

Mr. John's Trip To Holland

Written by W. Laatsman who is now a resident of Richmond Hill. He has been one year in Canada and as will be noted by the following he has mastered the English Language remarkably well.

Mr. John was a Canadian, and lived his whole life on the lonely prairie of the far west.

On a fair day he could see to the far west the Rocky Mountains arise high in the sky, and then his heart beat faster at the thought of being able some day to travel beyond this mountain to visit all these foreign countries. Then he liked to cultivate his own mind and soul as he cultivated the soil of his country.

He was always trying to cultivate his heart with the beautiful ideas written in the novels and poems of the peoples living across the sea. He would drink their fresh thoughts and ideas as the thirsty prairie drinks the rain falling after weeks of hot sunshine.

At last he stood on the deck of the ship, crossing the Atlantic at high speed. He heard the rolling of the sea against the sides of the boat. It sang a melody of thoughts, a poem full of strange hope.

In the east the sun of Holland arose yellow and gold in the sunshine. His heart beat faster then, it was the country of his late mother and father. He saw in his remembrance her nice face again, her dark hair and blue eyes as she spoke to him in the early days of his youth about her mother land.

He saw again the tears coming in her lovely eyes as she sang in the twilight the songs of her people, of her own youth.

He saw the dunes of Holland arise in the sky, and beyond these dunes he would visit the city of his mother the house she had lived as a child, the woods and fields where she had walked arm in arm with the love of her life, with his father. Someone tapped on his shoulder, he turned himself, and saw an officer standing behind him.

"Only two hours, sir, and we are ashore."

"Thank you, but tell me sir, I am a little troubled you know, I need an hotel at Rotterdam, and I should like to ask you if you can recommend a good one to me? He took the arm of John and said in a low voice.

"Do not bother, Mr. John you don't need anyone I bet you.

John looked wonderingly at the officer, the latter remarked it and continued.

"My friend you come from the prairie, from the great, vast lovely prairie. You have never seen the happy life of an European city, you have never lived in the struggle, not for life, but for happiness, for love and joy of Rotterdam, Amsterdam, the Hague, you have never walked the lighted streets at night-time amidst crowds of people, and listened to the dancing melodies from cabarets and restaurants. And then my friend, after you lived a few days among this people, you never will ask me the address of a good hotel. I tell you Mr. John, I am a boy of Rotterdam, and every time I see again the towers of this City arise in the sky, I am glad and happy. I love the views of New York, with his skyscrapers, his grandness, his struggle in business and trade. But never can the world give me these nights full of joy and happiness, of dreams and songs, as my old city of Rotterdam can give. But I am sorry Mr. John I have to leave you, see you again."

He left Mr. John, alone on the bridge. He saw a sailor near the mast, raising the Dutch flag near the Union Jack. It was a revelation in his heart a revelation of his own life; his body it was Canadian in every vein and bone, but his heart, his soul, the dutch soul of his mother.

A few hours after, John walked the Cooleingel the big artera, the crowded avenue of Rotterdam. It seemed to him as if the whole population of this big city of 500,000 souls was strolling around in the street. Ensigns lightened in bright colors sent their lights in the dark sky.

Policemen stood on every corner of the street, they wore a white cape and held in their left hand an electric light to direct the traffic, that was as heavy as in any city of the States.

Musicians were playing before the restaurants, the chairs and tables stood on the trottoirs and thousands of people were sitting in the open air, sipping their coffee, tea or beer.

John took a seat too near some young people who were singing a song of love. He ordered some coffee and wondered himself the waiter could speak fluently English. The young men at the table looked at him, and one of them asked him.

"You are English sir?"

No Sir, I am Canadian.

"Canadian, so, lovely country Canada sir."

"You stayed there?"

"No Sir."

"How do you know then?"

"Oh Sir, I read many novels of Curwood you know I should like to see your country. It must be great. Waiter some beer please, and one for this gentleman too. The waiter came back and put the glasses of golden beer on the tables.

The youth arose, they took their glasses in their hands, and as one they cheered.

"Hurrah! Hurrah for Canada!"

John arose to, his blood ran faster in his heart, the whole of his Canadian body trembled with joy and pride and with broken voice he said.

Thanks, gentlemen, and Hurrah for Holland too! They sat down again, the music played a song of dreams and happiness of love and sorrow.

John forgot his farm and the lonely prairie, he forgot his Rocky Mountains, his time, his hotel, and deep in the night he walked the streets in the company of the youths, and he too sang with rolling voice a song of happiness.

