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# Canadian winters cold enough to turn toes - and tongue - blue

In the midst of a devastating winter, as in times of war, it is sometimes best to combat the onslaught with humour.

The following "diary" of a Canadian snowbird who has returned home for his first winter in several years is particularly fitting in this the winter of Eastern Canada's discontent. I don't know where it came from, it just appeared on my desk one day. I've had to do a little editing, but I think you'll catch the drift so to speak.

Dec. 4, 5 p.m. — It started to snow. The first of the season and the wife and I took our hot buttered rum and sat by the window, watching the soft flakes drift down, clinging to the trees and covering the ground. It was beautiful.

Dec. 9 — We awoke to a big beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering the landscape. What a fantastic sight. Every tree and shrub covered with a beautiful man-

tle of white. I shoveled snow for the first time in years and loved it. I did both our drive and our sidewalk. Later, the snow plough came along and covered up our driveway with compacted snow from the street. The driver smiled and I waved back. I shoveled it again.

Dec. 13 — The sun has melted most of our lovely snow. Oh well, I'm sure we'll get more before this beautiful winter is through.

Dec. 14 — It snowed eight inches last night and the temperature dropped to about 15 below. I shoveled the sidewalk and driveway again. Shortly after, the snow plough came by and did his trick again.

Dec. 15 — Sold our car and bought a 4X4 so we could get around in the snow. Bought snow tires for the pick-up.

Dec. 18 — Fell on my keister on the ice in the driveway. Paid \$189 to the chiropractor, but nothing broken, thank God. That damn sky is getting dark again.

Dec. 19 — Still cold. Icy roads making for very tough driving. Slid into a guard rail with my wife's car. Probably \$3,000 damage. She's really PO'd.

Dec. 20 — Had another 14 inches of the white (bleep) last night. More shoveling in store for me today. That (bleep) snow plough came by twice today.

Dec. 22 — We are assured of a white Christmas because another seven inches fell today and with this freezing weather, it won't melt until August! I got all dressed up to go out and shovel again (boots, jump suit, jacket, scarf, earmuffs, gloves, etc.) then got the urge to pee.

Dec. 24 — If I ever catch the (bleep) who drives the snow plough, I'll wrap that blade around his (bleep) neck. I think he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then comes down the street at 100 miles an hour and throws that white (bleep) everywhere!

Dec. 25 — Merry Christmas! They predict 12 more inches tonight. Does anyone know how many (bleep) shovelfuls of snow 12 inches is? To heck with Santa, he doesn't have to shovel that stuff. The snow plough driver came by asking for a donation. I hit him with my ice axe. The doctors think he'll live.

Dec. 28 — We got 14 more inches. I must be going snow blind or have a severe case of depression because the wife is beginning to look good to me.

Dec. 29 — The toilet froze and the roof is starting to cave in. If you go outside, don't treat the yellow snow.

Dec. 30 — I torched the (bleep) house and moved to Costa Rica!

Canadian eh? Oh, and if you're offering, I like my hot buttered rum spicy.



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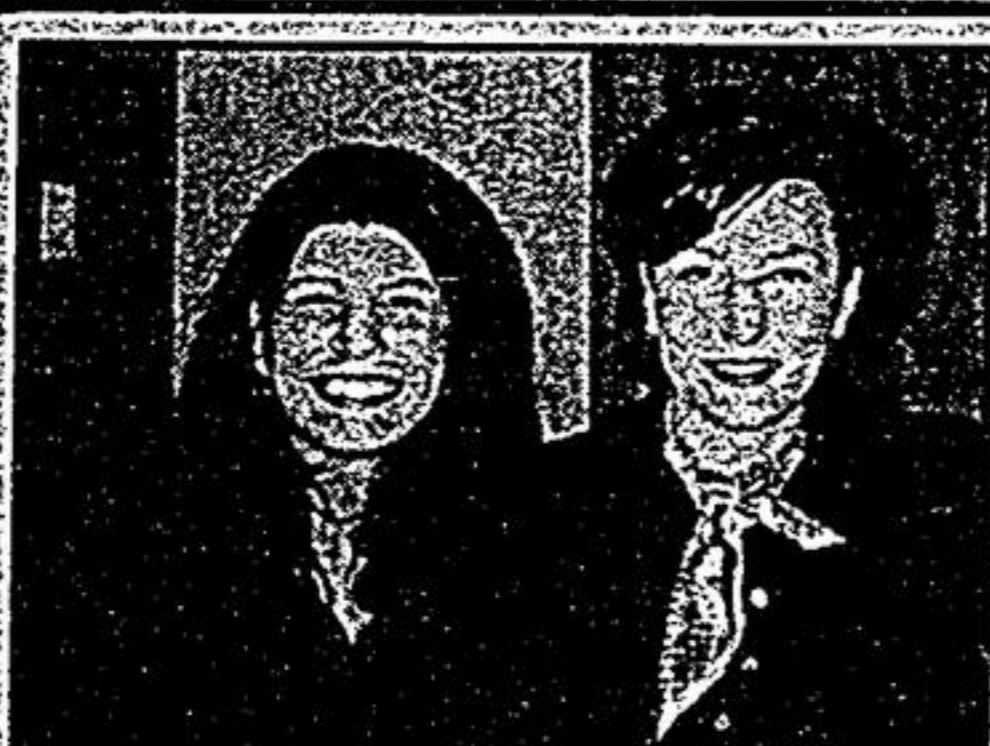
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