

Notes - Exhibit Number Two

1. The photograph shows the house at Port Arthur, Ontario, which was occupied by James Isbester with his family approximately during the years 1883 - 1885. This would have been during the time that James Isbester was carrying out his Canadian Pacific Railway construction contract for a section of the new railway line being built in the vicinity of what was to become known as Schreiber, Ontario. At that time, during the construction period, Schreiber had been known as Isbester's Landing where James Isbester had had his construction camps.
2. Two notations had been handwritten around the margin of the old photograph from which this photograph was reproduced. One of these notations read "House in Port Arthur". The other notation read "Birthplace of Jim and Malcolm". The Jim and the Malcolm referred to in the notation were James Arthur Isbester and Malcolm Isbester, the fourth and fifth children of James Isbester, born in 1884 and 1885 respectively.
3. It is not known whether James Isbester built the house shown in the photograph or whether he took it over from others when, it is believed, he moved his family to Port Arthur from, it is also believed, from Rat Portage.
4. It is not known who took over the house in this photograph when James Isbester and his family moved back to Ottawa, probably toward the end of 1885 or on into 1886, upon the completion of James Isbester's Canadian Pacific Railway construction contracts.
5. There is at least two copies of a large "birds-eye" perspective plan of Port Arthur in which James Isbester's house is shown. One of these is in the Public Archives of Canada located on Wellington Street in Ottawa. The other is in the Thunder Bay Historical Museum at Thunder Bay, Ontario.