The morning came, the sun rose high in the sky and played in the curtains of the room, John awakened out of his dreams. He lay in a nice bed, in a big room. The bells of a nearby church were chiming. He wondered to himself how he came to be here in this room, in this bed, he did not know anything about it. Someone tapped at the door. It was the waiter of the hotel calling for breakfast.

"Say, said John, dear boy, how came I here?"

"Oh, said the waiter—with laughing voice—the cop brought you in last night sir, you were so happy you know."

The Cop? The police you mean? Yes Sir, the Police. He asked me to look after you.

Don't bother about it Sir, it's the Dutch way to do with happy fellows you know quite different in Canada Sir."

"Yes, said John, quite different, and he shook his head.

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Next. The little boy was in church for the first time. When the choir appeared, all in white Surplices, he whispered hoarsely, "Oh, see Daddy, they're all going to get their hair cut!"—Boston Transcript.

Athletic Ishbel—At the second stop she posed for photographers, holding in her arms the year old daughter of friends of her family, twins four months of age, and triplets five years.—Los Angeles Times.

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MARKHAM TOWNSHIP HOCKEY LEAGUE GAMES FOR FRIDAY NIGHT AND NEXT WEEK

After being washed out for the first seven games of the schedule, the Markham Township League will make another attempt to start their league with the following games being scheduled starting Friday evening, January 17th, up until next Friday night.

At the Unionville Arena there will be two games to-morrow night, when Milliken will meet the Falcons in the first game and in the second game Unionville will crash with Buttonville. These will be two good games and a large crowd should attend and give the boys their support.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st there will be two more lively battles, when Falcons and Agincourt will meet face to face in the first game at 7.30, and in the second game the new comers in the league, (Richmond Hill) will meet Milliken.

And to finish up the week, Friday, January 24—Buttonville and Falcons will meet in the first game at 7.30, and in the second game Agincourt will meet Milliken.

There is only one way to encourage the boys along and that is to attend these games and give them your support.

The first game each night will start at 7.30 sharp.

AGINCOURT WILL PLAY AT THE RICHMOND HILL ARENA TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8 P. M.

Richmond Hill "kiddies" will take the Agincourt boys on to-morrow night in a league game at 8 o'clock. This will be a good game and if the weather man will only call off his January thaw for a while this will be a "hum-dinger" of a game and will be worth coming to see. Richmond Hill have a team of all young boys from 16 to 24 and have only two of last years O. H. A. team playing. So come on fans give the "kids" your SUPPORT and see them play the game. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

RICHMOND HILL WILL PLAY AT UNIONVILLE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st

Richmond Hill will meet Milliken in the second game of the Markham Township Hockey League on Tuesday evening, January 21st at the Unionville arena, immediately after the first game.

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DATED at Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, this Fifth day of December, A. D., 1929.

JOHN M. BURDEN,
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Solicitor for the Applicant

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mary Isabella Batstone, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, and Province of Ontario, Married Woman, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the next Session thereof for a bill of divorce from her husband, Ernest Alfred Batstone, of the said City of Toronto, and County of York, and Province of Ontario, Chauffeur, on the ground of adultery and desertion. Dated at Toronto, this twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1929.

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We all admire the graceful, well-poised woman and the man of good carriage. There is in the appearance of these individuals a look of efficiency, energy and of physical and mental alertness which we admire. The drooping round shoulders and relaxed abdomen of persons who careless of their posture do not give the impression of the existence of those qualities of life which we know make for success and happiness. We should not judge by outside appearances, because it is quite true that appearances, on occasion are deceiving. This is not so often the case with the human body because, outwardly, it is the reflection of what we might call the true or inner man.

Right posture, good carriage, proper poise are all desirable. Their absence constitutes a serious loss to the individual. This is not merely a matter of an attractive personal appearance, but is considered rather on the physical basis that when for example, the person is flat-chested, the organs of the chest — the lungs and the heart — are constricted, and the abdominal organs are forced downwards and out of place. When the internal organs of the body are forced out of their natural position, they cannot do their work properly, and so we see that poor posture may be indirectly the cause of some internal organs being displaced.

In good posture, the individual stands to his full height, head up, chin in, chest high, the lower abdomen flat and the spine straight. In sitting, the forward bend should be from the hips, the head and body should be in a straight line, with the feet resting evenly on the floor. In lying, the body is stretched out, not bent, constant lying on one side is avoided, a low pillow, or no pillow at all, is used.

To secure and maintain good posture, the body must be given attention. The muscles of the back and the abdominal muscles are not sufficiently used by such people as office workers, with the result that they give way and the lower abdomen becomes prominent. Exercise in any form of games or otherwise, which brings into play the muscles which are little used in our work life, is needed. Specially devised exercises to deal with particular posture defects generally give good results. Good posture is a product of good health which comes from proper care of the body.

