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**Video 1**

**Start: 11.42.10.21 SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - Where did you learn the stories?

**(Video Time: 11:42.12.09) GILBERT PELLETIER** - From my Grandma actually, I learnt the stories, but the hunting I learned from my Dad. The hunting, I used to go with Dad when I was just a little kid, you know, as long as you didn't go too far. I'd go out a part-ways, I'd be able to go home, as long as I could see the house then he let me go home alone.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - All right.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - But I used to go with him. As I grew older I went farther and farther with him. He taught me all about hunting, cause I used to hunt a lot too. You know, I trapped a lot and hunt a lot and, you know, you would snare everything, rabbits and squirrels, you know, we used to sell 'em. So that's where we got our money. Get even two cents a squirrel or something that was still money to us.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - Yeah back then it meant something, eh.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - Well it meant something.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - Get something with a penny.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** – Yeah, oh yeah. You were able to go in a store with five cents and buy something, actually buy something, you know. Not like today, that's I...

**NORMAN FLEURY** – It's different today.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** – ...oh yeah, today it's different. And I learnt stories from them and when we, in our travels, you know, we used to travel the road allowance eh? Wherever there was a nice slough, the water was good all over. You would hit a slough, the water was good to drink.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - You could just drink it like that?

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - You could just drink it like that.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - Wow.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - Today you can't do it eh, you kinda just strain it a bit and it's good to drink. You can't do that today, but then, you know, and then other people somehow another they'd find each other, and then they'd stay there for about two, three days, just camp there, and that's where the stories would come in. You know, stories would come in then.

**(Video Time: 11:43.41.18) 15.3 NORMAN FLEURY** - See, like years ago there was, there was no ways of like, the, the media we didn't have the media that we have today. There was no television, there was no radio. We never had any radio, or we never had any television, so when people visited, they'd tell each other the stories about, or just things that happened in the communities that they came from. So and so got married. So and so had, you know, children.

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - It's a good visit.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - Good visit, and I remember as a young child if somebody came to visit we were so excited to, to see people come to visit,

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - ...we were looking forward to and, and, and in wintertime, especially when my uncle came, well then we knew there was something come because a dog again would bark, or the dog would look. They knew there was somebody coming. And, and the dog gave a different bark and a different personality than he would if it was me or us coming home.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** – A stranger.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - He knew when there was a stranger. And the horses, you could hear the chains from the harness or you can hear the bells. But my grand-, my uncle used to come and visit us and then we'd sit down and visit and we'd talk about things. There was always something to talk about. Always things to talk about or, he was a great one, this is my Mom's brother, the only brother, and they always hosted dances or parties. So he'd say we're having a dance, we come and, we're coming to invite you to come on Saturday, there's a dance at home. And that's how the news went around. Or when, and there was some people in, around our community that moved around a lot. They were the people that would go around visiting. They were visitors. So when they came to your place they'd tell you about so and so, and, and that's how the news got around. And, and it was so interesting, you know, because you knew when people were coming you would learn something, you'd have a good visit, and if they were gonna stay too long it was nothing to throw a blanket on the floor if there wasn't enough beds, which there was normally not enough beds. And the person would sleep beside the stove if he had to, to keep warm, and there was always room. There was hospitality, we always had...

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - So it didn't matter.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - ... good hospitality, whether it was, you, you didn't, and there was no such thing as a telephone, so I couldn't warn you I was coming. So just whenever somebody came, they were there, and you took it for granted that they were either gonna stay for a day or a week.

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - Or a week, yeah.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - And, and if they have to, if they, they might have to, they'd stay longer. And it, it, it, and I don't know how we did it, but we, we were able to accommodate a lot of people in our homes. And there was always, those people were also willing to help. If you were doing chores...

**GILBERT PELLETIER** - Oh yeah.

**NORMAN FLEURY** - ...they'd be out there to help you do chores. If you're going to go for a load of wood, they'd go with you and cut a load of wood because they didn't come dressed up in a, in a three piece suit normally. You were dressed up for the weather for the season, and if you were going to go out there trapping or hunting, they were gone with you also. So like people are always prepared for, for whatever. It was like it was seasonal and they were prepared for, for the venture that you were going to introduce to them. If it was time to butcher pigs, or whatever, they were there, they would help you. It was milking time, they would help you also. So it was...

**SHERRY FARRELL-RACETTE** - So you earned your way.

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