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CHELSEA'S NOTED BUNS.

All London Used to Visit Mrs. Hands on Good Friday. However religious observances may change in England, the eating of hot cross buns on Good Friday is not likely to die out. Still, enthusiasm in this particular has considerably declined since the days when Mrs. Hands kept the Chelsea Bun House at the corner of Jews' row, now Pimlico road. So many people were in the habit of flocking there on Good Friday in order to eat hot cross buns that on one occasion 50,000 persons assembled there, and £250 was taken in the day for buns alone. After this the inhabitants of Chelsea protested against the noise and disturbance this caused, and Mrs. Hands, fearing to be restrained by the law, issued in 1793 a quaint proclamation, stating how, "desirous, therefore, of testifying her regard and obedience to those laws by which she is happily protected, she is determined, though much to her loss, not to sell cross buns on that day to any person whatever, but Chelsea buns as usual."

This Mrs. Hands was something of a character in her own way. The royal family and many of the aristocracy used to visit her in the morning, and Queen Charlotte even presented her with a silver half gallon mug containing five guineas. The house remained in the possession of her family for some time, as Sir Richard Phillips, writing a few years before its destruction, mentions. After admitting that for upward of thirty years he had never passed the house without filling his pockets, he goes on to say, "these buns have afforded a competency and even wealth to four generations of the same family, and it is singular that their delicate flavor, lightness and richness have never been successfully imitated." When Ranelagh was closed, the Bun House declined in popularity, though as late as 1839 24,000 buns were sold on Good Friday alone.

POWERFUL VOICES.

Some Historic Shriekers Who Antedated the Famous Stentor.

The question has often been asked, "Who was the most loud voiced man of history?" The answer usually is that it was Stentor, of whom Homer says his voice was as loud as that of fifty other men combined and from which we get the phrase "stentorian voice." But we have record of two historic "shriekers" anterior to Homer. We read where Simeon and Levi fought against the twelve men of the city of Sarnot and that Levi beheaded one man with his own sword. In chapter 38, verse 41, of the book referred to the story is related in the following words: "And the sons of Jacob seeing that they could not prevail over the twelve, Simeon gave a loud and tremendous shriek, and the eleven remaining men were stunned by the awful shriek."

In chapter 39, same book, verse 19, we find the following account of the battles of the sons of Jacob with the inhabitants of the city of Gansh. It seems as though the battle was both in the front and in the rear and that the warriors on the wall were throwing spears and hurling stones upon the sons of Jacob. What next occurred, as related in chapter and verse above cited, is recorded in these words: "And Judah, seeing that the men of Gansh were getting too heavy for them, gave a piercing and tremendous shriek, and all the men of Gansh were terrified at Judah's cry, and men fell from the wall at the sound of his powerful shriek, and all those that were without as well as those within the city were greatly afraid of their lives."

The Canary Is a Little Pig.

The canary is always regarded as a small eater, just as the pig is notorious for his gluttony. People with small appetites are often twitted for not eating more than enough to feed a canary, and this led a man who was a tiny eater to watch the yellow bird and report.

He found that a canary that weighed 247 grains ate just thirty-two times its own weight in a month; that is, it ate rather more than its own weight on an average every day. Anyone who watches the little bird will notice that it is all the time eating. Now, says the investigator, a pig doesn't eat its own weight every day, glutton as it is. Hence he thinks that the canary deserves to be classed as a little pig.

Ran Without Legs.

A certain congressman has a smart granddaughter, whose clever sayings are the delight of her parents. The other day she came to her grandfather with her face all smiles. "Grandpa," she said, "I saw something this morning running across the kitchen floor without any legs. What do you think it was?" Mr. Congressman studied for awhile and gave up. "What was it?" he asked. "Water," said the youngster triumphantly.

Proceeding With Caution.

"Are you sure that your arguments are calculated to impress people with your punctilious principles?" "I don't want to impress 'em too strongly with my punctiliousness," answered Senator Sorghum. "If anybody is willing to sell out, I don't want him to feel scared about making a proposition."

Just a Way She Said.

Softly—that howl Miss Givings wearily laughed at me last evening, do you know. Miss Cutting—Oh, well, you shouldn't notice She often laughs at nothing.

Walls have ears, and the paper hanger doesn't cover them either.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

LINKS WITH THE PAST.

