

Taffy White's Christmas.

BY CHARLES E. HURD.

Concluded.

"Boy'll call for the basket in half an hour," said the porter, and went out. As soon as the door closed the tall gentleman moved the basket to the side of the open trunk. Then he took off the cotton covering and threw it on a chair. Then he lifted the top blanket but no sooner had he done so than he let it drop again—not back in the basket, but upon the floor—and stood staring with all his might at what it had covered. There lay Taffy, his arm under his head, his brown curls knotted and tangled, his eyes shut, sleeping away peacefully as if he had been in a real bed and under the direct eye of his grand-mother.

The longer the tall gentleman gazed the more he wondered.

"How on earth, he thought to himself, did that little chap get mixed up with my purchase? He couldn't have been packed in by mistake, and I certainly don't remember buying a boy. He may be able to tell me something about it himself. Here, Tommy, Jacky, Billy, or what's-your-name, wake up!"

Taffy opened his eyes—not very wide at first; but in a minute or two, becoming conscious that he was no longer in the store, but in a strange room, he grew wide awake, and sat up in the basket. Then he felt for his boots, and very deliberately drew them on, keeping his eyes all the while fixed on the tall gentleman, who, in return, watched him with a sort of amused astonishment. Then he put on his cap and wound his comforter twice round his neck.

"Well," said the tall gentleman in a very pleasant sort of voice, "and what are you going to do now?"

"Find my papa," said Taffy, stoutly.

"Your papa? What's his name?"

"Papa. 'At's all his name."

"But where is he?"

"California."

"You've got some way to go, my dear fellow, before you find him, then. Where did you come from?"

"Gran'pa Was'bun's."

"What!" said the tall gentleman, quickly. "Say that again. What's your name?"

"Taffy White."

The tall gentleman caught him up under the arms and held him up under the gaslight.

"Are you sure you're Taffy White?" he asked earnestly—so earnestly that Taffy thought he was scolding and began to cry.

"Where were you going? How came you here? What were you doing in that basket?"

"I guess I ran away. I just pecked in the cars, and then they kept going till I got to California. 'En me get down Papa! I want my papa!"

He pulled his little handkerchief from his pocket as he found his feet, again, and with it came his treasured letter. The tall gentleman caught sight of it, glanced at the inside, and then snatched up Taffy for the second time; not, however, to examine him by the gaslight, but to hug and kiss him over and over again.

"Don't you know me, my dear, darling, precious little boy?" he said at last.

"Don't you remember papa! Of course you don't, but I am your papa, for all that. How did you get here in that basket? I can't understand it."

Taffy was too much bewildered at first to make any explanation, and it took some minutes to make him duly appreciate the fact that he had found his papa; or rather that his papa had found him. Then when he had, little by little, related the main facts of the journey and his subsequent adventures, there was more kissing and hugging and a little crying; but it wasn't for sorrow.

"We'll send Grandpa Washburn a dispatch right off, Taffy, boy," said his father; "for I have no doubt they have offered a reward for you already. Then we'll have supper, for you must be as empty as a tin can by this time. And after supper, if you're not too sleepy, we'll take a run around among the toy stores. They won't shut up till late, and it's only nine o'clock now."

It wasn't too late, and they did take a tour among the toy shops, Taffy came home so loaded down with brown paper parcels and packages that he looked like a miniature St. Nicholas; but no more so than the lad who toiled on behind, and from view, all but his legs, with a choice selection of rocking-horses, go-carts, hand-sleds, and other miscellaneous articles, to set him up in a very respectable business.

That night the little hotel bedroom was a chamber of peace; and when the church bells rang in the blessed Christmas, no heart within their sound felt the benign influence of the time more deeply, or swelled with a purer gratitude towards Him whose birth it commemorated, than that which beat against the tired little head of the wondering Taffy.

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ALL that tract, piece or parcel of land situate on Lot Twenty-three, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the stake fixed on the north side of the old Tryon Road, at the commencement of a reserved line of road; running from thence west seven chains, forty six links; thence north, according to the magnetic meridian of 1764, eighty chains, until it meets the south side of a reserved line of road (running east and west); thence east along the south side of said road seven chains, forty-six links, to the west side of the first-mentioned reserved road; thence south along the west side of said road to the place of commencement, containing, by estimation, sixty acres of land, a little more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Dated the Seventh day of December, A. D. 1878.

(S'd) D. HODGSON, Mortgagee.

Ch'town, Dec. 7, 1878—eod t sale

MORTGAGE SALE.

To be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Court House in Summerside, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, on **Tuesday**, the Seventh day of January next, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, under a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 3rd day of December, 1875, and made between John Young, of Summerside, in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, blockmaker, of the one part, and Daniel Hodgson, of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, said Island, Esquire, of the other part—

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate in the northern part of Summerside aforesaid, and described as follows, viz.: Commencing at a stake fixed in the northeast angle of James Brazil's lot; thence running eastwardly one hundred and eighty feet (180 feet), or to land lately held by Henry Tuplin; thence northwardly on said Henry Tuplin's western boundary five (5) chains, or to land lately held by Angus McMillan; thence westwardly along the said Angus McMillan's south boundary, one hundred and eighty feet (180 feet); thence southwardly five (5) chains, to the point of commencement, containing, by estimation, one acre, one rood and nineteen poles, a little more or less, and is part of a plot of land purchased by Thomas Crabbe from Patrick Brown.

