

CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

Remembered was the old alone hearth, with flickering Yule log's ruddy glow...

Twenty Years Ago

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Messrs. Robt. McPherson, Robt. Booth and J. R. Ramshaw are the retiring members of the Board of Education...

Among the workers for the Red Cross who have done splendid service is Mrs. James Henderson, Maria Street...

Mr. Fred H. Ross made a brief visit to his boyhood home here. Mr. Ross is the eldest son of the late John Ross...

Mr. Nell Patterson, who has conducted a successful meat business for the past eighteen years, has sold to Messrs. McEnery and Evans...

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

SEASONS OF CANADIAN APPLES Every variety of Canadian apple for eating or cooking has a definite season when it is at its finest...

WORLD CATTLE MARKETS International trade in live cattle is secondary to that in beef. Markets for cattle are distinctly localized...

AN URGENT QUESTION Important declarations have been made by leaders of all three political parties in Canada regarding the question of Canada's railways...

PICOBAC PIPE TOBACCO FOR A MILD COOL SMOKE

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



ON THE MORNING OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

This is the month, and this the happy morn When the Son of Heaven's Eternal King...

That glorious form, that light unutterable, And that far beaming blaze of majesty, Wherewith he went to Heaven's high council-table...

Say, heavenly Muse, shall not thy sacred vein Afford a present to the Infant-God? Hast thou no verse, or hymn, or solemn strain...

See, how from far, upon the eastern road, The star-led wizards haste with odors sweet; Oh, run, present them with thy humble ode...

What can I write about Christmas more than has been written? And yet what a difference in Christmas now than back, oh, say forty or fifty years ago...

When I go back forty or fifty years ago! I come well within the memory of many of the folks of to-day. Certainly there were plenty of gift attractions...

boys and Bill Williams had stocks of colored alppers that brightened up the staple line. Kelly Ross, in those days, would make you a suit of clothes...

The Christmas home comings weren't so hurried either. It was quite a trip from Acton to Toronto. Writers were a bit old-fashioned and trains ran anywhere from one hour to five hours late...

Resuming our recollections of Church 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...

Well, I must close for this week.

The Old Man

TRANS-CANADA PILOTS MEET HIGH STANDARDS

Where does that plane come from? A woman asked the other day at the Winnipeg airport.

Following the practice of the Imperial Airways, the Pan American Airways and other representative British and American companies, the T.C.A. has changed the designation "Pilot" and "Second Pilot" to "Captain" and "First Officer"...

Before he takes control of a plane or sits in the First Officer's seat, a T.C.A. pilot goes through the most rigorous training course, lasting many months. Not a detail is left unattended, not a possible experience but is met in advance...

REWARD THE DOG Recently, in King's County, California, a man noticed that one of his cows was having trouble in swallowing...

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