#### CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

THE OLD MAN

THE THE

ON THE MORNING OF CHRIST'S

For so the holy sages once did sing.

To sit the midst of Trinal Unity. He laid aside, and here with us to be.

Oh, run, present them with thy humble

more than has been written? And ve

PICOBAC

TOBACCO

FOR A MILD COOL SMOKE

petual peace.

of mortal clay.

And with His Pather work us a per

Modimented was the old atone hearth. with flick ring Yule log's ruddy glow, Made merry long, long years ago.

In archway of the manor hall, The magic mistletoe was there, And 'neath it often was enticed A bloching maid or matron fair.

joyous eve for one and all. Dear friends and happy lovers great, While harp and viol everywhere Beat time for lively, tripping feet,,

The holly red and evergreen. Were hanging festooned on the wall. And good old fashioned Christmas cheer Was served in spacious banquet hall.

And happy hearty carols made. The great old caken rafters ring. They sang of Christ of Bethlehem, And-proudly hailed Him as their King.

And quickly sped the golden hours In gay, romantic days of old, ten Christmas was a festival, And hearts beat faithfully and bold. -Caroline Eleanor Wilkinson.

# Twenty Years Ago

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Mesers, Robt. McPherson, Robt. Scott and J. R. Ramshaw are the retiring members of the Board of Education. Walter Readhead, of Lowville, was a successful exhibitor of Hereford cattle at the Guelph Winter Pair. He douated a fat steer to the Milton Red. Cross and Daughters of the Empire. At suction it brought \$235.00.

Among the workers for the Red Cross who has done splendid service is Mrs. James Henderson, Maria Street. Mrs. Henderson has knit 86 pairs of sooks, 19 pairs of wristlets, made 101 hospital suits and 17 pairs of bed socks.

The receipts for the year of the Aoren Hydro-Electric system will aggregate about \$12,000. When it was installed. there were only about 100 metres; today there are about 400 consumers.

Mr Fred H. Ross made a brief visit Wherein the Son of Heaven's Etern the elest son of the late John Ross, who was Principal of the Public School after.

the resignation of Robert Little. Mr. Neil Patterson, who has conducted a successful meat business for the past eighteen years, has sold to Messis, Mc-

Enery and Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb were presented with a mantle clock and other presents by their neighbors prior to removing from their farm at Crewsons Corners to Acton.

### SEASONS OF CANADIAN APPLES

Every variety of Canadian apple for Say, heavenly Muse, shall not thy sacre when it is at its finest-a period when its flavor is perfect. Gravensteins and Wealthy in September, October and November: McIntosh, Pameuse (Snow). Wolf River .- and Ribston, in October, November, December and January; King, November, December and January; Bald- And all the spangled host keep watch win, Wagner, Delictous, Greening R. L., and Stark, November, December, Janu- See, how from far, upon the eastern road, ary and February. (Stark is still fine in March); Northern Spy. Rome Beauty and Golden Russet, December, Jamiary, Pebruary and March; Ben Davis, Gano and Winosap, December, January, February, March, April and May, Under proper storage conditions, some varieties can be kept in good condition longer than

## WORLD CATTLE MARKETS

he months specified.

International trade in live cattle is back, oh, say forty or fifty years ago. recondary to that in beef. Markets for Christmas is just the same; that same cattle are distinctly localised and for the loving spirit, but what a change folks most part non-competitive, states the have in observing it. Imperial Econòmic Committee and 1934. Oermany and Belgium absorb to keep it clear. the bulk of Danish exports, and those and Chile.

