

Other Days

by JEAN-AUTUMN

Crapaud never was a French farming settlement. It was all in woods. The first two English emigrants were Mr. Christopher Smith and Mr. Trowsdale and their families. They took up two hundred acres of land each, rented at one shilling an acre from Lady Westmoreland, for 999 years. They lived on adjoining farms, fronting on Crapaud River. Mr. Smith had four sons and two daughters. I knew them well. Matthew was a Methodist preacher. I have heard him preach many a time. He lived to be about ninety years old. I heard him preach his last sermon. His text was; "Behold, I lay in . . . for a foundation."

It was these two Englishmen that laid the foundation of Crapaud. They had no front town road. At this time there was a French Road at the back of their farms, from Prince County to the French capital. One ran from Crapaud Corner close by Platts Mills to the back of Hampton, Neil McDonald's farm. At that place there was a cross road leading to Sandy Point shore for the farmers to fish herring and lobsters by the cart load, to haul up seaweed to manure their farms.

Mr. John MacKinnon, road master, took French leave to close the Government road to the shore. He filled in the road out of the shore to please a few petty Grits. The farmers rebelled against it and went out and upset his bulwarks, and made a good road of it. And the road has been good ever since. Mr. Smith built a large log house on his farm. It is standing on the farm today. Mr. Smith died in his fifties. He left a widow who lived to a good old age on the farm, a good Church of England lady. And now who are the owners of the farm?

Old Mr. Trowsdale built the first house on his farm. He was my great-grandfather. He had four sons and three daughters, all born in England. Joseph was the eldest. George died a young man. Barnaby and Isaac lived on the homestead and Joe settled on the Sherren road, at the back of the homestead on one hundred acres of land, with a mill site on it. Joe was a good scholar and he had to build the mills. He was a young man, single, without money. He didn't feel able, so he sold the mill site to Mr. Platts. He built a grist, and saw mill. He got tired of the mills and sold them to Mr. Sturdy, senior. He died a middle aged man and his oldest son took the mills at the age of nineteen and built new mills, a grist, saw and shingle mills.

Old Mr. Trowsdale's second boy got good and took up preaching for the Methodists. His father was a hard-flinted Churchman and stopped him from preaching. So the poor boy had to stop and he lost his goodness for ever, and lived and died outside of any Church. Now old Mr. Trowsdale died very sudden. He intended to walk to Tryon chapel one Sunday morning to hear a great preacher, and he told his wife to get up early and get the breakfast for him. She went to his bed-side to call him, and he was dead. His spirit had I remember that storm; it was a

rest assured that every other young mother is going through the same experience. Because bringing up a baby is just one of the pies out of which no woman can keep her fingers. Especially grandmothers can't, and no matter how many of their own babies died in infancy or how sickly and delicate their children turned out, every grandmother in the world believes implicitly that her own recipe for raising an infant is the only infallible way to do it.

And especially do all the grandmothers believe that all these new-fangled ideas about letting babies cry themselves to sleep and feeding them on spinach and tomato juice, etc., it just Tommyrot, and the fact that the modern baby is fat and well and doesn't cry half so much as their own peevish youngsters did, doesn't change their opinions at all. They attribute it to the grace of God that looks after children with fool young mothers.

So all you can do is to possess your soul in patience and keep your tongue between your teeth when grandma tells about what she used to do. You can get even when you have grandchildren by telling their mothers how to bring up a baby. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—How can you deal with a girl who talks about herself all the time? She never listens to a word anybody else says, but just monopolizes the conversation. I have to live with a girl like that, and she is about to send me to the insane asylum. SANTA CLARA.

There is no cure for the monologist, and the female of the species is more deadly than the male. She is so obsessed with admiration for herself that she thinks the world is dying to hear all about everything she does and that she is actually giving everybody a treat when she spends hours talking about herself. She tells you about what she eats, about how often she bathes, about her clothes, her beaux, what she said to this one and what he said to her and so on ad infinitum ad nauseam. You can't stop her. You can't talk her down and the only thing you can do is to avoid her, which most people do. There should be an open season in which it is permissible to kill such bores or at least gag them, but we have a long way to go yet before we attain to a perfect civilization. DOROTHY DIX.

