

## Salesman Turned Vagabond Stops Here on Walking Way To Windsor and Rainbow End

A gentleman adventurer arrived in Bowmanville late Thursday evening—he slept in the Town Jail overnight.

Marcel Taillon, 36, Montreal salesman turned vagabond, left his home in Montreal on May 15 on a walk to Windsor and expects to arrive on July 15. Last year he roller-skated to Quebec City.

"I believe there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," he told The Statesman in an interview (he was trying to fix his broken-down wagon beside Frank Jamieson's Tire Shop) Friday morning.

But the "pot of gold" he mentioned isn't a job. His walk to Windsor is "an endurance test" and when he gets there he plans to "rest my dogs about a week, and then I'm coming back." He doesn't expect he'll have to walk back. "I should be in the chips by then," he said.

Marcel Taillon is short for a

man—5 ft. 5 in. at most—but he is a friendly type even though over-clothed. And this is what he wore:

**Picture of a Vagabond**

A sunburn underneath a couple of days growth of beard, a sparse mustache and long, curly dark hair greying at the temples. His fingernails looked as though they were used to being bitten, but the adventurer looked clean.

He wore an overcoat—a sign on the back read: Montreal to Windsor on a Walk—and in one lapel he wore a red reflector (safety at night), in the other he wore a chrome peddler and canvasser's license, City of Montreal, dated 1948. The coat was open.

Under the long garment he wore a windbreaker, a sweater covered a vest, his pants were blue serge, a little worn at the knees. He wore a leather bow tie and a pair of brown shoes which were given to him, he

said, by John Hancock, a Port Hope jeweller, on Tuesday. Atop his head he wore a white sailor hat complete with red reflector.

**He Came Prepared**

It's a long walk to Windsor, but the Montreal vagabond was prepared. He had four pairs of shoes tied here and there on a loaded wagon. He also carried cooking utensils, a small trunk, and more clothing.

The man who confessed a love for the open road said he usually covers about 10 miles in a day, the road is flat most of the way; however, he said he could average about 21 miles.

Big question in a reader's mind at this point will probably be: "Why is he walking to Windsor?" There doesn't seem to be any answer except (1) "This is an endurance test." (2) "I've always told my friends in Montreal that the people of Ontario would never see a man go hungry." He isn't looking for a job.

It seems the traveller must take away a poor opinion of Bowmanville. When he arrived here at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday night, his wagon broke down. He said this happened "When I hit that sidewalk and all those cracks."

**100 Miles A Pair**

The four pair of shoes in his load are apparently essential. "I get about 100 miles to a pair," the vagabond said. Somewhere along the line he'll have to pick up a few more shoes.

One pair he was given in Cornwall were too tight. "I only got five miles that day, and I had a big blister. He hasn't worn those shoes since; he taped his blistered foot."

"How come you can wear all those clothes," he was asked.

"She gets pretty hot sometimes," he answered, pulling out a large pocket watch.

"Look," he said. "I sweat so much yesterday there's tarnish all over the ring around the face." And there was.

And so Marcel Taillon, 36, Montreal salesman turned vagabond left Bowmanville. And as he left, he stopped at Mike's Service Station on the west end of town to get some free service. He wanted his wheels oiled up for the next 10-mile hitch to Oshawa.

Parents and friends enjoyed a program in the town hall on Tuesday evening, given by the pupils of Bethany School. Miss Joan Morton welcomed the guests and announced the program which opened with "Oh Canada" and two songs, "My Hat It Has Three Corners" and "The Little White Cloud." Sally Coburn and Leone Smith delighted everyone with a military dance and an acrobatic number in costume. Murray Smith recited "The Random Shot." Dianne Mulligan, one of the smallest pupils was charming in a tap dancing routine. In a dialogue "The Choice of Trades," Bruce Wright acted the part of a farmer; Malcolm Smelt, a carpenter; Wallace Cooper, a blacksmith; Tommy Rayson, a mason; Allan Smith, a shoemaker, and Larry Lamb, a painter. June Wright and Leone Jordan in costume gave an excellent tap dancing number. An "Empire Play" with all the pupils taking part included two song numbers, "Galloway Bay" and "Rule Britannia."

At the conclusion, the graduating class of Grade Eight: Bob Ryley, Barry Smith, Gail Gristow, Ingrid Rajski and June Wright were presented with leather billfolds by their teacher, Mrs. Orlo Wright. The pupils joined in expressing their thanks for the gifts and the instruction given by their teacher during the past year.

Emory Smith, representing the trustee board, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wright, teacher of the senior room and Miss Velma Thexton, teacher in the junior room, for the excellent entertainment and for their efforts with the pupils during the term.

Moving pictures supplied by the National Film Board were shown at the close of the program.

**CAESAREA**

After spending some time in Florida Mr. and Mrs. K. Glide and Carol have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Emmerson and Irene visited Mrs. A. Watson.

The June meeting of the United Church W. A. met at the home of Mrs. Bower Downs with Mrs. E. Sues presiding. There was an attendance of 28 ladies including guests. Mrs. G. Swift gave the scripture reading. A very fine assortment of hand-work was turned in by members for the bazaar. Plans were discussed regarding the refreshment booth and home baking booth we are taking charge of at the Business Men's Carnival. All proceeds from the two booths will go to the W. A. Mrs. T. Perigoe's group was in charge of the program. Mrs. C. Tricker read a poem, "Vacation Dreams." Ann Haran gave a reading "I Heard Him Sing." Mrs. E. Sues, "A little knowledge on Nylon." Two songs were sung, all the members taking part. Mrs. C. W. Hutton closed the meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served by the group. A very pleasant evening was had by all.

