

I-CONST. CLAYTON FRYER TELLS OF BLIZZARDS, DOG TEAM, ESKIMO

From the land where the average blizzard is 40 miles per hour, and for nine months of the year you travel by dog team, I/Const. Clayton Fryer, R.C.M.P., is home on leave. With the R.C.M.P. for four and a half years Clayton trained at Rockcliffe and Regina. He trained as an equestrian, too, but horses aren't much good at Pond Inlet on Baffin Island where he spent three years.

Mail and provisions come to the Mounties' detachment on Baffin Island just once a year at "boat time". That is also one of the few occasions that the inhabitants have a chance to see white men other than those already at the post.

Two police, a Hudson Bay Co. trader and his wife, an Anglican missionary and his wife, and two Roman Catholic Fathers are regular inhabitants of the post.

Eskimo Administration
The R.C.M.P. constables are concerned with the administration of Eskimo affairs which includes the distribution of family allowance through a system of credits, the administration of relief, and crime, as well as investigating the hunting and game conditions. To do all this the constables learn the Eskimo language but not extensively.

Last year Clayton Fryer left the post on a two month patrol that covered 1,300 miles by dog team. With him were two Eskimos who acted as guides and hunters.

The constable says the best time to travel is in March and April, the coldest months, because the dogs can work better. "Your face is always frozen when you go out," Clayton says, "because you have a combination of sun, wind and cold."

Patrol Eating
On the two month patrol, breakfast consisted of oatmeal, biscuits and tea. The noon meal was raw fish and the supper was "something like meat balls of frozen hash and beans." Seal might also be included.

The two dog teams that went on the two month patrol consisted of one team of 18 dogs, another of 17. Fryer's team carried the food and administrative material while the other carried dog food that weighed close to one ton at the beginning of the trip.

"Just what do you eat up there, when you are not on patrol?" we asked. Clayton's reply was rather startling for he claimed they ate the same things that we do down here.

Once a Year
The rations come in once a year at "boat time" and there is a good supply.

Food for the dogs is walrus, seal, bearded seal, harp seal, narwhal, white whale and fish.

An igloo is constructed every night on patrol, big enough to sleep three with the average number of blocks at 40. The blocks of ice are about one and a half feet tapered to three feet. A bear skin is put on the floor and then a winter caribou skin goes under each man. On top of that goes the elder-down sleeping bag that completes the preparations for comfortable sleeping.

A blubber lamp, operated on seal oil is lighted and left close to one of the Eskimo guides for drying clothes, mitts and supplying heat. The air in the igloo is never above freezing so you, eat your meal and go to bed to get as much sleep as you can.

Light and Dark
During the dark period that is about three months long, Clayton reports rising about 9 and going to bed to get eight hours sleep. That is for three months when you travel by moonlight.

In the light period, the sun is out 24 hours a day and for the other six months the light is normal. The fall is the best travelling season the northern veteran claims.

During the dark period the constables take week about-cooking. Drinking water is stored in a 45 gallon drum near the stove and trips to the nearest iceberg supply ice for the drum which provides the water. There is plenty of ev-

erything including food up there, Clayton says.
To keep warm the clothing worn by the police is a type of wool blanket material for the parkas, socks, mitts. The kamiks (moccasins) are covered by skin boots and in the 40 to 50 below weather deer skin socks are added. A wind resistant skin parka covers the duffel parka in cold weather. Cotton, duffel and deer skin pants may be worn if the weather is "really cold".

Layers of Tea
The Eskimos live in settlements of four or five families with a camp boss who is the best trapper, hunter and thinker. They are "layers of tea" and apparently they often appear for "mug-up-of tea" at the post when they are travelling.

An average family is three to four including the parents but the population is increasing rapidly. They are a short stocky race with a strong back and small feet.

Of course, the women are expert sewers and make all the shoes, which must be chewed. The woman chews for about a day on the sole of a kamik made of bearded seal. Her teeth are worn to the roots by the time they are about 40 years old. Narwhal provides the sinew for thread to make the skin clothes.

