

9. Alexander John Isbester, the Isbester's second child, who would later become my Father, was born at Ottawa, Ontario, in the year 1879. This suggests that, since the Isbester's first child had been born at Quebec in 1877, it must have been between 1877 and 1879 that James Isbester with his family moved to Ottawa.

10. Menote Isbester, the Isbester's third child and only daughter, was born at Rat Portage, Ontario, in 1882. This suggests that, since the Isbester's second child had been born at Ottawa in 1879, it must have been between 1879 and 1882 that James Isbester with his family moved to Rat Portage. It is not known whether or not James Isbester maintained his residence at Ottawa because he was later to return to Ottawa to live.

11. Rat Portage was the original name for what is now the City of Kenora, Ontario. I can remember my Father, Alexander John Isbester, saying that his Father, James Isbester, had been deeply involved in construction work for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Rat Portage area. Rat Portage, with its reputation for being the roughest, toughest frontier town in Canada, was the Headquarters for the construction of what was to become the Canadian Pacific Railway being built between Port Arthur and Winnipeg. It must have been during the time that James Isbester was at Rat Portage that he and Father Albert Lacombe became friends, since they both were at Rat Portage at about the same time.

12. James Arthur Isbester and Malcolm Isbester, the fourth and fifth children of the Isbester family were both born at Port Arthur, Ontario, now part of the City of Thunder Bay, in 1884 and 1885 respectively.