

Notes - Exhibit Number Twenty

1. The newspaper clipping with its reminiscences of the writer who returns to Kenora after an absence of some fifty years suggests that the clipping probably appeared in a local Kenora newspaper and probably in 1931, 1932 or thereabouts.
2. I have vague memories of my Father, Alexander John Isbester, receiving this clipping in the mail sometime back in the early 1930's but I have no idea who sent it to him. Since the clipping probably originated in the local Kenora newspaper it also probably was sent to my Father by someone who also came from Kenora.
3. The newspaper clipping mentions the name of "Jim Isbister" being among the Canadian Pacific Railway construction contractors. (Note the Isbister versus Isbester spelling). James Isbester, the Father of Alexander John Isbester is known to have been in Rat Portage from about 1880 to possibly 1883.
4. Another name mentioned in the newspaper clipping is that of Judge Lyon.
5. I have vague rememberance of my Father, Alexander John Isbester, having a friend from Kenora by the name of Lyon visiting him at Port Arthur a couple of times. If I remember correctly his initials were R.T. and that my Father called him Dick. Possibly he was a descendant of Judge Lyon just as Alexander John Isbester was a descendent of James Isbester (Isbister) and that R.T.Lyon sent the clipping to A.J.Isbester.
6. The construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed with the driving of the final spike on November 7, 1885 at Craigellachie, British Columbia. For the newspaper clipping to have been written 50 years or more after the driving of the last spike means that it must have been written in the general period of between 1930 and 1934.