## AN UBGENT QUESTION

Important declarations have been made by leaders of all three political parties in Canada, regarding the question of Canada's railways; all three seem to be of the one opinion and that is, to allow the railway problem to slide in the hopes that it may some day slide into a hole where a solution to the great problem may be found In the meantime, the taxpayers of Canada have to provide about \$1,000,000 each week of each year to meet the deficit of the railways owned by the people of Canada. At this price it is an expensive top we are playing with. There has been only one really constructive suggestion made to solve this big problem and that has been made and re-made time and time again, by Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Of course the Dispatch is aware that there are many people in Canada who, like the Winnipeg Free Press, sees red when Sir Efford Beatty mentions this subject: however this distinguished Canadian has been fearless in his advocacy of his solution and it would appear as fit and proper that the question be submitted to the electors of Canada by way of a plebincite. The reason Canada has such a problem on its hands to-day is due to the loose management this railway bustwas given when the public exchaquer was being drained many years ago. A phobiacite will secure the public opinion without resort to political influmes.—Alametia Dispatch,

boys and Bill Williams had stocks of lived across the street, got a bunch of colored allopers that brightened up the matches and went over to the barn to

bit old-fashioned and trains ran anywhere Pire Brigade confined the fire to the stituted for the man. In a few days he from one hour to five hours late. So building, and it burned itself out in a had diminished reflexes, stiff neck and when one arrived, it was not necessary remarkably short time. The Robson was dull and lethargic. Notwithstandto hurry away again.

not quite so fresh but they were relished when they weren't too wormy.

other days, but it's many times more sides, decided to give up hard work, they expensive. Why, a first-class goose was bought this lot and had the comfortable. Then it is incurbale. a half dollar and good chickens went for home which stands there to-day built for a quarter a-piece. I don't think I ever them. When they passed away, the of rables is that the person, bitten is tainly ain't!" paid more than seventy-five cents for property came into the hands of Esther promptly vaccinated against the infecthe goose for our Christmas dinner and Hill, their niece, who had faithfully car- tion. If the dog or other animal re- fail to prosper? The answer is in the ted at feasts and banquets. ducks were 35c to 50c for a pair. Don't ed for and nursed them during their sponsible for the bite can be secured, he negative, Miss Davis tipped them in recall buying them singly at that time, alling days and feebleness. Henry Aw- should be kept under close observation Hollywood fashion as a reward for their often adorn the tables of to-day.

But I never intended to ramble along like this about Christmas. Perhaps I'll have more to say next week.

Street in the earlier days, a little over ninety years ago Samuel Speight, brother of John and Mike, bought the lot across Willow Street on Church, from the rear of Mrs. Symon's garden, and built there the home nest for himself and Elizabeth VanVlack, his bride, whom he had just married. Sam was in partnership with John and Mike. He was an expert carriage painter, and ran the paint shop on Agnes Street, where the Speight waguns TRANS-CANADA PILOTS and buggies were painted. Samuel was Of wedged maid and virgin mother born, the soul of honor, but pessimistic and Our great redemption from above did unfortunate. He was chronically dispeptic, and perhaps that accounts for it That He our deadly forfeit should re- Things were never quite right in his judgment, in the shop, in the home, or in the community. When he went home to his meals, they often weren't ready, and if they were he didn't like them. He was quite considerate of his Eliza-And that far beaming blaze of majesty. Wherewith he went at Heaven's high Forsook the courts of everlasting day. And chose with us a darksome house of blood. Elizabeth had a penchant, even when on service, never a button undone, needs, and if the storekeepers there, black ties black socks and shoes, John Hogg, or William Stewart, or A. The blue service dress is worn from the price a few cents per yard on goods, summer the men go into grey Now while the heaven, by the sun's team she'd buy lavishly, often more than the Pollowing the practice of the Imperial

the cost would far overreach the price Pilot" to "Captain" and "First Officer." star-led wizards haste with odors Have thou the honor first thy Lord to tha, the eldest, married Jabe Smith, the ficers wear the T.C.A. insignia-maple sawyer, right while they lived there or leaf and bird shape-as cap badges and shortly after they moved out to the farm on buttons.

