

CRUELTY INFLICTED ON AIREDALE DOG BY INDIAN

Animal at Metagama in Deplorable Condition Through Ill-Treatment as Sleight Dog

The following letter, a copy of which has been received by The Advance, was sent some days ago to The Sudbury Star and The North Bay Nugget. It explains itself.

The Editor:
Dear Sir:—Some time ago I wrote an article for one of the outdoor magazines on the subject of the cruelty to which our Northern sled dogs are commonly subjected. This article was sent for distribution to several of the North Country newspapers. The editor of The Timmins Advance when reprinting the article, suggested that it might be slightly exaggerated, no cases of the extreme cruelty which I had described having ever been seen in the Timmins district. If the editor of The Advance will just run up to Metagama just now for a day, or for the hour necessary for him to catch the east bound train back home, he will see something that will convince him that my reports were probably correct. Three weeks ago an Indian by name of Penassi, from Sturgeon Falls, Ont., got off the C.P.R. train at Metagama with a dog, to go into the woods to trap. I did not see the dog when he came off the train, but the wife of the agent at Metagama on my return commented on the "lovely Airedale" that an Indian had taken into the bush with him; she described how friendly and playful, and full of life he was, all of which I recall very distinctly. A pedigree dog, and an Indian, I thought; not an encouraging combination! Tuesday of this week, about an hour before dark looking up the railroad track I saw the Indian and the Airedale coming slowly down the track. The snow was wet and heavy, and the Airedale was pulling a toboggan loaded with all the Indian's equipment, three rifles, 2 pair of snowshoes, blankets, and cooking outfit. A good load for a much larger dog. On the Airedale's neck was a collar heavy enough for a large Husky or St. Bernard. Noticing the spent look of the dog, I stepped up to pet him; he was skin and bone; on the verge of collapse from starvation, and hardly able to stand. The heavy collar was still on his neck, and when he drew back, I saw his shoulders cut almost to the bone, and blood and pus oozing from the sores; where the heavy collar pressed against the fleshless collar bones. He wasn't a "lovely Airedale" any more, and the sunshine and the play had all gone out of him. I spoke to the Indian about it. He came outside, and reaching down with his dirty hands attempted to pull the hair and skin back over the raw and bleeding sores, exclaiming at the same time "Huh, I saw dogs worse than that when I was back at Moose Factory!" "How long has he been that way?" I asked him. "Huh, couple of days maybe," he replied indifferently. Can the reader imagine the torture the dog must have endured: the Indian's camp was 15 or 20 miles back from the track; the snow was wet and heavy; the Indian and a big 14 or 15 year old son

walked along empty handed, except for a heavy chain that was on the dog's neck, and by which he was jerked along when the torture on his shoulders became too much for him. One of my guides bought the "lovely Airedale" for \$5, and took him out of the collar, out of pity. I disinfectant and treated the raw shoulders, and he limped away to the guide's cabin, with no heart or life in him. Today is the fourth day I have treated him; the skin has broken through, and the bones would be exposed if it were not for an abscess the size of a good size turnip that has formed on the bruised shoulder. The dog is now hardly able to walk, and is suffering constantly from the pain in his shoulders. I threatened the Indian with immediate arrest. He explained he had no money, and was going out for Christmas. With a strict warning, I allowed him to go without reporting the case to the authorities. He is now in Sturgeon Falls, and it is my desire as a member of the Canadian Kennel Club, and a lover of dogs, to see that this man is prohibited in future from obtaining possession of another dog that would only fall victim to the same fate that overtook this helpless brute. If the Editor of The Advance has any doubts concerning the facts of this case, the dog is still here, and will be crippled for some time to come, and he will see an example of what an Indian can do to a dog in three short weeks. I am aware that there are some Indians who treat their dogs with a good deal of consideration and kindness, but from long experience with them, and from reading accounts of Indian treatment of dogs as far back as one hundred years (Ballantyne: Hudson Bay) the opposite seems to be more generally the rule. The above case discloses the need of a more active Humane Society in all of our frontier towns and settlements where Indians and white trappers, many of whom can give the Indian lessons in fiendish cruelty to their sled dogs, can be instructed and controlled. I would respectfully ask the interest and co-operation of all local dog lovers, and humane-thinking people towards this end.

Yours very truly,
M. U. BATES.

