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Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, the Treasurer will proceed to sell the land on the day and at the place named in such list published in the Ontario Gazette. The date of the sale named in the said list is the sixth day of November 1941, at ten o'clock a.m. Standard Time. The sale will take place at the office of the Treasurer of the Township of Vaughan in Maple, Ont.

Dated at Maple this 18th day of July, 1941.

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(This is the second instalment of a series designed to interest visitors in the interesting sights and things spread over Ontario. It is an extraordinary thing that some of our communities seem to have no knowledge of the very things they have that would interest tourists. None of the features listed here are advertised.)

Second Instalment (By J. W. Curran)

The first white resident of Ontario was a little French boy, Etienne Brule, — born at Champigny in France, about 60 miles north west of Paris. He came out to Canada with Samuel Champlain in 1608, and in 1610 volunteered to go to Huronia (in Simcoe County) which had a population estimated as high as 40,000. He was taken on the St. Lawrence by these Indians up the Ottawa and down the French River to Lake Huron and thence south to Penetang Bay where he landed about August 1, at Toanche, which was on what is now Michaud's Point. He was so young that the Indians of Cahiquie (at Hawkstone on Lake Simcoe), did not want to take him. They told Champlain that if anything happened to him the French would blame them. He was to learn the language and act as a sort of French envoy. It cannot now be determined if he went to Cahiquie, but the tribe of the Hurons which lived there took charge of him. They had first come in contact with the French and so the French trade "belonged to them." Thus it would seem he went there with his guardians.

But if he did go to Cahiquie first he moved from there to Toanche some time afterwards because it was the chief landing place of Huronia, and most convenient for the Ottawa route. It was at Toanche that Brule was killed and eaten in 1633 by the people of that place. The other clans in Huronia resented this so much that the people of Toanche were in danger of reprisals for years after.

Brule probably discovered all of the great lakes. He was certainly on Lake Superior previous to 1623 as he showed to the Recollect Sagard a piece of native copper he had secured there. He told Sagard he had named the rapids at the Soo, Saut de Gaston after the French King's brother.

Having received no pay from Champlain, Brule jumped to the Caen Company about 1622 and thereafter Champlain heaped abuse on him. He explored south to Chesapeake Bay. His quick wit saved him from the stake when captured in 1615 by the Iroquois. His grave near Toanche might be located. No memorial has been erected of him, except a tablet at the Soo rapids. Hawkstone can safely assume Brule first lived there. It should erect a roadside tablet to him.

ANOTHER INDIAN SHRINE

The "standing rock" of the old Petun Indians is located some miles south of Collingwood. The old legend was that all souls passed it on their way to the happy hunting grounds. In Collingwood is a museum built up by Dave Williams of the Enterprise-Bulletin, an outstanding example of what all our towns should have. It is Collingwood's greatest drawing card. Close by are the Blue mountains where hundreds of years ago there was an Indian tobacco industry, and one of these towns was named "the curing place".

THE FISH WEIR OF 1615

In old Huron days Lake Couchiching was called "Contarea" or Little Lake. Beside it through the Narrows was Lake Simcoe or "Wentaron" or Big Lake,—"oven", large, and "ontara", lake. In the Narrows probably yet can be recovered pieces of the saplings of the old Huron weir or fish pond where Champlain's war party of 1615 was provisioned for its campaign against the Iroquois. Near by two Lorraine crosses given to the Hurons by a pious lady in France were found years ago. The absorbing story of Huronia was told by Parkman in his "Jesuits in North America", as well as in Rev. A. E. Jones' "Old Huronia". Simcoe County should condense the story for tourists.

NORSE WEAPONS FOUND

Seven miles from Lake Nipigon on a good road is the place near Beardmore where James Edward Dodd dug up in 1930 the authentic

armor of a Viking,—a Norseman's sword, axe and the handle of a shield. Some experts say these were made in the 10th century and others place them as early as 800 or 900 A.D. The Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto gave Dodd \$500 for them. The location of the find is not marked but visitors can find it.

At Cutler, Ontario, a French officer's sword of 1650 was found four years ago. On Manitoulin Island and at Port Caldwell two others. At Port Arthur a copper vase of beautiful workmanship was found at 29 feet in the digging of a drain. It was in the possession of Capt. J. McConnell, of Port McNicol, during his lifetime.