What can I write about Christmas what a difference in Christmas now than family moved there. Here in the course tives, it is an example of the high stan-

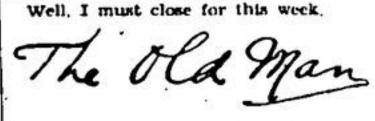
When I go back forty or fifty years A good many citizens had this Speight examinations, based on Plank's Physical United Kingdom takes practically all the ago! I come well within the memory of home on Willow and Church Streets for Efficiency Index, as followed by the Civil exports from Eire, and the United States many of the folks of to-day. Oertainly their home. When Charlie VanAllan, the Aviation Division of the Department of by far the largest share of Canadian there were plenty of gift attractions. tailor, moved from Georgetown, he leased Transport and the Royal Canadian Air exports, the remainder going mainly to Why, there was George Hynds' window, this place and conducted his tailoring Force. While they are in service, they the United Kingdom, which was the that was never frosted over because the business in the parlor. The late John must present themselves regularly for chief market for Canadian cattle in 1933 crowd outside kept it just warm enough Moore lived there for several years. This examination by company doctors as well Then there was Pearson's window, too, time. For a number of years it was ment of Transport. Their character from Hungary are sent to neighboring that was big and had plenty of display the home of John Brown and his family. must also be of the highest. countries. Argentina exports consider- in chinaware and hardware. And Bill The present owner is W. J. Akins, who, Before he takes control of a plane or able numbers of live cattle to Paraguay Stark, who had a part of Chartle when he grew tired of running a farm sits in the First Officer's seat, a T.C.A. Speight's shop, used to stock a few toys in Nassagaweya, decided to come: to pilot goes through the most rigorous that were a delight to all the youngsters Acton to retire. But they made him training course, lasting many months, in town. Of course the Henderson boys Secretary of the Pair and kept him so Not a detail is left unstudied, not a pashad the big store full of Christmas gro- busy that he decided he would get back afble experience but is met in advance. ceries and staples, and the Kenney to Nassagaweys as often as he could. He is checked over periodically while in

> Nassagaweya to help his son, Cecil. ago, the little son of Mrs. Robinson, who whether the plane shall go up or not

Yes, there was Christmas shopping to ings on the fire. It leaped up, a gust the cow, he placed his hand in the an- if promptly administered, is almost al- supported by the fact that William be done in those days, but it wasn't any of wind fanned it against the barn, and imal's mouth and received abrasions on ways successful. Thousands of lives Strickland, who accompanied Cabot on in a jiffy the barn was on fire. Being his knuckles. The cow died shortly have been saved by its use.—John W. S. several of his voyages, adopted a turkey The Christmas home comings weren't very dry, and containing a quantity of after and a post-mortem examination McCullough, M. D. so hurried either. It was quite a trip straw and hay, the building was soon a revealed the fact that she had rables, from Acton to Toronto. Winters were a mass of flames. . The newly-organized that is hydrophobia. Treatment was in-

I'm not one to argue for the good old at the fire. He had no thought that his at least 12 doses of anti-rable vaccine, times again, but I do maintain the folks little match could cause so much daniage the man died and post-mortem showed then enjoyed Christmas just as much as and nearly cried himself into lits over that he too, had died of rables. those in present day circumstances do. the catastrophy. The barn was never

The Christmas dinner then was just as rey, who was then in charge of Noble's for ten days. If at the end of that time mendacity! good as it is to-day. When I got through grain elevator in Acton, concluded that the animal is alive and well, the victim Mary had prepared, I usually had no better if they were married and establish He has not been infected. If the dog appetite for any of the fancy fixings that a home and the years have proven that or other animal dies in the period menboth of their judgments were correct, and tioned, the brain should be examined for an enormous stuffed tarpon in a glass this has been their home for twenty negri bodies. These eval or round bodies, case. yours or more. And it a happy one has discovered in 1903 by Negi an Italian. He star d at it for a minute or two was making pastry before you told his only other hobby these days is nerve cells of animals dead of hydro-liur."