Metagama, (via Cartier) Ont.
(Note:—In sending the copy to The Advance, Mr. Bates adds a footnote saying that since writing the above the old guide informed him that he fears the Airedale is going mad with the pain in his shoulder. The dog is moving around the shack constantly with a wild look in his eyes. There is an abscess on his shoulder that must have a cupful of pus in it. Mr. Bates is planning to send the dog to Sudbury for treatment by a veterinary. All of which adds to the good opinion in which all will hold Mr. Bates, for it is true beyond question, as the poet said, that "the bravest are the tenderest," and the man who is stirred by cases of cruelty to the helpless is the real man and the real sport. In regard to Mr. Bates' reference to what The Advance said on a previous occasion, his letter does not alter the former statement by this paper. The Advance has not known of any such cruelty being perpetrated here or near here. To know of such cases would mean prompt legal action for the fair name of the country. The Advance has no intention of questioning any of the experi-

ences related by Mr. Bates. His reputation is such that his word is easily accepted. But The Advance would repeat that no such horrible cases have come to notice in this district, and The Advance sincerely hopes they do not exist. It may be taken for granted that Mr. Bates will join in hoping that such cases are rare anywhere in this North. In the hopes of making them so The Advance is giving publicity to the letter from Mr. Bates, and would endorse very fully his call for "the interest and co-operation of all local dog lovers and humane-thinking people" to prevent cases of cruelty to dogs or other animals.—Editor The Advance.)

FATHER INJURED AND MOTHER SERIOUSLY HURT

Mr. P. T. Moislej Bereaved Last Week. Mother Still in Serious Condition from Auto Accident.

Word was received in Timmins on Friday of a serious accident near Grimsby that morning when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moislej, of Fenwick, father and mother of Mr. P. T. Moislej, of town, were seriously injured in an auto mishap on the highway near Grimsby. Mr. Moislej suffered a triple fracture of the skull and died in the hospital at St. Catharines about ten o'clock that evening. Mrs. Moislej had her collarbone fractured and was also injured internally. The extent of her injuries will not be known until after the X-ray plates are developed to-day.

So far as particulars of the accident are available, it would appear that a service car was approaching a car stalled by the side of the road as Mr. and Mrs. Moislej came along in their car. Mr. Moislej had apparently time enough to pass the standing car before the wrecker arrived, but as he came closer he saw that the big service car would not get him too close to the standing car, so Mr. Moislej put on his brakes, but the truck came on striking the car and throwing the occupants out with the injuries resulting as noted.

As soon as word was received here of the accident Mr. P. T. Moislej left by the first train for the South and he has been at home since. The deepest sympathy will go out to him in his sudden bereavement while all will sincerely hope that Mrs. Moislej, Sr., makes speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Geo. B. Gibson, general manager in charge of the service and sales departments of the Timmins Garage, spent Christmas at his home in Halleybury.

In reference to the S.O.E. Christmas Tree event mentioned elsewhere in this issue, special note should be made of some of the numbers on the programme by the young people themselves. Miss Alice Pinkerton gave a cornet solo, "Noel" and played it very effectively, winning much deserved applause. Hilda Tomlinson delighted the gathering with a violin solo, and little Dolce Bell danced a toe dance in very charming way. Mr. A. Jenkins looked after the youngsters in very able manner.

DECEMBER HONOUR ROLL MONETA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Classes at the Moneta Public School.

The following is the December honour roll for Moneta public school:
Room I—Jr. III—Iris Tilley 81, John Veinotte 80, Lily Feldman 79, Sarah Shankman 79, Annie Luckon 78, Elliott Bailey 78, Grace McQuarrie 78, Helen Spjuth 78, Harold Kulju 77, Annie McQuarrie 77, William Mason 77, Norina Tonnelli 77, Marion McKinley 76, William Ceconi 76, Benny Salvador 76, William Twaddle 75.

Room II—Sr. II—Earle Cavanagh, Melville Hirschfeld, Janet Garrow, Earnest Dukeshire, Freddie Mason, Isobel Thomas, Etorie Crocini, Ninfeo Delvillano.

Jr. II—Reginald Pope, Elsie Sundberg, John Asselstine, Kathleen Veinotte.

Room III—Jr. II—Oiva Waisanen 84, Louis Actio 76, Henry Malson 75, Frank Faulkner 75.

Room IV—Sr. I—Nellie Taylor 79, Elvira DeLuca 77, Jack Shaheen 76, Rita Mitchell 75, Helen Guidolin 75.

Room V—Jr. I—Norma Mahon 85, Ralph Johnson 83, Annie Delvillano 81, Grace Singleton 80, Harry Pannas 76.