Question concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

NOT COMPELLED TO NAME INFORMANT

A bill to prevent reporters and other newspaper employees from being compelled to disclose, in any legal or legislative proceedings, the source of any news or information procured for publication, has just been filed with the clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives by a Representative Michael Zack, of Lynn.

The bill provided that "no person engaged or employed on or connected with a newspaper or journal shall be compelled to disclose in any legal proceedings or trial, or before any committee of general court or elsewhere, the source of any news or information procured or obtained by him and published in said newspaper or journal.

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In its five years of operation as a subsidiary of the department of colonization and development, Canadian Pacific Railway, the Canada Colonization Association has placed 4,225 families on 836,000 acres of land in western Canada, Colonel J. S. Dennis, president of the association, submitted to its directors at Winnipeg recently. The association has at present opportunities to settle 1,507 families on 332,596 acres in the prairie provinces.

Cash prizes exceeding \$200,000 will be offered at the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference to be held at Regina, August 1-13, 1932. The major prizes totalling \$70,000 will be for wheat. It is aimed to have field tests to verify the purity of the grain and also to have milling and chemical tests to establish quality.

Immigration to Canada during the six months, April 1 to September 29, 1929, totalled 120,338, of which 51,781 were British; 20,709 from the United States; 21,891 from north-western Europe, and 25,957 representing 33 other races. Total immigration same period of 1928 was 123,713.

Official opening of the enlarged Empress Hotel at Victoria to which a huge addition has recently been completed at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000 will be held December 21, it is announced by H. F. Mathews, general manager of Western Canadian Pacific Hotels.

Gold produced in Ontario in the first nine months of 1929 had a value of \$24,735,562, or in excess of a million dollars over value of production in first nine months of 1928.

Breaking all previous records for handling of Japanese oranges, a special Canadian Pacific Railway train consisting of 22 cars of the Oriental fruit, arrived at Winnipeg recently about 60 hours after leaving the coast, in time for the first Yuletide oranges to be on the market. The whole consignment from the coast consisted of 69 box cars holding a total of 8,250,000 of the Japanese delicacy.

About 2,809,000 fry and 240,000 eyed eggs, a total of 3,049,000 prospective fish, was the record output of the Banff hatchery this past season. The eggs were conveyed with difficulty by pack horse to the Bear Creek Valley watershed of Lake Louise. The fry were widely distributed over western areas.

Statistics show an increase of 1,036 vessel arrivals in the Port of Vancouver for the first nine months of this year above the number for the same period last year. Net tonnage shows an increase of 251,648 tons inward while outward tonnage shows a corresponding increase. Gain in arrivals was made up by 22 more deep-sea vessels; 22 foreign coastwise; and 992 more local coastwise.

Editors representing the leading farm papers of the United States will tour Eastern Canada by special train next summer as result of a joint invitation extended to the American Agricultural Editors' Association at their annual convention recently held at Chicago, by representatives of the Canadian Government and the Canadian Railways. The tour of Canada will last fifteen days and will afford the visiting editors an opportunity to study the agricultural and industrial development of the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Naughty Boy—George Ade falls, breaks arm running from bath.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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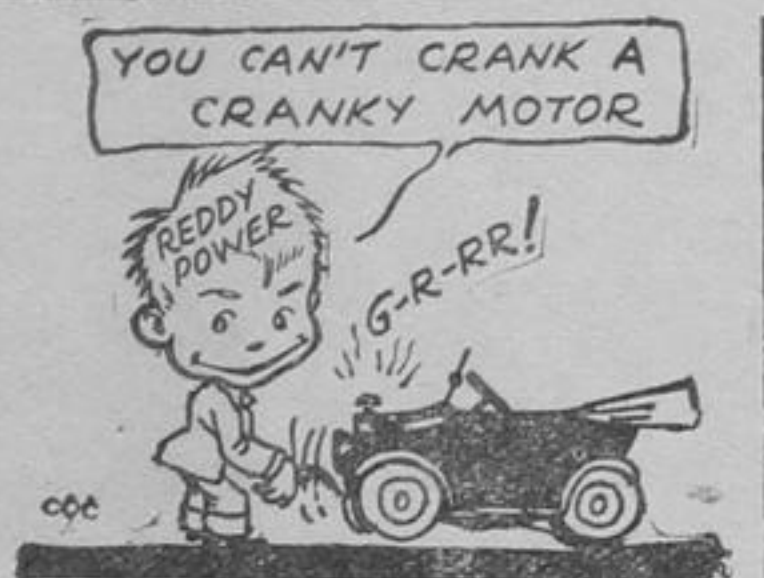
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