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Paul Bunyan, the legendary hero of the lumberjacks, for many years was a source of interest and amusement to the men who worked in the bush in this North. During the day there were odd references to Paul as the work went on in the bush or on the river, and at nights the men talked much about the wonders of Paul Bunyan. The fame of Paul Bunyan spread to the outside world. Indeed, this original Canadian figure became so much of a world-known character that books have been written about him and several attempts have been made to collect the many stories about him. Of course, some of these books have centred his activities in the woods of Maine and Michigan, U.S.A., though the original Paul was Canadian-born and lived in Canada all his life, except for occasional forays to foreign parts. But such is life. To attempt to give any complete story of Paul Bunyan would require bigger volumes and more of them than anyone but Paul Bunyan himself could handle, and Paul has passed along. The only logical way to keep the story or stories of Paul Bunyan in circulation seems to be by the odd reference. That was the way Paul lived his life—on a grand scale, but without any cut and dried scheme. The Advance from time to time has been referring to Paul Bunyan and has published a lot of information about him, all of it guaranteed to be as true as any information coming from Sault Ste. Marie and just as funny. Here is the latest reference to Paul Bunyan as published last week in that treasure-house of interest and entertainment—the "Grab Samples" column of The Northern Miner:—

"Paul Bunyan invented the doughnut, with the assistance of his cook, Flap Jack Slim. To tell the whole truth it was a bit of an accident. Slim, who was strong on sourdough, let a cauldron boil over. The liquid dough poured out on the 10 by 20-acre range at the main coker; it flooded around the 5,000-gal. tea boiler. When the boiler had been removed, Paul gazed at the round hole in the centre, pried the big biscuit off the range, trimmed the edges around with a broad axe and rolled the doughnut out to the bush where the men acclaimed it as a new confection worthy of the traditions of the camp. After that the cookies could be seen every day labouriously wheeling them out for lunch. Eventually the size was modified to 110 diameters for home use.

"As a matter of fact one of Paul's principal troubles was supplying his men with a variety of food. The camp cranks were as hard to please then as now and after a few weeks of a new dish they would demand something else. This chronic dissatisfaction was responsible for another invention—corned beef. The particular winter which saw this delightful dish introduced found Paul and his gang logging in Algoma. They were a long way from their meat depot, which was in Kansas and occasionally there was a hitch in the line of communication, resulting in meatless days. The old practice of driving the beef up on the hoof had its drawbacks; the steers were two years on the way and had to feed en route. So Paul consulted Johnny Inkslinger and Big Swede and they decided to put up a cannery in Kansas, send the Blue Ox down once a year for a sledge load of meat. They had to pioneer in the packing industry. When they were through contriving the Kansas cowboys simply drove the steers in one door and the corned beef tumbled out the other, all canned. A man named Fray Bentos was boss of the works and to this day you will see his name on corned beef cans. This factory had some novel features. It was seven storeys high. The steers went in on the ground floor; tails, all ready knotted, flew out an opening on the second storey; beefskin moccasins rained down from the third; bones, neatly wrapped in bundles, were lowered from the fourth storey; mattresses stuffed with hair bounced down from the fifth; condensed groans, in five-pound packages fell from the sixth and from the top storey emerged the canned meat products. Fray Bentos was the only man on the job and he

never did have time to find out what happened to the horns which disappeared in the process mysteriously. "The tails could be had with one, two or three knots as desired; they were sold to fiction writers for plots. "The bones were eagerly sought by the darkeys of Dixie. Mattresses and shoe-packs went to Paul's camp. The condensed groans were shipped to New York for use in the vaudeville industry.

"Another of Paul's troubles arose from the rapidity with which he and his gang logged off the country. One winter, while working in the Cigarette Grass valley, the crew had such a splendid camping ground that they protested against moving. So Paul tried various schemes to keep in touch with his forest operations. Farther and farther each day the men had to walk to work. Eventually it was necessary to put on two shifts, one at work and one walking to work. Later three shifts were required, one walking to work, one working and the other walking back. Finally the distance from camp became so great that all the men were en route and those going out only reached the bush in time to turn around and come back, so that not a single tree was cut. Paul moved the camp with the Blue Ox, as usual and in order to make up for lost time he tried to make an arrangement with the moon to shine every night; but China protested and this scheme came to naught. About this time he had the Big Swede travel to the North Pole to investigate the Northern Lights. He reported back, saying that they were unreliable and anyhow it would take six months to move them down.

"This was the winter that Paul contrived the chain axe with four blades. The loggers swung them around in a circle and cut four trees at once. The first day they used the new tool no chips fell, but the third day they started to come down, burying the men. Logging was greatly speeded up that year by Paul's invention of the grindstone. Prior to that the men used to have to roll a boulder down a mountain, following it with the blade laid on the stone to sharpen it. And when they were logging in level country they used to have to bore a hole in a stone, fit it with shafts and run it around, with the men following and taking turns in laying their axes on for grinding. Paul perceived that it would be much simpler to set the stone in a frame and do all the sharpening right in the camp.

"The Bunyan grindstone was no ordinary one, but of a size to correspond with the other features of his gigantic logging operations. It stood eight pike poles high and was surrounded by a cribbing, with stages every seven feet, so that fifty men at a time could sharpen their tools, twenty-five on the upside and an equal number on the downside. Trouble arose over the job of turning the grindstone, so Paul installed wind-sails. When moving camp the stone was fitted up with side frames and the wheelbarrow was thus evolved. In this barrow Flap Jack Slim moved his bean kettle.