Sr. Pr.—Louisa Tonelli 81, Earl Abraham 81, Flora Spadafore 78, Arnold Uhlir 77.

Room VI—Sr. Pr.—Yole Manero, Alice Thomas.

Jr. Pr.—Vera Sivain, Mary Bennet, Margaret Sora.

Room VII—Jr. Pr. A. Class—Herbert Langdon, Sam Grimaldi, Wilfred Mason, Ross Brownlee, Dorothy Smith.

B. Class—Danelo Marcz, George Walker, Bob Laidlaw, Rosslyn Ralph, Winnie Konig.

Room VIII—K.P.—A. Class—Clifford Way, Carleen Colborne, Gerald Hirschfeld.

B. Class—Vasco Candussa, Domenic Guistine, Mario Di Marco.

C. Class—Donald Harvey, Elton McCord, Pasquale D' Allesandri.

Miss Helen Van Horn, of Iroquois Falls, and Miss Iva Van Horn, of Monteth, were week-end visitors to Timmins.

The next band concert will be held during the month of January, 1929, the event being a special Welsh Night that will be looked forward to with great interest by music-lovers.

The inquest into the death of George Ferguson, the settler of Kearns township, near New Liskeard, who succumbed to burns received while rescuing his children from their burning home recently, will likely be held the beginning of the New Year. The inquest has been adjourned several times, the more recent delay being caused by the fact that some of the witnesses were in homes at Silver Centre and Milberta where the premises were quarantined for scarlet fever. It is expected that the quarantine will be lifted in a day or so.

McINTYRE BOWLING LEAGUE SCORES FOR PAST WEEK

Arnott, Tonkin and Weber Lead the Winning Teams in Bowling at Schumacher Last Week.

The following are the last bowling scores for the McIntyre Bowling League:—

Arnott			
D. McKie	207	155	189
W. Mair	198	158	183
Dr. Weston	269	131	294
Dr. Honey	164	211	223
C. Arnott	214	259	205
	1052	914	1094

Arnott, 4 points.

Angrignon			
E. Angrignon	250	177	233
H. Cook	167	179	234
M. Flora	156	156	173
W. Staples	172	124	296
R. Proulx	198	159	233
J. Langley	153	155	308
	940	795	997

Angrignon, 0 points.

S. McMillan			
T. Feldman	223	224	240
H. Leng	139	179	139
J. Griffith	221	224	167
J. McNeil	177	112	289
S. McMillan	187	260	162
A. Boutet	143	216	359
A. Lee	163	163	163
	947	963	948

S. McMillan, 1 point.

Tonkin			
C. McDonald	120	120	120
J. Murray	187	173	192
L. Wilson	216	167	161
J. Jelbert	191	225	239
W. Tonkin	239	215	242
B. Cousineau	175	149	324
	953	955	983

Tonkin, 3 points.

Weber			
W. Weber	214	214	238
S. Bonnell	215	184	207
M. Attilio	236	217	125
G. Garvey	147	206	185
T. Yorke	216	293	166
	1028	1114	921

Weber, 3 points.

M. McMillan			
P. Jenkins	171	178	230
M. E. Welt	159	166	185
H. Moore	151	151	253
J. Campbell	155	155	225
M. McMillan	210	246	179
	846	896	1072

M. McMillan, 1 point.

Mrs. H. Beaudin has just returned from Ottawa where she has been in hospital for three months for specialists' treatment.

The sale of Junior Hockey Club membership tickets to finance the season's hockey, instead of seeking donations from business men and others, will be speeded up and completed as soon as the holiday is over, and if all interested buy a membership ticket there will be ample funds to finance the season's sport here.

Welsh Male Choir at United Church Service

The special feature at the Christmas service at the United Church on Tuesday was the singing of the Welsh Male Choir. There was a large attendance at the service which was held at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. All present were delighted with the pleasing music provided by the Welsh Male Choir. The choir, which was composed of 15 or 20 excellent voices, provided a large part of the music for the occasion and their singing was greatly appreciated. The address by the Rev. Mr. Parks at the service was appropriate and inspiring, his theme being "Love and Harmony."

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THE PRINCE OF WALES IN UNSTUDIED POSES
No more likeable chap can be found anywhere than the British heir apparent, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Here he is in seven unstudied poses: Top, left to right; on horseback during one of the famous Quorn hunts; as an honorary colonel of the Scottish Guards; attending the village celebration in the down country, and out for a stroll in Hyde Park. Below, the prince as an interested spectator at a football game; hunting tigers in India, and as the camera caught him at the Derby this year.