

The First Horse in Canada

It is interesting to learn from "Le Journal des Jesuits," a diary kept by the superiors of the Jesuits of Quebec, and begun in 1545, that on June 20, 1647, a vessel arrived at Tadoussac, bringing the first horse that ever came to Canada.

The colony of New France had already existed for 39 years when the first horse arrived on the scene. People in those days were not in great need of horses, because they travelled by boat, and the back country had no roads.

The solitary first horse in Canada must have felt rather lonely, and some people think that it died of homesickness, because, in 1650 it was dead. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that it probably died for want of proper care.

At the present time, about 270 years after the arrival of the first horse in the country, Canada has over three millions of these animal.

Origin of the Word "Dago"

Dago is a contraction for Diego, which is the Spanish way of writing Didacus, which again is a Latin form of James. (At least, so I have found it explained in books of reference.)

Didacus joined the Franciscans while quite young, and later went to the Canary Islands, instructing and converting many idolaters, all the time mortifying and punishing himself for the sins of others.

Number of Jews in U. S. A.

According to the "Jewish-American Year-Book for 1918" edited by Dr. Samson D. Oppenheim there are in the United States over 3,300,000 Jews.

Some smaller cities have even a larger percentage of Jewish inhabitants than New York. Chelsea, Mass., has 13,000, or 28% of its inhabitants; Rosenhayn, N. J., has 300 or 50%.

Stories from the French

By Father Chrysostom, O.S.B.

A certain man imagined himself to be sick and continuously demanded medicines that he did not require.

Aqua fontis (spring water), 100 gr. Illarepita (thesame repeated), 20gr. Hydrogeni Oxide (chemical name), 0gr. 32.

Nil aliud (nothing else), 1 gr. 25. "Be sure," facetiously recommended the doctor, "to shake the bottle every time before using."

The druggist filled the prescription without the least remark, and the sick man (who thought himself to be sick, remember!) swallowed it with perfect confidence in its efficacy.

Next day he said that he felt very much better.

A countryman, having observed many people wearing glasses whilst reading, went into the shop of an optician in order to buy a pair also.

The optician gave him a book and several kind of spectacles which the countryman then tried one after another and finally declared to be no good.

At last the optician lost patience and looked at the book that the countryman had in his hand and saw that he was holding it upside down.

"You fool," replied the countryman, "if I could read I wouldn't need to buy spectacles."

This anecdote recalls that of another countryman who lived in a village where water was very scarce.

Happening to be in town one day, he saw at a dealer's some fine pumps. The dealer assured him they would supply a hectoliter (about 26.417 gallons) of water per minute.

The dealer promised to be out in a few days to set it up, and the countryman went home "tickled to death" at his purchase.

On the day for its installation, the whole village assembled in order to be present at so important an event in the history of the village.

The mechanic arrives and asks for the place where the pump is to be set up. The countryman shows him where he wants it.

"But I don't see any well in which to put it," said the mechanic.

"You blockhead!" exclaimed the furious buyer, "if I had water, I wouldn't need your pump."

A druggist, having refused to give up his place in a theatre to the wife of an officer, and the officer feeling himself insulted, received a challenge to fight a duel.

At the rendez-vous, but remarked that since he was unaccustomed to firearms, he would like to propose another way of ending the dispute.

He then drew from his pocket a box of pills from which he took two and thus addressed his adversary: "As a man of honor, you certainly desire to fight me on equal terms.

Here are two pills, the one is composed of a deadly poison, the other is perfectly harmless. If each one of us swallows one, we are certainly on equal footing.

I give you the choice, and I promise faithfully to swallow the one you leave."

Unnecessary to add that the affair ended with a cordial laugh.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peters Bote)

—Ye editor of a country weekly, —a sheet just large enough for a good-sized school-boy's spit ball.

—It makes quite a difference whose ox is gored. Eh?

—A man of one idea is not so bad, provided only the idea is good.

—Bear with others, and they will bear with you; excuse, and you will be excused.

—The darkness we ascribe to remote ages is often the darkness of our own minds, and the ignorance we complain of in others may only be the refraction of our own.

—Many a man, after he has attained a high position, forgets all about the laws of gravitation. He'll have to come down again— one way or another.

—How about your last year's good resolutions? Are they still intact, or have they exploded like some munition plants?

—When word comes that the old friend we knew so well is a victim of a deadly disease and almost on the point of going into eternity, it is a time for sober reflection.

—The uncertainty of life is eloquently preached to us by every passing funeral or every hastening doctor's machine. War is not the only grim reaper.

—Mishaps are like knives that either serve or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle.

—A word to the foolish is always resented.

The Editor's Song.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of each year; Who lays down his money and offers it gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer!

Who never says "Stop it; I cannot afford it!" Or, "I'm getting more papers than I can read!" But always says, "Send it; the family all like it - In fact, we think it a household need!"

How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum! How he makes our hearts throbb! How he makes our hearts dance! We outwardly thank him - we inwardly bless him - The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT FOR MUENSTER, SASK.

Table with columns: DATE, 1918 (Maximum, Minimum), 1917 (Maximum, Minimum), 1916 (Maximum, Minimum). Rows list dates from Dec 1 to Dec 31.

Remarks for the Month of December 1918. Highest temperature: 36 (on Dec. 3); lowest temperature: -32 (on Dec. 31). Average temperature: Highest 21.03, lowest 7.41. Snow 1.0 inch, Rain .05 inch. The highest average temperature during the Month of Dec. 1917 was 5.00, the lowest -23/74.

To-day is as full of opportunities as to-morrow. The place where you may be as good as any other spot on the round earth. Your neighbours are as likely to be desirable acquaintances as those you will meet at some future date.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons, of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution.

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IN THE SURROGATE COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HUMBOLDT

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