Mrs. L. Forster visited Mrs. A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clark, Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clark at the weekend.

Rev. D. Lute, Tyrone, preached a very interesting sermon at our church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Watson and family, Port Hope, visited Mrs. A. Watson.

Mr. J. H. Sues, Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. E. Sues.

We are pleased to be able to report that Mrs. A. Watson is feeling a little better. We hope this coming week will see a great improvement.

**Ed Youngman's Column**

A rather enticing "advt" appearing in newspapers tells the reader to fill out, and send in the accompanying coupon, upon the receipt of which, the company's representative will call and demonstrate vacuum cleaners in the enquirer's home, FREE. The same ad informs the reading public that a beautifully rebuilt Electrolux, guaranteed for one year, can be purchased for less than \$18.

My wife wrote to the State Vacuum Stores, 521 St. Clair Ave., West, Toronto, requesting a home demonstration of a used machine.

A man duly arrived, demonstrated a used Electrolux, which he claimed was in good mechanical condition and which Mrs. Y. thought good enough to purchase at \$17.95, and for which the salesman gave a receipt guaranteeing the machine for one year from date of purchase; that all labour would be done free of charge for this period.

Being satisfied with the machine's performance, and the salesman's statements, we paid for it with a cheque. The deal was closed.

Within five minutes of the salesman pocketing our cheque and giving us a receipt he stated that we could not expect much from such a cheaply bought machine. He told him we were satisfied. He left!

Within two hours he returned and secured permission to demonstrate a new vacuum cleaner, which he offered to sell, allow-

ing us \$50 for the second-hand one we had so recently purchased for \$18.

My wife said NO. He then asked her to loan him the used machine as he wished to demonstrate it to another housewife in the Pontypool district. Butch allowed him to take it, upon his leaving a new machine as security. He promised to return the borrowed Electrolux within three or four days. Exactly one week later he called on us. He and I started chatting at 7:30 p.m. At five minutes past one a.m., I asked him if he would mind if I went to bed. During that five hours and 35 minutes neither of us had mentioned the words "Vacuum Cleaner." He then broached the subject of us purchasing the new machine, but was told bluntly to return the used Electrolux he had borrowed when he would be allowed to remove the new one. He immediately handed me my \$18-dollar cheque and stated that the machine he had sold us was no good; that he had taken it back to the Toronto shop to be repaired; that he wouldn't want US to be saddled

with such an unsatisfactory machine.

So at 1:15 a.m. he drove off with the new machine, while I tore up the cheque and trudged up the stairs to bed.

People who feel they have been "stung" don't like others to know it. My wife and I have decided to tell our readers what happened, in the hope they (the readers) will not experience a similar situation.

If the salesman is using the methods herein described, without the company's knowledge, the company should be notified. If the company IS aware of this salesman's methods and condones such conduct, then it is high time the public was put wise.

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**THANY**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. Mervy Fortson, with the worship service conducted by the President, Mrs. T. J. Jackson. The entire meeting was along the line of Stewardship, which used to be considered in terms of property or money. Now it is realized that all of our lives are a stewardship . . . our minds, our personalities, our time and abilities, our possessions, and most of all we are stewards of the gospel of love. Scripture readings all bearing on this subject were given by Mrs. C. Rowan, Mrs. M. Forteous, Mrs. G. Waddell, Mrs. H. Jakeman and Mrs. W. Rowland. Prayers were offered in gratitude for gifts received and guidance asked for wisdom in the use of gifts and responsibilities. Discussions were led by Mrs. Milby, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Waddell regarding individual duties and privileges in the use and right to acquire money, the right attitude towards wealth, the duties of church members, etc. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer and lunch was served by the hostess.

Dr. H. W. Scott, Mrs. Scott and daughter Marjorie, Temiskaming, Que., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings over the weekend.

Congratulations to Mr. Percy Mantle who won the Junior Championship in the Percheron horse class at Millbrook Fair on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Staples and Miss Jeanette Staples, Lakefield, were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. James McKinnon.

Mrs. H. H. Ryley spent several days last week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Turnbull, Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hall and daughter Lynda, Whitby, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Driver spent Tuesday in Toronto visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jennings motored to Toronto on Wednesday attending the International Trade Fair.

Miss Laura Hutchinson, Toronto, was a recent guest with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Kennedy.

The girls' softball team had two wins last week. Playing in Baileboro their score was 33-2, on Tuesday night. In a home game here on Thursday, they trounced the Yelverton visitors 34-9. The boys' baseball team are on top of the heap, too. Their score in Friday night's game here against the Port Perry visitors was 12-5. Edmunds on the mound for Bethany hurled good ball all the way with Reynolds on the receiving end, and getting good field support. Port Perry got their two runs in the third inning. The home team played steady ball, counting one in the 1st, four in the 2nd, two in the 4th and five in the 6th. Richardson from Peterborough was the umpire behind the plate with Don Marks, Port Perry, on bases.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church met at the home of Mrs. Mervin Smith with 12 members present and Mrs. Charles Reynolds presiding. The financial report of the garden party held the previous week showed a net profit of \$90.00. The sum of \$11.00 was donated towards purchasing two more surplus gowns for the choir members. Mrs. Charles Smith offered her home for a progressive euchre party to be held on June 16. Rev. T. S. Gault closed the meeting with prayer, after which the hostess assisted by Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Rupert Wood and Mrs. Emory Smith served refreshments. There will be no

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