

After nine years of working on the boats John finally returned home to his family. He woke up one morning and decided to start helping build roads. He worked everyday from then on until he retired.



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So, John worked on lobster boats, lake boats as a wheelman, and finally as a road builder. John helped build the roads that people drive on today in L'Ardoise, N.S.

THE END

One day John Henry Burke woke up and got dressed because he had to get ready for lobster fishing. John and his Dad walked to the ocean with his Dad's lobster traps. They went on the lobster boat with the traps and then they went farther out into the ocean. They put their lobster traps in the water.

One lobster came along and went into John's lobster trap. John was happy. He pulled the lobster up and said, "Hey Dad, I got a lobster!"

They got a few more lobsters and then John asked, "Dad, I am so hot! Can I go in and get some nice cold water?" John's dad said yes. Ten minutes later John said, "Dad, did you bring any food? I am so hungry!" John's dad said, "Yes, I brought lunch, water and juice."



After John and his dad were done eating John's dad said, "Let's get a few more lobster and then we can go home."

They got the lobster and then they walked home. When John got home he took a nap.

As John got older he decided to leave lobster fishing and go to work on the lake boats. The lake boats are the large transport ships that sail thorough the Great Lakes.

He went to work the next day. John loved working on the boats. John woke up one day, and while getting ready for another day of work, he realized how hot it was outside. It reminded him of the day he was lobster fishing with his Dad.

No matter what, John never backed down from a challenge. When something had to be done he would do it. So, he went and worked in the heat all day long near the hot engines.

Day after day he kept working on the boat. He kept moving up the ladder and eventually got to be a wheelsman. For this job John helped work the rudders to steer the ship.