

Things That Go Bump In a Canadian Night

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I've said it many times that ghosts and spirits can haunt anything they want to. As far as science is concerned we do not have anything to prevent them to haunt the buildings and places they of their out worldly choosing.

Today, we go back to Vancouver, B.C., and look in on Washington Avenue Grill, which is a fine dining establishment, with a history to tell.

"There's always a lot of things happening that no one can explain like things falling over and noises and there never seems to be a reason for it happening. I haven't seen anything. I have people that have seen really odd things happening around the restaurant", said Brent Grey, owner. "We've been here for 13 years and it's been going on since we've

been here."

There is a graveyard that can be seen from the restaurant windows. One of the workers have seen "something come out of the ground, up our stairs and in to the restaurant."

The bathroom seems to be a point of haunting events. A customer saw "someone in the mirror (a spirit) and said, 'I won't be coming back to your restaurant.'"

He thinks that some people are meant to see the spirits while others are not or perhaps they are just slow to see them.

Alarms that go off in the middle of the night when no one is around are just another example of the paranormal activities which the restaurant is host to.

A coffee pot handle would fly off the pot while the pot was sitting. Others felt someone (not seen) behind them or rush past them. One time a few people were downstairs and the lights would dim down and came back on again, one of the work-

ers stated.

A few weeks ago half of the wine bottles fell down but no one has touched them for the past four hours. They smashed on the ground and almost hit a few people.

"I had to change the garbage in the women's washroom and when I went to open one of the doors someone was pushing against it. So I waited a couple of minutes for someone to come out and nothing happened. I waited a few minutes and when the door opened no one was inside noted Chloe Trudel, an employee for about three months. Trudel said things seem to break a lot for no appear reason. One of her friends would barley touch something and it would explode.

A legend is written on the back of the desert menu read by Trudel. It reads as follows:

Arthur Sharp 1934. Built in 1913 The Campbell River Lumber Company the building

was originally a lumber mill which employed over 400 workers to cut lumber to produce building trenches in Russia during the First World War. It had many uses over the years among them a Presbyterian Church, a school, and housed to migrant railway workers.

In 1934 after the mill shut down it became the home of Sharp who acted as a caretaker for the building and the surrounding land. Sharp was a quiet man who kept to himself never venturing into town. During a stormy night in November 1943, locals remember hearing strange screams of pain echoing through the hills. Sharpe was never to be seen again. Some people claim he was struck by a train.

Some say he drowned during a late evening swim; others say he went crazy and locked himself in the buildings rafters. It is now believed that the old caretaker roams the grounds today in spirit. There have been many reports of odd

occurrences. Items have been moved and noises have been heard in the ceilings and walls. Some people claim to have seen the caretakers' shadow lurking around the building.

Spirits may have a hunger to haunt restaurants and their employees. Perhaps this story should be on the first page of a paranormal menu and the restaurant simply called Things That Go Bump In a Canadian Night.

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