Also, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the northern part of the Town of Summerside, and bounded as follows, viz.: Commencing at a stake fixed at the north edge of St. James Street, in the south angle of Town Lot Number Twenty (20), running thence northwardly ninety and one quarter (90 1/4) feet; thence eastwardly ninety feet (90 feet) to the west line of Town Lot Number Twenty-eight; thence southwardly to the street aforesaid ninety and one quarter feet (90 1/4 feet); thence along said street westwardly ninety feet (90 feet), to the place of commencement, and known as Town Lot Number Twenty-four (24), sold by Very Rev. James McDonald by Auction, on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Also, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Lot or Township Number Seventeen, in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, and is bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed on the south side of St. James Street, running westwardly ninety feet (90 feet); thence southwardly ninety feet three inches (90 feet 3 inches); thence eastwardly ninety feet (90 feet); thence northwardly ninety feet three inches (90 feet 3 inches), to the place of commencement, making and including Lot Number Twenty-three in the Town Plot of Summerside, as planned and surveyed on land formerly owned by Jonathan Weatherbie, and said lot being marked on the said plan, number twenty-three, as therein laid out and described, containing, by estimation, eight thousand one hundred and twenty-two square feet, be the same a little more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

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DANIEL HODGSON, Mortgagee.

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A By-Law, Relating to Dogs and the Taxing Thereof.

[Passed by the City Council, 4th Dec., 1878.]

BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, as follows:—

1. The owner or keeper of any dog or bitch within the City of Charlottetown shall report in writing to the Clerk of the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, at his office in the said City, the name of such dog or bitch, in order that the same may be registered in a book to be kept for the purpose; and, hereafter, whenever a person may become owner or keeper of any dog or bitch within the said City, he shall report the fact in writing, as hereinbefore directed, in order to have the name of the owner or keeper and the name of the dog or bitch registered.

2. A tax of one dollar shall be annually paid for each dog or bitch within the said City by the owner or keeper thereof, to the Clerk of the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, at his office in the said City, on or before the first day of February in each year; and upon the owner or keeper neglecting or refusing to pay the tax herein imposed, he shall be prosecuted for the same, and it shall be recovered in a summary way, with costs, in the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, and on non-payment thereof, the party convicted shall be confined in the Common Jail of the said City for ten days.

3. The owner or keeper of a dog or bitch who has paid such tax shall affix thereon a collar, with the name of the owner or keeper and the registered number.

4. The owner or keeper of a bull dog or bitch shall not permit him or her to go at large unless sufficiently muzzled, to prevent his or her biting or doing mischief.

5. Every fierce, malicious or dangerous dog or bitch shall be kept muzzled and chained by the owner or keeper, and not permitted to go at large.

6. No owner or keeper of a bitch shall suffer such bitch to run at large during the season of her being in heat.

7. If any dog or bitch shall, unprovoked, bite any person, on complaint at the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, on oath, the owner or keeper shall destroy the dog or bitch, or remove him or her from the said city and keep him or her so removed.

8. No person shall wantonly or maliciously throw any stone, stick or any other hard substance at any dog or bitch, and lame or wound the dog or bitch.

9. Any person in possession of any dog or bitch, or who shall suffer such dog or bitch to remain about his house or premises, shall be deemed the owner of such dog or bitch for all the purposes of this by-law.

10. No dog or bitch shall be permitted to run at large in the said City without the collar mentioned in the third section of this By-law, and any dog or bitch running at large contrary to this By-law may be forthwith destroyed by the police.

11. All prosecutions under this By-law shall be in the name of the City of Charlottetown, and any person guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions thereof shall, upon conviction in the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate on the oath or affirmation of any credible witness, forfeit and pay at the discretion of the said Magistrate, a penalty not exceeding Ten Dollars for each offence, exclusive of costs; and in default of payment thereof it shall and may be lawful for the said Magistrate to commit the offender or offenders to the common jail of the said city for any period not exceeding ten days, unless the said penalty and costs be sooner paid.

12. The By-law intitled "A Law relating to Dogs and for the purpose of taxing the same," assented to on the fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six; and all other By-laws contrary to and inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.

L. S. W. E. DAWSON,

Mayor of the City of Charlottetown.

W. B. MORRISON, City Clerk.

Dec. 5, 1878—17 ins, h 2w

Mortgage Sale!

To be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Court House, at Charlottetown, in Queen's County, Prince Edward Island, on **Wednesday**, the Twelfth day of March, 1879, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, under a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the eighth day of December, 1876, made between Thomas Webster and Harriet his wife, of the one part, and Edward J. Hodgson and Neil McLeod, of the other part—

ALL that tract, piece or parcel of land situate on Township Number Forty (40), in King's County, and bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the southeast angle of James Lawles' farm, and running north four degrees, east forty-seven chains; thence east for the distance of five chains; thence south four degrees, west fifteen chains; thence east five chains; thence south four degrees, west forty chains to the Post Road; thence along the Post Road northwardly to the place of commencement, containing forty-three acres, a little more or less, and bounded on the north by William and Charles Dingwell's farms; east by William Webster's; west by James Lawles' farm, and south by Post Road—together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated the ninth day of December, A. D. 1878.

(S'd) EDWARD J. HODGSON, NEIL McLEOD, Mortgagees.

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