Our "Rude Forefathers"—Where the Old Trail Led—Early Settlers' Homes—Birth of the Village.

Buried in the wilderness, between two steep and thickly-wooded hills, dense with second growth and underbrush, with here and there a charred pine standing silent and forlorn, close to the natural clearing of a beaver meadow, and fronting the old trail from Sudbury to Wahnapitae, stands the ruin of a log cabin. Moss-covered, askew, windowless and with one irregular doorway, not one straight line or right angle in its whole composition, grown over and into and through by the encroaching, unchecked bush, the shack remains, forgotten and unknown. Built before Sudbury and the railway and situate two miles east of the town the casual passer-by on the trail would not notice it at all.

No doubt it was built and inhabited by some wandering trapper, long since moved further north in pursuit of the vanishing game and now gathered to his fathers. Possibly later a settler lived here, though no signs of cultivation are to be found in the natural clearing. Now it is doubly lost, for the road and railway pass two miles to the south, and the old trail is seldom tramped save by a wandering sportsman. Good eyesight he must possess who would follow it now, wandering at its own sweet will along the stream from Sudbury between the hills, always between, and in the easy places, curving sharply round a knoll, stopped short by a wind-fall, and all to guide the traveler, a few bent blades of grass, a scraped rock, a "blazed" tree, a broken branch, until the shack is reached. Then, plunging down a hill it disappears, further I have never followed it.

The hut itself is an interesting study—logs notched together at the ends, and doubtless chinked with moss and mud in years gone by, form the walls; the roof of pine slabs rests on poles, and the floor is terra firma.

Yet this was the class of "home" of the first settlers, the U.E.L.'s, and others earlier. And our great grandfathers lived like their houses—not only three score years, but on into the serene and yellow till centenarians were not rarities as at the present day. When a settler prospered—and many did—physical degeneration straightway followed, a larger house was built by his sons, clapboarded and of two storeys, the floors were laid and other seeming comforts, the old stone hearth and swinging crane, the iron dogs and spit—synonymous with comfort and hospitality—disappeared, and modern ugly box stoves—dead things with never a blaze to brighten—took their place. The "Dutch oven," an iron box buried in hot ashes, was superseded by the "elevated" abominations of modern times.

But the houses suffered most. After the log shack (to the prosperous) came the rambling homestead, and then high, narrow, comfortable structures, verandahs, became "stoops," and long French windows—open wide in summer to every vagrant breeze were done away, and in their place appeared the "sliding" windows of to-day, which "slide" or not, regardless of one's will. Then came the furnace—lurking in the cellar and filling all the house with dust and heating it until the present generation loathes a draught of pure air from open windows instead of villages, a high, square, false front, backed by a single gable ridge assumed the dignity of a store, and can still be seen in any village, though why the necessity of the "front" now nobody can explain, and this collection, growing, was called a town. Here row on row close packed together, like huge square boxes (and as picturesque), comfortable, unsanitary, stand the "modern" houses. Some tried "colonial style," where there was room, and out in front built up tall fluted wooden columns, with rambling rooms, and halls behind, and this was not so bad.

But soon the ever shrinking lots became so small that as they narrowed so the houses rose until, perched with all the modern "comforts" of furnace, gas, electric light, and air-tight rooms, with here and there a microscopic "grate" with artificial blaze, and every luxury the heart could wish—but air, a perfect palace from within, but outwardly a glaring eye sore of chopped-off gable gables, of tiny balconies, of jumbled towers, chimneys, doors and steps, and surrounded by the poisonous murk of factory flues and steaming sewer-grubbing creatures, this, for stunted young and feeble babes, but surely not a habitation for a man!

And our grim old rugged forefathers would smile again to see us now—our narrow shoulders, crooked necks, and babes in spectacles. "This your twentieth century civilization?" they would say: "live as we lived and die as we died in the days of long ago—the good old days of lusty youths and strapping lasses, of grey-haired laborers, who, at sixty, were in their prime, and lived to see their children's children grow up around them, and bless them when they died in white old age, their eighty, ninety winters o'er. In the days-of the spinning wheel, the cradle and the flail."—Hal, in Toronto Mail and Empire.

Canada's Butter.

The imports of butter into Great Britain from various countries in 1909 and 1901 were as follows, showing that Canada is gaining rapidly in this branch of trade with the Mother Country:

Table with 4 columns: Country, 1909, 1901, and a fourth unlabeled column. Rows include Denmark, Russia, France, Holland, Canada, Sweden, Victoria, U.S. of America, New Zealand, New South Wales, Germany, and Other countries.

