Eleven Sketches

First Sketch: The sacristy of the Ste-Trinity catholic church in Rockland. Richard plays his

first compositions on guitar and banjo while Jean-Pierre Béland records everything on a four-track reel to reel. The reverberating acoustics give the

recordings a large sound.

Second Sketch: Ottawa, St. Patrick Street, 1974, conference of cinephiles. Cinésources 10, an

audio-visual non-profit company of Ontario, works at completing two slide shows entitled "Le premier Ontario" (The First Ontario) – I and II. Richard Séguin of Rockland, a long-time friend, participates by composing and playing the soundtrack on his acoustic guitar. The effect is impressive. Shortly after,

everything is lost in a fire but the music lives on in some people's ears.

Third Sketch: Rockland, in a truncated elliptical geodetic dome, a slow winter's night in 1974.

Following the slide shows, Richard has expanded his repertoire. There's a will

that this music be heard. Why not an independent recording?

Fourth Sketch: The first of July, 1975, Richard and Jean-Pierre invade Old Montreal on Canada's

birthday. Eleven pieces are recorded in a small demo studio called Bobinason. Cinésources 10 and the cutural centre "La Ste-Famille" of Rockland collaborate

to produce 1,000 copies of an album called "First Fall."

Fifth Sketch: "La Ste-Famille", 1975, the mail received is surprising. The few albums that

were distributed fell in good hands and the music fell into good ears. Asecond

pressing of 1,000 albums is required.

Sixth Sketch: 1976, in a BIG recording studio in Ottawa. The send album (Rumours in the

Barnyard) is in full swing, with the same financial arrangements except more

ambitious: four tracks, four colours and a bag full of tricks.

Seventh Sketch: Tough times. The second album cost too much. It needed to be better distributed

but that would require submitting to "the industry", something else altogether.

Eighth Sketch: 1977, Richard steps in and, backed by Robert Lemay, proposes a third recording

(Spring Water), a double album in 3,000 copies with a black and white cover to

keep costs down. A few additional people join in to support the financing.

Ninth Sketch: 1978, "Spring Water" is released but thing are shaky. Cinésources 10 need to pay

its outstanding debts from the second and third albums. Capital is required. A group is formed and proposes an exchange: the rights to the music plus the inventory of albums against the settlement of Cinésources 10's outstanding

debts. Done.

Tenth Sketch: 1979, the spirit of community and fraternity gradually gives way to a spirit of

commerce and a struggle for liquidity.

Eleventh Sketch: 1980, people get married, have kids, do the 9-to-5, move away. The first phase of

our adventure closes but the music waits in the wings, Its time will come.