Children are carried in a hood on the backs of mothers. When baby starts crying, she stops chewing", Clayton tell us. The mother teaches the children the language by syllables, which is a type of sign lettering.

Boy and Hunter
The boys imitate their father by snapping a whip and at 10 years old they start to help their father. Before that they manage to play games and slide down hills on a seal or bearskin.

Eskimos, when meeting, smile their greeting and at other times they are expressionless. The husband hunts and traps and the wife does most of the work.

I/Const. Clayton Fryer enjoys his work and has had many interesting experiences in his three years at Pond Inlet on Baffin Island, administering the affairs of the Eskimo, our northern neighbor. No crime was reported during that three years.

HALTON FARM NEWS

Herb LaPier Tops Inter Club Beef Competition

The Ontario Boys' and Girls' Inter-Club Competitions and Junior Day for Girls' Homemaking Club, held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph on Friday of last week brought together a record number of Club Members from all parts of the Province. In the beef cattle competition open to two club members from each of thirty calf clubs in the province, thirty teams participated. Here a York County club took the trophy with the Halton Baby Beef Club team of Herb LaPier and Duncan Campbell in fourth place. Herb LaPier, of Omagh, however, had the high aggregate score of the sixty club members participating.

Forty-seven club teams competed in the dairy cattle project with the top award going to a club team from Dundas County. Halton had two teams in this project namely Allan Parsons and Gordon Bird, representing the Halton Holstein Club, and Bob Joyce and Dave Lillycrop, representing the Halton Jersey and Guernsey Calf Club. Both teams were in the prize money.

Halton was also represented in the Grain Club Project where 35 teams participated. The top award was won by a Hastings County Grain Club team Don Johnson and Don Joyce represented Halton's first-year Grain Club and Earl Wilson and Floyd Bridgen the second year club. The two teams were tied for twelfth place.

Twenty teams participated in the Swine Club Project. Here Renfrew had the top team and will represent

Fashion Hint



Ontario in the inter-provincial contests at the Royal, along with the other winning team.
Durham County with 21 clubs competing won the Potato Club Competition, with Elgin taking the top award among the seven poultry clubs. In the Tractor Maintenance Club Project Peel had the winning team among the 30 club teams participating. Halton was represented here by Alex Buchanan and Elmer Bird who placed ninth in the strong competition.

Other top awards included Lanark in the Forestry project; Oxford in Foods and Lanark in Clothing. The big day's programme concluded with a banquet where C. D. Graham, Ontario's deputy minister of agriculture was guest speaker.

Highest ranking in the boxes of everyday Jewellery this season are big coloured medals to pin at the throat of a blouse or wool dress. With gold or silver backgrounds these large ornaments are usually set with imitation Jewels in odd arrangements. With a chain they are increasing in popularity as well. With a blouse like the one pictured the girl pictured hasn't bought one yet—she likely soon will!

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Practical Hints' On Budget Conservation

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This is the way they dam the river. They open a "special purposes" account. Each pay day they deposit a fixed percentage of their major commitments, and then, when the time for heavy payments comes round, they can make them without undue strain.

If this idea appeals to you, why not come in and talk it over with Orme Hunt, the accountant at your local branch of the B of M? He'll be glad to help you open your own "special purposes" account.

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- The most advanced labour laws; expanded compensation and rehabilitation for injured workmen.

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- Trans-Canada Highway under construction.
- Grants for municipal roads multiplied nine times—now \$27,000,000 annually.
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- St. Lawrence power development to commence.
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- Plans for modern telephone system for our rural people.
- Private and public rental housing speeded under Federal-Provincial agreement.
- Railway level crossings to be abolished by three-way plan.

TO CONSERVE OUR RESOURCES

- Forest wealth preserved as part of vast conservation program. 20,000,000 trees provided annually by Government nurseries.
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