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FIRST WHITE WOMAN TO VISIT BLOND ESKIMOS

Calgary, Alberta, May 5—How would you like to be 160 miles from your next neighbor and two thousand miles from the nearest place where you could attend a tango tea? Such will be the position of Mrs. Christian Harding, who leaves Edmonton for the frozen north, says The Western Standard. However, love for a husband and the call of duty will lead most women anywhere.

Mrs. Christian Harding, who was interviewed by The Standard this week, a real daughter of the north, born at Fort Resolution, one of the out-of-the-way places in the hinterland of Alberta, is outfitting in Edmonton for a trip to Herschell Island two thousand miles north of Edmonton, to join her husband, a factor for the Hudson Bay Company. One of her ambitions is to be the first white woman to look upon and speak with the blonde Eskimos, reported to have been discovered by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, an Arctic explorer.

Mr. Harding will have charge of the Eskimos trading post to be established on Herschell Island by the Hudson's Bay Company and he and his wife expect to pass the rest of their lives in the "farthest north." They have been living at Fort McMurray since 1896 but with the

coming of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railroad, from Edmonton to the outpost, to be built by the provincial government of Alberta, they both believe that the country will become too civilized for them.

Mrs. Harding is equally well at home in a birch bark canoe as in a drawing room. She is an accomplished musician and needlewoman. She paints and plays golf and tennis, but she does not approve of tango twists and slit skirts and peek-a-boo waists. She is eager to go back to the north country, where, she says, there is freedom, naturalness and breadth of feeling and health.

"But won't you miss the theatres and other attractions?" The Standard man asked.

"No, I do not care for them. I may miss a dance but we'll have a gramophone with a large selection of records and an organ," she replied.

Think of a night with the world's song-birds and the foremost comedians, with the temperature at eighty degrees below and blonde Eskimos staring.

"In case of sickness or injury what will you do?" was the next question. "We shall have our own medicine chest and thus have no doctor's bills."

"When your husband goes on his round of the posts won't you be lonely?"

"Naturally, but absence makes the heart grow fonder."

"Will you have any neighbors?"

"Yes, but they are 160 miles off at Peel River. We may canoe along to each other and have an 'at home.'"

"What about the Eskimos—do you like them?"

"I prefer them to the Indians; they are the gentlemen of the Arctic world."

"How will you voyage to your new home?"

"That's uncertain. My husband will go by way of Behring Straits, taking supplies for at least three years. I shall travel as far as the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer takes me and do the rest by canoe or some other means. I will be glad to go and I know that my husband feels as I do about our new home."

The gentleman who holds down the honorable and dignified position of speaker of the legislature continues to be an inseparable appendage to government meetings. When acting Premier Clarke was speaker he did not find it necessary to chase after the government during recess. He had something else to do.

Sam Langford's next bout will be with Harry Willis in New Orleans.

WAS TROUBLED WITH BOILS AND CARBUNCLES.

There is no more frequent source of illness than that arising from bad blood, for when the blood becomes impure, it is only natural that boils, pimples or some other indication of bad blood should break out of the system.

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COST OF LIVING

SIX YEARS AGO

(Toronto Saturday Night)
Rummaging through some old papers recently I came across a carefully compiled price list of food stuffs, dated the autumn of 1830; and in the light of present events the data appealed to me as sufficiently interesting to occupy some space in these columns. That food were then, as a whole, very cheap, as compared with our present day price is, of course, generally known but that there should be so marked a difference as indicated by these musty old figures comes rather as a surprise. The documents which was compiled in Montreal, eighty-four smooch umpteenth square o'ase suava that the current price of beef to the family was 3 to 5 cents per pound, presumably by the quarter, for that was the way it was purchased in grandmother's day. Pork was quoted at 5½ cents per pound; butter 12½ cents; cheese 8 cents; mutton, 4 cents; lamb 2½ cents per pound; geese 25 cents each, Indian corn 62 cents per bushel; potatoes 40 cents per bushel; onions 25 cents per bushel, maple sugar, 6 cents per pound, and pumpkins, 1 cent each.

Of foods that were dearer than now there were only two quoted, one was flour at \$61 per barrel and the other, tea, \$1 per pound; while the ruling price of wheat at that time was \$1.12 per bushel. It is almost needless to state that white sugar, for which there was no quotation in this document, was indeed a luxury as was also the tea, which was only drunk by the "quality" and sparingly at that, for a hundred cents was a heap of money in those days. That Indian corn at half the price of wheat was substituted for wheat very largely in the bread, may also be taken for granted, as can the fact that these foods were bought in quantities, and were not delivered by the pound or half pound in a motor car or an express wagon in response to a rush message over the telephone.

Taken all in all it would seem that a dollar in Montreal in 1830 had about the same purchasing value as five dollars has nowadays and the only question remaining unsolved is whether our grandfathers had as many dollars as we owe have five.

WILLIE'S COMPLAINT

Some time ago little Willie rambled into the house, threw his soldier suit in the corner and began looking over a book. This was an unusual stunt for the youngster and mother began to investigate.

"What did you come in the house for, Willie?" she asked. "You haven't quarreled with Georgie Brown, have you?"

"No, ma'am," answered Willie. "But I'm not going to play war with him any more."

"Why not?" queried mother. "What has he been doing?"

"It's just this way," explained Willie. "When we play war I'm England and he's America, and if I don't let him lick me every time he says 'I'm not patriotic.'—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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