A budding genius is all right until he begins to blow.

District News.

ITEMS OF INTEREST CLIPPED AND WRITTEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Mr. Sister, a man employed in the Knechtel Furniture Factory, met with a painful injury on Thursday of last week. It appears that a mammoth slier flew out of a machine with the force of a bullet and struck one of his hands, lacerating it very badly. He will be laid off work for two or three weeks.—Post.

A correspondent sends us the following news item: A very painful accident took place last Wednesday on the farm owned by Mr. Aken's, where Mr. Flynn was engaged digging a well. The well was 38 feet deep. The bucket became detached about ten feet from the top, striking the man on the shoulder, breaking his collar bone and driving the shoulder down. He was taken to his home in Berkeley. Dr. Oldham is attending him.—Clatsworth News

There are now sixteen rural municipalities in Bruce County, and at the June Session of the County Council in Port Elgin, a petition was presented signed by 67 residents, freeholders and tenants of St. Edmund's praying to be formed into a separate municipality. At present St. Edmunds is united with Lindsay. At the beginning of 1903 St. Edmunds will elect her own municipal officers. The Municipal Act provides for separation of rural municipalities by County by law on petition of not less than 50 residents and tenants. All except about 10 of the ratepayers of St. Edmunds signed the petition asking for separation from Lindsay.

This story comes from Carrick: A week ago Saturday a tramp called at a hotel in the eastern part of the township, and hung around the most of the day. On towards dark the landlord happened to look out of the back door caught sight of the tramp making off with a ham of pork from the smoke house. He at once gave chase, and captured the thief as he was getting over the fence. Instead of letting the tramp go with a warning and perhaps a kick or two, as most men would have done, he marched him into the stable, and locked him up in a box stall, where escape was impossible. Here he kept him without anything to eat until Monday morning, frequently exhibiting him to his friends during the Sunday. This is a very good example of summary justice.—Walkerton Telescope.

A practical farmer in touch with the live questions of the day, said recently: "Inside of five years I believe you will see electric railways on practically every leading highway of the Province. The power will be furnished by waterfalls, which are found all over Ontario—this system of applying motive force being rendered possible by the fact that electricity can be transmitted by wire for a distance of 20 to 50 miles almost without loss. In the establishment of these railways lies the hope of the farmers for cheap and convenient carriage to market of the small truck which is rapidly becoming the main element in the production of farms in this Province. Now is the time—at the beginning of this period of development—for the Provincial Government to devise thorough and effective means of controlling this system of transportation. It would be better still if the Government undertook the building and owning of such lines.—Ex.

The people of this community were shocked and deeply grieved on Monday night last when it was learned that Mr. Peter M. Munshaw, aged 73 years, had been fatally injured. Mr. Munshaw was leading a horse hitched to a plow past the Revere Hotel when another horse came running very swiftly out of the alley between the Revere and Knott's implement shop frightening Mr. Munshaw's horse which became unmanageable and tried to break away. The old gentleman endeavored to quiet the frightened beast, but was thrown violently to the ground where the animal tramped upon and kicked him. He also received a terrible blow over the right eye with the plow handle, and his chest was broken and crushed in. Medical aid was summoned at once and Mr. Munshaw was removed to his home near the C. P. R. depot, where every effort was made to save his life, but without avail, and death ensued at nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

The deceased was born at Thornhill in 1829. He is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters. The sons are—W. A., in Hamiota, Manitoba; Geo., in Pickering; J. R., in London; and John Thomas, in California. The daughters, Mrs. Boyd and Miss Lottie, live in town. He also leaves four sisters—Mrs. Mozier, in town; Mrs. White, in Toronto; Mrs. Gerow, in Brougham, Ont.; and Mrs. Hooper, in Acheson, Kansas—and one brother, Aaron Munshaw, of Flesherton. The deceased has been a widely known and much respected citizen of Markdale for many years, and his terribly sad ending is much regretted by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Thursday at two o'clock to the Markdale Public Cemetery. Service will be held at the house at 1:30. Rev. Mr. Buchanan, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hunter, will conduct the funeral obsequies. The sympathy of the community go out to the sorrowing family and relatives in the hour of their bereavement.—Markdale Standard

Many accidents have occurred in these parts recently, but the one that happened at Mr. John Gonder's barn raising, Brant, was not attended with very serious results. Last Friday while building operations were in progress, Messrs. F. Messerschmidt and John Badertscher attempted to carry a stick of timber across the beams of the first floor, when they in some manner slipped and fell to the bottom of the excavation, the piece of timber coming down with great force on Mr. Badertscher's leg. Happily the limb was straightened out on the sand bottom or it certainly would have broken it. Mr. Messerschmidt was also more or less injured. Both men, however, are doing as well as could be expected.—Hanover Post.

