

# That Go Bump in the Night.

By MIRIAM DEBLY

The spirit of Mrs. John Medley, the first Bishop's wife and a member of Florence Nightingale's 2nd graduating class of nurses has been witnessed walking down Queen Street from the old Dr. Crockett home and entering Christ Church Cathedral by the west door. Assistant Curate Rev. David Mercer said reports of her appearance have been repeatedly witnessed, but what she does once inside the church, still remains a mystery.

Indeed, the spooky atmosphere surrounding the

church is reinforced by the lofty arches and massive statues of stone brass, oak and walnut. The haunting air it creates seems suitable for a visiting ghost further reinforced by the mystery surrounding the initials F.S.M. carved in stone above the chancel steps. Rev. Dean Cooper relates the initials to an incident in 1853

when Bishop Medley had to stop construction due to lack of funds. However, he stayed up praying all night and the next morning he mysteriously received a 500 pound donation from 3 ladies in England with the initials F.S.M..

Interestingly, Dean Cooper has performed an "EXORCISM" in Fredericton! "Exorcism is now recognized by the Church which offers prayers and forms of service".

Dean Cooper although, skeptical at first did perform the exorcism because the family concerned were responsible people and evidence of the "other world" activity was occurring in their house. Recurrences have not been evident since the exorcism "Unseen influences" are further evidenced by the late Rev. Clarke, an Anglican Missionary in N.B. and late rector of St. Peter's Church in Spr-

inghill above Fredericton.

He resided with his wife in a bungalow, beside the church where a previous dead tenant of the house appeared and talked to him in 1940. In addition, a fellow cleric and his wife witnessed the presence of a predecessor standing in their bedroom. Thus, when a *seemingly* apparition is witnessed by more than one person, it's hard to dismiss it as just "imagination".

Another, seemingly indisputable case was that of Prof. MacFarlane, a physics professor at Mount Allison University. He lived in a century-old dwelling in Sackville, One Sunday, as the family sat in the livingroom which was full of African furnishings a series of "spine-tingling experiences" happened. A presence existed in the house and their 4-yr-old son kept say-

ing a kind woman came to his bedside to tuck him in. Weeks later older members of the family saw the women leaving the boy's bedroom, "a woman in an old fashioned black dress, like the 1890's carrying a lantern."

About 6 years ago the descendants of the original builder reoccupied the dwelling when the professor moved but, the lady never reappeared. These are all authentic stories not fictitious in any manner. If you are left with an uncanny, disbelieving feeling, all I can say is "Believe it or not".



## The Spectre of Rexton

By CARMAN MISENER

During the early nineteenth century a fire in Richibucto burnt down Dan Irwin's Inn. He and his young wife were reported missing, as was a boarder, Frank Brown and there was no trace of their bodies in the ashes of the inn.

Through the help of the Irwin's pet dog, the mutilated body of Dan Irwin's wife was found. Suspicions veered to the inn's patron. For the next years reports of a 'white-robed woman' who glided along beside the Rexton Road became part of the childhood folklore of may Rexton residents. The people of Rexton and Richibucto were sure that the beautiful ghost was seeking justice and retribution

for its murder years before.

No one reported seeing the ghost again until late in 1931. The ghost was back, but with a twist. After a much publicized reporting of the spectre, psychic investigators came to New Brunswick from Canada and the United States.

The twist was that the ghost was man-made. It had been a white-attired human-like figure, weighted on the bottom, which glided along three feet above the ground from a suspension wire. It was moved by a car attached to a wire, which lead up into the higher branches of some trees to pulleys and finally the 'ghost'. the controlled car would race down a side road, and the ghost would race towards Rexton on the invisible wire. This

work is assumed to be done by the rum-runners who sought to send the provincial police off on "ghost chases", so they could smuggle illegal rum into the province.

The N.B. Film Co-operative is in the process of finishing a half-hour movie based on the Spectre of Rexton. Started in 1984, it will hopefully be finished by Christmas. The goal is to sell the movie to CBC which would air it during the following months, or year. The movie will be narrated and center around the rum-runners ghostly scheme which backfired, ending in tragedy.

The Spectre of Rexton is only one of the many haunting tales which float around New Brunswick.

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### Health Science Society

The Health Science Society is on its way to Dalhousie University for a Tour of the Medical, Dentistry and Pharmacy Schools, Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

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Second Prize - Stephanie Comeau  
Third Prize - Marge Sommerville

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