

# **THE LAST DAY OF FRASER'S *FOLKLORE OF NOVA SCOTIA***

FOLK 211 – Atlantic Canadian Folklore

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# But first...


- My week
- Why I haven't done the updates for notes, and why this will be mainly done on the fly
- Why I'm even more frenetic than usual
- Why this is over soon
- Notes:
  - Go to <http://tinyurl.com/folk211>
  - The slides will be available (soon) as PDF files

# Devil in Folk-Lore

- Look how many are associated with
  - a) alcohol,
  - b) dances and social occasions,
  - c) horses being spooked,
  - d) priests trying to administer rites,
  - e) priests offering wise council,
  - f) travel through the countryside,
  - g) cards,
  - h) combinations of the above




# Legends, Mainly Religious

- Pertaining mainly to Calendar customs
    - Folk religious observances on (mainly) days of the religious year
  - Etiological legends about animals
    - (cf. p. 69 of Speck)
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# Weather-Lore

- FEBRUARY 2: it's like I planned it
    - Groundhog Day, only with Bears!
  - Proverbial expressions which have a remarkable consistency to them
    - "Red sky..."
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# Customs Observed

- Rites of passage
  - death,
  - marriage,
  - birth
- The last paragraph acts as a conclusion for the entire book



# Go away now

- For next class, read Creighton's "Folklore of Victoria Beach."