enough clothes, no preparation for the climate.

paid \$2 a week for working on the farm, started working there at nine or ten.

more or less helping to support his family.

was very religious.

'We lived everywhere.'

lied about his age and got hired on. 'Everybody lied about their age.' Got in as a trapper boy, a fan-turner,

'It was monotonous, you sat in one place.'

had safety lamps then, not electric lamps.

air couldn't get up in pitching coal. This was before compressed air came in.

also drove a horse.

.90 a day when he first started; \$3 when he came back from the army.

went in the army 1916.

a quarter, a nickel and a dime--they know they got 40c during the 1920s strikes in support (from Boutilier's poem)

five-months strike.

main interest was fishing. ,

Anglicans.

--Mrs. Warren recalls the 1909-11 strike. Her neighbour went in to work. 'I didn't blame him for working.' He had no wife and a family to bring up. He had to look after his family.'

police would escort this one man home from work.

strikers refferred to scabs quarters as the "bull pen"

big bunkhouse.

his boss was hollered at when he went in there--horse being blocked, etc.

there used to be house dances.

dance parties.

Q. Was there any class distinction in Springhill? A. (Mrs. Warren) Much more so than there is now.... I feel there was, somebody may not feel so, but I feel there was.... [There were] Some people sort of thought they were-- because their dad was a boss down the mine or because their dad owned the store, they were a little above the common. But that has changed.... I wasn't the only one that had that feeling. [Mr. Warren chips in:] I had that feeling too. [Continuing Mrs. Warren:] There were many that did.

mother and dad from Lancashire (Mrs. Warren)

Boot maiden name.

Oldham.