GLENELG COUNCIL.

The council met May 27th, and organized as a Court of Revision. All the members present, each being sworn took their seats. Mr. McFadden was voted to the chair. Appeals were heard and the assessment roll was changed as follows: in the appeals of W. N. McDonald and Alex. McCabe the assessor was sustained, in appeal of Archie McCuaig his lot 38, con. 2, S. D. R., was reduced to \$350. Thos. E. Sullivan was assessed as part owner of lot 28, con. 6, John McArthur was assessed as owner for lot 3 of 6, con. 1, E. G. R., William Smart's assessment was reduced \$25, Geo. Castle was assessed as occupant for lot 3 of 6, con. 1, E. G. R., John Hogan, James Dagherly and Louis Pollock were put on roll under the Manhood Franchise Act. The roll as so amended was passed, and on motion of Mr. Davis and Mr. McMillan was ordered to be certified by the clerk, and the court adjourned.

After Court of Revision the council met for general business. All the members present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications read as follows: From the reeve and Mr. McInnis report on watercourse re Barry and Priel. From Thomas Campbell relating to roads, from Sawyer-Massey Co. re road machinery, from Miss M. E. Hunter re Elizabeth Wise, from the treasurer statement of receipts and expenditures, from Thos. Davis report on drain at lots 49, 50 and 51, Con. 3, E. G. R.

McInnis—McMillan—That this council do not consider ourselves justified in interfering in the dispute between John Barry and John Priel, unless the said parties would first put up the expenses of a survey, and that such expenses would probably amount to \$25, and that the clerk notify the parties to that effect.—Carried.

McMillan—McInnis—That Malcolm McInnis be appointed pathmaster in division No. 28 instead of John McInnis.—Carried.

Davis—Arrowsmith—That Chas. and Wm. Boyle be removed from Polling Division No. 4 and added to Polling Division No. 3.—Carried.

Davis—McMillan—That I. B. Lucas of Markdale, be and is hereby appointed solicitor for the township of Glenelg without salary, and that the clerk prepare By-law confirming the appointment.—Carried.

By-laws No. 418, re statute labor, and 419, re appointment of township solicitor, were introduced and read a first and second time.

McMillan—McInnis—That By-law No. 418 be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed on By-law book.—Carried.

McMillan—McInnis—That \$200 be granted to each ward for the repairing of roads for 1902.—Carried.

Davis—McMillan—That By-law No. 419 be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed on By-law book.—Carried.

McMillan—Davis—That the clerk submit the special Auditors' Report to the township solicitor in order to get his opinion as to whether—under all the circumstances of the case—the municipality has any moral or legal claim against the ex-treasurer for interest on moneys occasionally placed in "Standard Bank" during the years 1888 to 1902 as suggested by the special auditor.—Carried.

Orders on treasurer were issued as follows: O. S. General Hospital, med. expenses of Miss Wise...\$60 00 The reeve expenses re Miss Wise... 6 40 Alex. Bell, assessor, balance on salary... 35 00 Patrick Fogarty wood for Hall R. E. English refund of taxes paid on Gov. lands... 13 74 Thos. Bell for benefit of Mrs. Vaughan... 4 00 John Barry gravel for roads in 1901... 3 00 A. C. Beaton repair of culvert lot 10, con. 1... 1 00 The reeve committee re township line G. & A... 2 00 J. A. McMillan committee re township line G. & A... 2 00 The reeve com. re Priel & Barry dispute... 2 00 Peter McInnis com. re Priel & Barry dispute... 2 00 The clerk on salary... 20 00 The clerk conveying re road allowance... 5 00 The clerk commission on P. O. orders... 55

The council adjourned to July 5th at 10 a. m. J. S. BLACK, Clerk.

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