MISSING LETTER CONTEST

Here is a chance to win a valuable prize. In some of the advertisements appearing in the contest you will find a missing letter. These missing letters put together will form the name of some firm on the page on which the prize winning solution will be decided. Accuracy in forming the correct name will be the first consideration, but neatness, originality and speed in getting a solution to the contest editor will also count. Four valuable prizes this week. Get busy. Find the missing letters. Compose them in to the firm's name and mail your answer to the Contest Editor Charlottetown Guardian, Charlottetown, P. E. I. to reach him not later than Tuesday night.

Contestants must enclose with their solution a current week paid bill from one of the advertisers in The Missing Letter Competition.

Last week's winners:

- 1. Dorothy Walker, R. R. No. 2, Charlottetown.
2. Mrs. Amelia Hume, Bunbury.
3. Lauretta Vessey, Dunstaffnage.
4. Mrs. Millar MacPherson, New Wiltshire.

gone to a higher Church above. Joseph Trowsdale, my great uncle, left the farm and went into the employ of the Honourable William W. Lord, marking timber for him. He had a little machine for cutting the knots in the timber. He booked it to Mr. Lord and gave the owner a bill to give to Mr. Lord for his money. Mr. Lord was a great ship builder; he built ships in town and in Crapaud. His vessels went to the Old Country, bringing out goods and Irish emigrants, the best laboring people in Ireland. They settled at Kelly's Cross.

Joe and Mr. Lord were great chums. Joe marked all the timber Mr. Lord bought in Crapaud, and Mr. Lord and Joe were often together every summer. One spring Joe's crop failed. Joe was making a poor mouth to Mr. Lord—his family was going to starve—and Mr. Lord said to him: "The Lord never sent mouths in the world but he sent food for them." And Joe answered him, saying: "This world is very unevenly divided. You have got all the food and I have got all the mouths." Joe had twelve children, all alive, and Mr. Lord never had one of his own.

Now the men at Kelly's Cross, made all the timber and hauled it to Sturdy's Mills on a lot of John Hall's land. And every spring the men that made the timber wood came out at high spring tides and rafted the timber and poled it down below Winston bridge and then put in a long big raft and poled it out to the vessels in the basin and sometimes poled it into Charlottetown. I remember one time my father poling a big long raft into Charlottetown with six men, father, George Palmer, George Trowsdale and three other men whose names I have forgotten. They started on a fine morning with their big raft for town, for Mr. Lord. And a great south-east gale sprung up and they put into Canoe Cove. They stayed there over night and in the morning they dug potatoes out of a farmer's field for breakfast. They got safely to town the next day. They had a little stove and canvas aboard. Father got home the third day in Captain Campbell's vessel called the "Gad," and he was dead. His spirit had I remember that storm; it was a

great blow, and rain with it. The neighbors thought all hands would be lost. Mr. Lord had one of the best farms in Tryon—two hundred acres. He gave it to his namesake Warren Lord, on condition that he would marry his first cousin, which Warren did to keep the farm in the family.

Mr. Lord was the greatest man the Island ever owned. He gave employment to the poor working man. He built vessels in town and in Crapaud, and sold them in the Old Country. He ran a good many vessels himself, carrying all our timber to the Old Country and fetching out goods and emigrants. He made money, and fed it away amongst the working poor. He never banked up money to rust, but sowed it amongst the working class, feeding and clothing their poor children. He built Tryon a public hall on the front of the Lord farm by the river side. And there he wished to be buried; but his friends buried him in the old churchyard on the old Lord farm.

Next installment: "My Memories of Methodism. It's birth, its life, and death in Crapaud."

REDUCTION IS IMPERATIVE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Prominent railroads of the U. S., as represented by the eastern residents' conference which met in New York today, virtually presented an ultimatum to all union workers that wages must be voluntarily reduced within the next few weeks of formal action would be taken to forcibly bring about such reduction. Meeting at the Bankers' club, 31 Wall Street, under the chairmanship of L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson, decided to give the brotherhoods a "last chance" to cut their own pay checks. In other words, the railroad heads agreed to take no further action in the wage matter until the meeting in Chicago, Dec. 8, of 1,500 representatives of union organizations.

"It has generally been assumed that reductions should be 10 per cent, but there has been no agreement as to this figure among the officials. The Canadian Railways are asking for 10 per cent cuts, and a decision in this arbitration case is expected soon. It will, of course, be awaited anxiously by the roads here. But whether it is favorable or unfavorable will not affect the attitude of carriers that wage cuts must be made, and that soon.

"Do you play hockey?" inquired a doctor, as he examined his patient's shins. "No," replied the patient: "I play bridge, and my wife is usually my partner."

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