

Tall Tales

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Heave Hi Heave Hi Ho

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All the river Ottawa the best man we ever saw was big Joe Mufferaw the old folks sayeeeh Come listen and I'll tell ya what the old folks say...
Yeah they say big Joe had an old pet frog, bigger than a horse and he barked like a dog-
And the only thing quicker than a train upon a track was big joe ridin on the bullfrog's back-
Heave Hi Heave Hi Ho-the best man in Ottawa was Mufferaw Joeeeeh... Mufferaw Joe....
Yeah they said big Joe used to get real wet from cuttin down timber and workin up a sweat
And everyone'll tell ya around Carleton Place the Mississippi dripped off of big Joe's face.
Hey Hi heave Hi hothe best...
Now Joe had to portage from the Gatineau down to see a little girl he had in Kempville town
He was back and forth so many times to see that gal the path he wore became the Rideau canal

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Yeah they say big Joe put out a forest fire halfway between Renfrew and old Arnprior
He was 50 Miles away down around

Smith Falls when he drowned out the fire with 5 spit balls.

Hey hi Heave Hi Ho-the best man in Ottawa was Mufferaw Joe...
Well he jumped in the Calabogie L. real fast & he swam both ways to catch a cross-eyed bass.
But he threw it on the ground & said "I can't eat that," So he covered it over with Mount St.Pat
Hey Hi Heave hi ho-
Yeah they say Big Joe drank a bucket of gin and he beat the livin tar out of 29 men-
And High on the ceilin of a Pembroke Club there's 29 boot marks and they're signed "with love".
Hev've Hi He hi ho...