

Steer, Buffalo Horn Used in Furniture

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Ecologists would object to the 19th-Century "horn" chairs. This rather odd style seems to have been a hunter's lodge decor in Europe and the United States during the second half of the 19th Century. Steer and buffalo were found in quantity, and the large horns were saved for furniture.

As with all design ideas, there

were good and bad examples. Some well-known New York City decorating firms made horn chairs for appropriate rooms. Grace and proportion of a chair are always a testimony to the maker's skill.

The horns had to be used as they came from the animal. There was no extra shaping. Sometimes an extra piece of horn, metal, or leather held the parts together.

Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt both received horn chairs as gifts. Many Texas ranchers had rooms filled with horn furniture. The pieces were upholstered in leather, fur, or dark fabric.

Many collectors are searching for this as well as other types of Victorian furniture. They add a bit of whimsy to any home.



Unusual Horn Chair

WALKERTON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JUNE 25th, 1970

FOUR PM'S SLEPT IN WALKERTON

Pierre Elliott Trudeau was the fourth prime minister to stay overnight in this town.

Sir John A. Macdonald spent two days here in 1873, probably arriving on the newly completed Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was an overnight guest in the early 1900s. Mackenzie King was a frequent visitor here to the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Lay. Mr. Lay was manager of the Bank of Commerce here for many years leaving in July 1919 for the Barrie office.

Prime Minister Trudeau left Saturday morning from an im-

proved helicopter port at Exhibition Park, after staying overnight in Walkerton.

Two other Prime Ministers were day guests in Walkerton. The Honorable R. B. Bennett had dinner at the Hartley House around 1932. The new Cadillac V-16 parked on Jackson St. beside the hotel, held much more attraction for the kids of that day, than did the prime minister himself. The Honorable Louis St. Laurent visited here in June of 1950, when he spoke in the afternoon to a capacity crowd at the Arena.

WHEN PM VISITED WALKERTON



Arrival And Take-Off Of Prime Minister



Canada's Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who arrived at Douglas Point at 4 p.m., Friday, is shown in upper picture, a few minutes after the three helicopters bearing the

P.M. and his party, set down. In lower picture is shown Mr. Trudeau as he waves good-bye from his craft, minutes before it took off Saturday morning, around 10 o'clock from Exhibition Park, Walkerton.

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