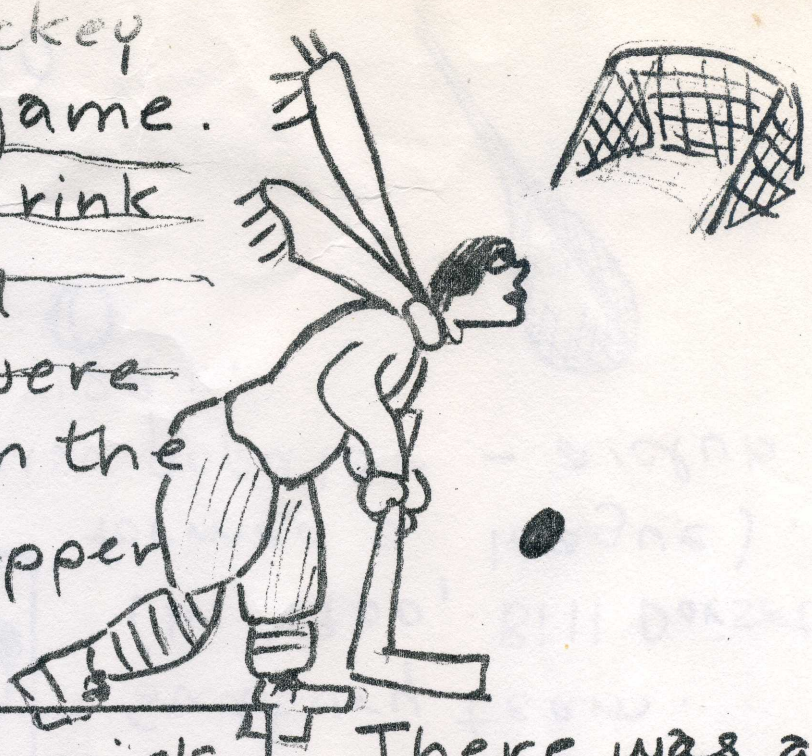
In the winter, hockey was a popular game. In 1900, Genno's rink was opened and hockey games were played between the Sudbury and Copper Cliff Juniors.



Curling bonspiels were held too.

There was a grand skating carnival that year in which the whole town participated. One of the events, a three-legged race, ended in a twelve-legged pile-up!

With the increasing population, the business community was growing. In 1900, the Bank of TORONTO opened on Serpentine Street.

In the same year, J.S. Gill opened a jewelry shop in the McIntosh Block. This building was comprised of stores and apartments.

By this time, Serpentine Street was established as the central business core with many stores, clubs and boarding houses.

In 1900, The Algoma Eastern Railway (known as the Manitoulan and North Shore) began hauling ore from Creighton and Copper Cliff.

Here's a chance to compare prices:

In 1900 –

Stewing Beef: 5¢ per lb.

Flannelette: 8¢/yd.

Flannel: 20¢/yd.

The Hudson's Bay Store in Sudbury offered:

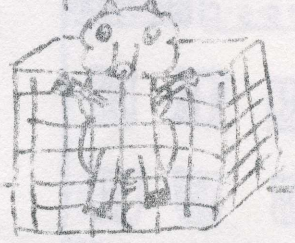
The first school was on Balsam Street. Later, another was built on the site of the present one. High School Students had to go to Sudbury High School.

1902 was a big year for our town. On January 6, the International Nickel Co. was chartered in New Jersey. Along with Can. Cu. Co., the Orford Copper Co., the American Nickel Works, the Societe Miniere Caledonienne, the Anglo-American Iron Co., the Vermillion Mining Co., the Nickel Corp. Ltd., the Huronian Co. Ltd., and the Mond Nickel Co. amalgamated to form the new company.

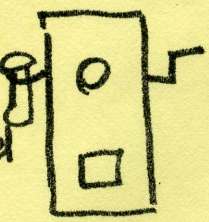
The general office of the new company continued to be located in Copper Cliff. It was a small frame building located where the hospital now stands.

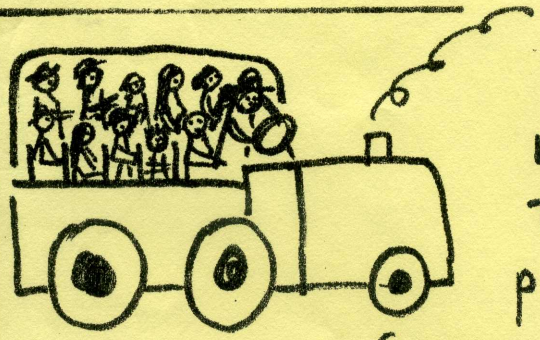
The office was cold in winter until a central heating plant was built supplying heat to the office hospital and some homes.

Much of the time, 6 pigs or so were to be seen sleeping outside the office window. Several years later the town council passed a by-law restricting the freedom of pigs - they had to be penned or on a rope.



Bell Telephone recommended the installation of telephones in Sudbury and Copper Cliff in 1902. By '03, there were 25 phones in town.





The first motor car to carry passengers between Copper Cliff and Sudbury was driven by steam. It carried 10 passengers. It was operated by Alex Brunet who had been a stage-line operator.

1902 was also the year that Copper Cliff was incorporated as a town. The first town council meeting was held in the school-house on Jan. 30. T.N. Kilpatrick presided as mayor.

Thus our town was born and it continued to thrive and grow throughout the next 70 years until amalgamation. The spirit will linger on as long as there are people who are proud to be a part of Copper Cliff, though.