

EDWARD JOHNSON



1919 to 1921. He then went to the Metropolitan Opera Company, where he was leading tenor from 1921 to 1935, director for a year, and general director of the Met's Auditions of the Air from 1936 until 1950. In 1928 he noted that "it was pretty hard to make the public believe that an artist could have a name like Johnson." To solve the problem, he adopted a stage name, Eduardo di Giovanni.

Edward Johnson, born in 1881, began his musical career as a choir boy in Guelph, Ontario, and then went to New York City, where he sang around the churches. He was the leading tenor at LaScala in Milan, Italy, from 1914 to 1919, and at the Chicago Opera Company from

Kabloona

In the language of the Inuit, a white man is called a *Kabloona*, "a person with thick eyebrows."

A Poem

William Lyon Mackenzie King
Sat in the middle and played with string
And he loved his mother like anything—
William Lyon Mackenzie King.
Dennis Lee, *Alligator Pie*

Cod Hookers

A "cod hooker" is a perfectly respectable boat from which cod are hooked.

Flakes

Newfoundlanders dry cod on wooden structures called flakes.



Cheddar Cheese

Cheddar cheese originated in Bristol, England, but it emigrated and became naturally Canadian. It must age 18 to 24 months before it is crumbly, and summer cheddar is richer than winter cheddar because the cows have eaten grass instead of fodder. In 1884 James McIntyre, who was perfectly serious, wrote *Ode on the Mammoth Cheese* in honour of a 7,000-pound wheel of cheddar made in Ingersoll, Ontario. He was thereafter known as The Cheese Poet.

Faggot

This faggot has nothing to do with burning witches. It is a stack of codfish arranged to shed the rain.

Lobster Lad

A young man of Prince Edward Island is called a Lobster Lad.

Summer Refreshment

"Canada is the vichysoise of nations. It is cold, half French and difficult to stir."

Stuart Keate

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