

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

SMILING POOL SMILES AGAIN Life is largely what we make it. Plus the way in which we take it. —Jerry Muskrat

Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry were two busy folks. They were happy folks. That was because they were busy; for busy folks are always happier than those who are doing nothing.

There had been a great storm. It hadn't lasted long, but it had brought Laughing Brook back to life, and a smile back to the Smiling Pool. Before the storm there hadn't been water enough in Laughing Brook for it to even giggle. And there hadn't been water enough in the Smiling Pool for it to even begin to smile. Now there was plenty of water in both. One was laughing and the other was smiling.

There had been a long drought, and the two Muskrats had been very worried. You see, they are among the wisest of the people in fur, for they have the wisdom to look ahead. They prepare for winter, and do not trust to luck as some others do. Like the Beaver folk they prepare, build, or rebuild their house before Jack Frost comes to freeze everything up. They like a house out in the water.



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First, they looked the old house all over. Would it do for another winter? Or would they be wiser to build a new house?

"What do you think, my Dear?" asked Jerry. Mrs. Jerry shook her head. "I like this old house, and I like the place where it is. But it will have to be rebuilt, and it will be as much work to repair it as to build a new house. I don't know what to say," replied Mrs. Jerry.

Once more they went all over the house, inside and out. Then they went looking for a possible place to build a new house. There was no place that suited them as well as the place where the old house was. It was this that really settled the question. They decided to rebuild the old house.

When there is work to be done there are no lazy bones in either Jerry or Mrs. Jerry Muskrat. They are just as good workers as Paddy the Beaver and the members of his family. They believe that if you

want things done, you should do them yourself. Then it will be done right. The roof was in bad shape. Nothing had been done to it since the fall before. It had been all winter and all summer exposed to the weather.

"We've got to have a new roof," declared Jerry, and Mrs. Jerry agreed. That meant cutting a lot of rushes, and towing them across the Smiling Pool for the upper end. They would have to be taken one at a time, and that was going to mean a lot of trips. Then, there would be some grass to work in, and some mud to be brought up to hold it in place. They didn't mind. It had to be done, and that was all there was to it. Also, the water must be deeper around the entrance than it now was. That meant digging out the mud. It could be used on the roof. So Jerry and Mrs. Jerry Muskrat were two very busy folk, and happy because busy.

MALIK LEAVES FOR UN SOUTHAMPTON (Reuters)—Jacob Malik, Soviet ambassador to Britain, left here Thursday in the liner Queen Mary for New York. He is a member of the United Nations High General Assembly opening in New York on Tuesday.

When Smiling Pool had so little water, they were two worried folks. It looked as if they would have to make their home down on the big river, where they were sure of enough water. Now all was well, but they felt that they were a little late. You see, they like to do their work properly; and building a new house, even repairing an old one, takes much time as well as work.

DAILY CROSSWORD grid with clues for Across and Down words.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYBLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation: WNK EHVADO NVMMO, EHUADO FHKA MAVTEK ENVE PHEN TKHKJC VWTJ VTKKA!—BAPDA.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: NOT TILL THE FIRE IS DYING IN THE GRATE, LOOK WE FOR ANY KINSHIP WITH THE STARS — MEREDITH.

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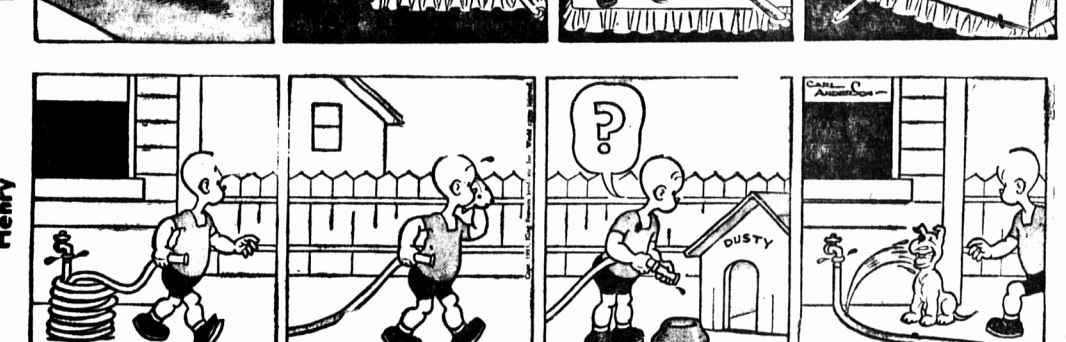
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