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there. That sly old bugger. I've been paying two and a quarter for Toronto eggs when I could get them at the IGA for a buck seventy-five. I should have known he was too lazy to make maple syrup, too. Costco syrup probably. I'm stopping by the farm and if that damned dog is off the chain, I'll charge him for not having his dog under control."

The dog ran to the end of the chain nearly strangling itself in an effort to reach Constable Leeks, its one reddened eye glaring hatefully. Leeks executed the OPP knock on the door. BAM! BAM! BAM! Old Sanderson eventually pulled the door open, unshaven, dressed in baggy woolen trousers, braces, and a long underwear top. "What'cha want?", he said.

Leeks got right down to it, "Where do you get your eggs? You got no chickens!"

Sanderson said, "From my sister, eh? She lives on the Royal Road. She's got a whole mess of laying hens. She can't sell the eggs though, 'cause people don't go by there much.."

"Damn", Leeks said, "You had that man from Toronto nuts. You told him your son bought them home on the weekends from the city."

Old Sanderson doubled over, wheezing and coughing. "Jeez I like to get them guys! He was all mad was he?"

Leeks said, "Well. I'm here. Might as well sell me a dozen of your sister's finest."

When the transaction was complete, Leeks' parting shot was to say, "You know, you're not doing any good to the tourist business", and he stalked back to the cruiser and spun out of the yard.

Old Sanderson smiled.

He didn't have a sister.

- George Underhill

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