### MEET HIGH STANDARDS

woman asked the other day at the

'Vancouver," she was told. "Oh," said she, "that accounts for all

She was referring to the Truns-Cariada Air Lines pilots, who look very much both, however. In he hurt his finger at like the navy in their smart blue unithe shop, he'd go up to John's house and forms and peaked caps. Trans-Canada have John's wife dress it, because, you is as strict as the navy in details of dress. know, Elizabeth would faint at the sight | The flying officers must always be trim in those early days, for bargains. She never in shirt sleeves, not even a pencil would go to Guelph for a supply of family showing. They must wear white shirts and

O. Bucham, could be persuaded to deduct September 14th to May 14th. In the

family would need for months or perhaps Airways, the Pan American Airways and years. She was a skilful milliner, but other representative British and Americin buying materials for bonnels and hats an companies, the T.C.A. has changed she would lay in such quantities that the designation "Pilot" and "Second of all the headgear needed for the four, The Captain is recognized by two rings. of gold braid on his cuff and the First Most, if not all; the members of the Officer by one ring. The standard Royal family, were born in this home. Mar- Naval half-inch braid is used. Both of-

-now owned by Mr. Darwin Cripps. Latest statistics show that the T.C.A. -Milton. Martha liked the old home so well that has 34 pilots among its more than 300

> Well nigh sixty years ago the farm was Dress is, of course, a minor matter, bought and Mr. and Mrs. Speight and but, according to Trans-Canada execuof time both died, and finally the family dards of discipline and efficiency debecame scattered. Councillor Arthur manded of the men. Before they are Speight, of Georgetown, is a grandson. | engaged, they have to pass strict physical was the home of John Perbes for a long as fulfil the requirements of the Depart-

> He and Mrs. Akins and Miss Annie have the air and he returns regularly to the a very happy home here, but Mr Akins Link Trainer, in which he "flies" while still likes to get back on the farm in still on the ground.

> The T.C.A. pilot is prepared for great Where the smaller house of Mr. Fred responsibility. Every flight he makes is Jiggins stands, on the south east corner carefully planned with the co-operation of the lot, there was once a frame barn of dispatcher and meteorologist and it One summer day, a good many years is the pilot who has the last word as to

#### BEWARE THE DOG

Recently, in King's County, California,

infection with the poison of rables the who had lived on the farm at Dublin to the part of the body which has re-Powl is no better to-day than in those School, where Donald Waldie now re- ceived the infectin. If about the fact,

The important thing about the control

phobia; their presence is considered conclusive proof of rables.

The preventive treatment of rables

#### THESE DID PROSPER

#### ANOTHER DOUBTER

been. Mr. Awrey devotes quite a time physician, are seen in the protoplasm in silence. Then he said: "The fella worn." to the work of Knox Church and I'm and sometimes in the processes of who caught-hie-that fish is a-hie-

#### FIRST TURKEY IN ENGLAND

would make you a suit of clothes and ...car the barn and was so delighted with a man noticed that one of his cows was consists of daily injections for 21 days was taken to England by one of Sebesaccept butter and eggs in part payment, it that he heaped more straw and shav- having trouble in swallowing. To aid of anti-rable vaccine. This treatment, tian Cabo's chief lieutenants. This is arms in 1551. At any rate, the popularity of the turkey as the principal item in the Christmas dinner menu has lasted "Cheats never prosper," runs an old well over 300 years .- But if you think saying, but two colored porters on a C.P. that the title "turkey" has anything to laddle was the most frightened person ing the fact that he had been given R. western train have reason to believe do with the country of that name, you that there is an exception to every rule, are mistaken. The bird is a native of Recenly, and apparently no one but North America, where it was discovered this columnist discovered it. Bette Davis, by the early Spanish navigators. Exact-Such a history is most unusual. After the large-eyed movie star, paid a visit ly how it got its name is a mystery. Some to Canada. She told every official on authorities suggest that the bird chrissome but they were lasting. Nuts were . The adjoining lot was vacant for many incibation period usually varies from a the train that she wanted to avoid pub- tened itself, by its constant reltaration years. When Messrs, Kinnaird Brothers, month to five or six months, according licity, and, strange but true, really meant of a sound that resembles "turkturk-So, when other passengers, armed turkey on Christmas Day you may like the infection shows itself very early, with autograph books, asked the porters, to remind the company that the bird's "Isn't that Betty Davis in the car succulent meat was so highly esteemed ahead?" the answer was, "No sir, it cer- by sixteenth century churchmen that by Archbishop Cranmer's orders, only

#### HOW MUCH PERT

Tommy surveyed the new baby a decidedly critical eye.



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