

WILLIAMS: So you wouldn't say that the causeway ruined the river?

JACKSON: Oh, I wouldn't say.

WILLIAMS: Was it common to see ships making their way up the river at that time?

JACKSON: No. In the earlier times there was a wharf, I think in back of Cy's, that wouldn't be Cy's then.

WILLIAMS: How has the clothing style changed over the years?

JACKSON: Several times. I would say, What was in style a few years ago is coming back into style now.

WILLIAMS: Did your family often make their own clothing?

JACKSON: Yes, my mother was a seamstress.

WILLIAMS: What were your meals like at home?

JACKSON: We lived healthy, potatoes and meats of course.

WILLIAMS: So, how did people get around when you were a child?

JACKSON: Horse and buggy.

WILLIAMS: What were the roads like, Muddy?

JACKSON: Mud roads, yes.

WILLIAMS: How far away was the nearest doctor?

JACKSON: He would be ten, fifteen miles.

WILLIAMS: When you moved here was the Doctor still making house calls?

JACKSON: Yes, they were, from Moncton.

WILLIAMS: Did you leave the area to find work?

JACKSON: No, there was lots of work.

WILLIAMS: So, most of the people were employed then?

JACKSON: Yes.

WILLIAMS: What did the river look like before the causeway was built?

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WILLIAMS: This interview of Ray Jackson is being conducted by Sherry Williams of the Riverview Historical Association on August 15, 1984.

What was your first job and with whom?

JACKSON: Well I was self employed, I was working for myself.

WILLIAMS: And it was called the Jackson supermarket?

JACKSON: Well it was just a real small store in the beginning I don't think we even named it.

WILLIAMS: And where was that located?

JACKSON: Where the Pizza place is now, thats the corner of MacLennan Ave. and Coverdale Road.

WILLIAMS: Can you remember your following jobs?

JACKSON: I was still self employed.

WILLIAMS: What were the wages of that time?

JACKSON: Thirty dollars a week. That would be considered very fare wages.

WILLIAMS: And you had a few employees also at the store?

JACKSON: Oh yes. At the Community market I employed four or five people possibly.

WILLIAMS: And their wages would be the same?

JACKSON: Yes, twenty-five, thirty dollars a week.

WILLIAMS: What were the working conditions like?

JACKSON: Good. they were, from Ponaton.

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