"In Paul's camp the little round white bean of modern commerce was unknown. In those days they used square beans for conveniences in taking in the depots which Paul established on the shores of the Great Lakes at strategic points. Besides piling better than the round ones these beans were easier to raft from place to place."

CANADIAN QUARTET RECORDS WELL KNOWN HAYDN CLASSIC

Music lovers in Canada will welcome the announcement of the inauguration of a Canadian Musical Masterpiece series on the Victor Records, the first release of which is the Quartet in F Minor by Haydn. In assigning to the Hart House Quartet the task of recording this well-loved suite, Victor could hardly have chosen better in all the length and breadth of the world. Fitting tribute has been paid to the musicianship of the four artists who make up this internationally famous group, and their interpretation of the quartet is something which will add to an already established position in the world of music. The Haydn suite, Opus 20, No. 5, is reproduced on three double-sided discs.

SAYS THAT THE ADVANCE IS A "WONDERFUL HOME PAPER"

In sending his subscription to The Advance from Gravenhurst, where he is at present P. K. Joseph writes in part as follows:—"I am glad to say your paper continues to improve week by week and is a wonderful home paper, though by numbering the pages of The Advance you would make it easier for many."

The Advance thanks Mr. Joseph for his kindly words and in regard to the numbering of the pages would say that this is recognized as a convenience if it were practical, but mechanical difficulties make it almost impossible. As The Advance has to be printed in sections, and as it is impossible to know the number of pages there will be in any certain issue at the time the first section is printed, and as "front page" requirements make it necessary that this first section to be printed is the second section of the completed paper it will be seen that there are difficulties about numbering the pages. However, there is one thing The Advance consistently tries to do and that is to avoid "turning-over" articles from one page to another, which is the bane of so many dailies, where an article is started on one page and then there is a hunt to find the continuation of the article on some other page, a difficulty that exists often even when the pages are supposed to be numbered. It is only in very occasional instances that The Advance has any of these "continued-on-another-page" articles.

To Film the Beauties of the Aurora Borealis

Equipped with motion picture cameras possessing an exceptionally high rate of speed, and with film sensitive to all the colours of the spectrum, three explorers and scientists, representing the United States government arrived in Winnipeg enroute for Churchill, where they propose to film the aurora borealis as a preliminary to the scientific investigations of Arctic atmosphere phenomena which will be conducted next year by parties sent by all nations interested in Arctic exploration.

These combined investigations are to be made next year because that is the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the first meteorological station in the Arctic regions.

In charge of the party is Capt. F. M. Williams. His companions are A. Louie, assistant scientist and camera man, and Robert Marshall, colour expert. It they cannot get what they want at Churchill, they will try to get farther North. Their stay in the North will last about six weeks.

An additional interest they will find awaiting them will be the loading of the first grain cargoes from Manitoba's ocean port. When they were told about it they decided that they will probably photograph the events of this historic occasion in true colours.

BRITISH COLUMBIA THINKS DOUKHOBORS ARE COMMUNIST

A despatch from British Columbia this week says that the government there has been appealed to by a group of members of the legislative assembly who claim that the 12,000 Doukhobors in the south of British Columbia are openly avowing communism and the lives and property of the settlers in the area are being threatened. Adequate police protection for the settlers is demanded for all living in the vicinity of the Doukhobors. It is said that the Doukhobors are instituting a reign of terror. Capt. Jas. Fitzsimmons, M.L.A., summarizes the situation by saying that nude parades, burning of schools and other buildings, open threats of violence, and other forms of disorder are coming to the surface right along and constitute a menace to the whole area. No indication has been given so far as to what the government of British Columbia intends to do in the matter, but it is understood that if the province does not take some action there will be an appeal to the Federal government for some form of assistance in guarding the lives and property of loyal British subjects in the area that is now said to be under the control, more or less, of the Doukhobors.

Sudbury Star—Synthetic silk stockings may be made out of air, says a scientist, but they will dissolve if washed. One understands, too, there would be difficulty about darning a run in a zephyr.

COBALT YOUNG MAN LOSES LIFE IN BOARDING TRAIN

Gilbert Stinson, aged 22 years, son of Fire Chief and Mrs. Wm. Stinson, of Cobalt, was instantly killed on Friday evening at Sudbury when he attempted to board a C.P.R. passenger train bound for North Bay. His body was cut in two by the wheels of the trains. The body was found just east of the iron bridge by two young men, John Bennett and Sam Turner, whose homes are said to be at North Sydney, N.S. They were walking along the tracks at 7.15 p.m. when they made the gruesome discovery. They found the lower half of the body first, and notified Chief of Police Loudon, who investigated the accident. The upper half of the body was found about 18 yards away from the other half. It is believed that part of the body was carried this distance by the train. The body was identified by means of a jitney-driver's license which the deceased had in his possession. His watch had stopped at 7.06 o'clock and it is thought that this would correspond with the time of the fatality. There were no eye witnesses of the tragedy so far as can be learned. It is believed, however, that in attempting to board the train the young man fell beneath the wheels and so met death. The despatches from Sudbury suggest that the deceased had left his home in Cobalt some time ago and was last heard of by his parents when he was in Sundridge. It is thought he was on his way to North Bay intending from there to proceed to his home in Cobalt. Surviving him are his parents and three brothers and to these there will be the sincerest sympathy extended in their tragic loss. The remains were sent to Cobalt for interment. An inquest was decided upon by Coroner Henry but it is not likely, so far as may be judged from the despatches that further light will be shed on the tragedy.

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