

Carman Fielding Sr., A Biography

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for the other half went to his dad. From these bountiful wages, Carman paid 60 cents per day for room and board.

From hauling rock, he went to hauling clay at the refinery for "butting" the furnaces.

Carman remembers the hardest job he had ... he was employed with Inco and part of a 7-man team needed to operate the steam-shovel.

"I was on the platform, forty below zero, outside, tripping the bucket," Carman says.

"Sand blowing all the time, sand in your eyes. No masks, no hardhats in those days. No cab, no heat. We worked from daylight till dark."

Around this same time, Carman was involved in boxing. He was paid \$10-\$20 for a fight.

"Sometimes there would be four fights in one night, elimination fights they call them," Carman says.

The final night he won the title of Northern Champion for Ontario, light-weight division, 1935-36.

Carman says, "he's tired, not retired."

So he ought to be.

The owner of construction companies, gravel pits and quartz mines, Carman still starts his day at 6 a.m.

It is not unusual to see him having coffee at one of our local coffee shops even earlier than that.

He is still very active in all his companies, overseeing operations.

"It keeps me going," Carman says with a smile.