BLIND RIVER'S STONE BOOK

A stone book, found about seven miles up Blind River from the town of the same name on Lake Huron, puzzled all the experts. Finally Cambridge University, England, was consulted and Prof. E. H. Minns, Disney Professor of Archaeology there found the sculptured "pictures" on the two covers had been "common in Italian prints of the 14th century," (1300-1400 A.D.) On one cover is a representation of the angel announcing to the Virgin Mary the coming birth of her son. On the other cover is a representation of a stone church. This with the iron hand, the brass crucifix and many other relics of general interest are in the Soo Star's collection.

ONTARIO'S FIRST FORT

The walls of Fort Ste. Marie on the Wye River near Midland are mostly rubble now but the bastions at its western end are still several feet high. It was built in 1639 and destroyed by the missionaries themselves in 1649 when they left Huronia to escape the Iroquois. The magnificent Martyrs' Shrine Church is close by.

The Bruce copper mine was opened in 1842, perhaps the first in North America outside of Mexico. The residence of a manager, the Marquis of Queensbury, is now used as a hotel. Bruce Mines yet has descendants of its old Cornishmen brought out to work the mine.

THE THREE ALGOMA CATS

This is the story of the Three Algoma Cats that are famous all over the north and why they passed through Bruce Mines on the run. Folks there all explain the matter carefully in detail.

It seems according to the version given this person that a stranger from Cobconk or Toronto, (let us say), noticed a cat galloping west through the main street, with tail flying in the wind and putting everything it had into the effort. Now a cat scurrying along a back fence, for instance, is not an unusual sight or one calculated to arouse undue interest in the beholder. But there was something about the cat in question that stirred curiosity, even if one was worried about where the next meal was coming from, or the collar was too tight, or in fact any one of a set of circumstances which tend to get one's goat.

So when a second cat came along in the wake of No. 1 with a determination to overtake it plainly apparent, the man from Cobconk (or Toronto) was interested but endeavored to dismiss the matter from his mind, although his wife was overdue half an hour fixing her hair.

But when the third cat raced along the street, the stranger's curiosity got the better of him. One or two cats could be explained perhaps but not three. It is well known for instance that when you find three fence posts in line, there is evidence of design by somebody and even human effort. We are not here contending that fence posts and cats are governed by the same immutable laws but you know, one cannot help wondering in certain circumstances.

So he says to a native, he says "say, why should three cats scurry through this town one after the other at top speed?"

The native shifted his cud and says "Brother, them cats has a purpose in what you have observed this morning. Y'see, most of this terrain here is rock, but about a mile down the road is a little earth."

"The best thing for you to do," said the doctor to the man with a nervous complaint, "is to stop thinking about yourself and bury yourself in your work." Good Heavens!" said the patient, "I'm a concrete mixer."

Those British!

It is little wonder that other peoples are unable to understand the British people, when few British really understand themselves. The fact of the matter seems to be that they are so human that they almost appear inhuman. At the present time, with death raining on them from the skies, they go about their daily business as if life were of little moment. At least there is little fear of death evidenced on any side. Yet at the same time, if one turns aside from the daily dangers, it will be noted that the British apparently have an almost exaggerated devotion to the saving of life. Some months ago a Hun air raid destroyed much valuable property and caused the loss of many lives. Incendiary bombs, as well as explosives, did enormous damage. Every effort — even in the face of the most serious danger — was made to see that all the dead were given formal and dignified burial. The injured were hurried to hospital, and, as usual, the doctors and nurses showed heroic and self-sacrificing devotion to their care. One baby, fifteen months old, was brought into St. Bartholomew's hospital, with two-thirds of his little body burned. With all the other cases, surely this child with scarcely a chance for life under the best circumstances, would be allowed to die — one among so many. Instead, nurses and doctors stole time from sleep to care for that baby. A special saline bath was constructed for the baby and all the skill and experience of specialists given to an unknown youngster. Today the child is fully recovered—a modern miracle. Can any gangster nation — any combination of gangster nations — conquer a people like this?

When a Timmins lady — English by birth and breeding — was told of this incident of the child upon whom so much care was lavished, her reply was an instant demand to know why the child should not receive that special attention, when all the British people had given so much thought and care for their pet dogs and cats and birds. Those that could not be sent to places of safety were disposed of as humanely as science knew. To brutal minds, it must indeed be difficult to understand how so much kindness and sentimentality for the weak and helpless can go with a courage that laughs at danger and at death. The British poet gave the answer:—"The bravest are the tenderest; the loving are the daring."—Timmins Advance.

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