#### SPRING

I'm giad it's Easter time again and spring It always makes me feel so gay when Summer's near.

I feel as if Tm free again and everything's so bright I'm not so sorry winter's gone, and hidden out of sight. I'm glad the birds are here once more, to

I love to walk along the road and feel It's great to wander in the woods, beneath the glorious sun, To go back home, and wishing that the day had just begun.

I'm glad the warmer weather's here, and snow is gone, The streams are flowing freely on and It's fum to watch the little children play-

ing in the stream. I hardly realize it's spring, or is it jus I'm glad it's time again to see the marbles And also little girls with skipping ropes

around their feet. these are signs that winter's gone and Spring is here. For soon the summer days will come, with all their cheer?

## Twenty Years Ago

POST OFFICE

GRANDFATHER

And the great hearthstone how wide

There was always room for the old man't

And all the children that cared

At his knee in the evening tide.

And sun in the cheerful glow.

As the old fireplace, I know,

Just room for another chair:

On the pillow of his care:

There was always rest for another head

There was always place for another name

In his trustful morning prayer.

ence of 1872-67 years ago this June.

book. The record is as follows:

for the current year.

Grant, and Eli Snyder.

Carried.

Acton, July 8th, 1872

Minutes of meeting held in the

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Acton,

for the purpose of organizing the

circuit newly-constituted by London

Conference, of which Rev. Robert

Phillips has been appointed pastor

The official members who held

office in the Quarterly Board of the

former circuit who were present were:

Bros. John Speight, Asa Hall, Wm.

Moved by Bros. R. Phillips, second-

ed by Bro. William Grant, that Bros.

Henry Cole, Edward Moore, and W.

H. Storey be hereby elected Stewards

Moved by Bro. William Grant.

seconded by Bro. John Speight, that

Bros. W. H. Storey, Edward Moore,

and Eli Snyder be a committee to

procure a suitable place for Rev. Mr.

Phillips to board during the year .-

Moved by Bro. Phillips, seconded by

SWEET

CAPORAL

The perest form to which

tobocio can be smoked"

of the circuit for the year.-Carried.

By the cozy chimney-side,

Thursday, April 10th, 1919

After three months' consideration, the Council has at last secured a Clerk and Treasurer. Harold Nash Farmer, who succeeded to the legal business of the ate A. J. McKinnon in January, received the appointment. Mr. R. M. McDonald was appointed Chief of the Pire Brigade. and Mr. Alex. Kean, engineer, and Mr. James Mills, assistant engineer,

Pte. Thos. Dobbie, of Limehouse, Pte. Melfort Collier, Pte. Henry Dobbie, of Kitchener, Pte. Clarence Matthews, Sapper Arthur H. Parton arrived home during the week.

Pte. and Mrs. Frank Day and children left on Monday to spend the summer in England with his father and mother.

At the Epworth League meeting last week, the program was in the form of a Board of Trade banquet and re-organization into a Chamber of Commerce. The theme of the adddresses was the betterment of Acton.

Room for all of the homeless ones Three shoe manufacturing concerns They might bask at ease in the grateful are enquiring if the new shoe factory building is available.

Neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs E. W. Grace and family spent a social time with them prior to their removal And he always found at his well-filled to their new home on the fifth line. mantle clock and silver butter dish were presented to them.

ADSETT-At Trenton, on Monday, April 7th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adsett, a daughter.....

McPHERSON-At Hartney, Man., on Monday, March 31st, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. William McPherson, a daughter.

## A COMMUNITY IS A GARDEN

garden-a garden very willing to grow whatever is planted in it. Willing to grow weeds if neglected.

who wants something from the garden, which is our community, yet who plants are interesting and I think I will give never hear the minister announcing it Imagine a farmer standing in a field

willing to grow a lot for him, yet who sows nothing in that field, nor prepares it for sowing. The field will grow something, but nothing very good or valuable Its potentialities are not drawn from it

Like the inactive farmer some retailers stand in a field more than willing to give them what they want a crop of custom .ers; but they quite fail to get all the customers possible. Customers are the fruit of plantings and cultivation.

The retailer in a community who plants his mind and desires in the garden which is a community, will surely have the crop desired. The seeder is the advertisement columns of newspapers. There may be other seeders, but none so cheap as a newspaper, none which scatters the seed so widely and swiftly in soil which

is productive. Think it out for yourself. How can any retailer get the potentialities of the garden, which is a community, if he plants little or nothing in it?-Renfrew

ESSENTIALS FOR GETTING ALONG

WITH ONESELF AND WITH OTHERS

To be able to face the dally requirements of life with equanimity and a confidence that one is equal to the challenge of the day, or at least capable of accepting defeat 'philosophically.

. To be able to face realities, not run away from them through subterfuges. To be able to take one's place in everyday life without more than occasional friction in relationships with other per-

To be able to look with reasonable tolerance upon the annoyances which are inevitable in every life. To want to win, but to be able to lose

gracefully. To cherish no grudges.

To seek advancement, but without feverish grasping for-more wealth, power, fame or success than one has capacity to

To be able to laugh at oneself, perhaps the greatest evidence of a well controlled

To accord to others a right to their own viewpoints and ideas.

"Did you ever try shovelling snow from

Bro John Speight, that Bro. W. H. Storey be appointed Recording Steward for the year.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Eli Snyder, seconded by Bro. William Grant, that the services at Acton Church shall for the present be as follows: Sunday morning at half past ten on the first Sabbath of every month, and services as usual at half past six every Sebbath evening.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Recording Steward be empowered to secure suitable book for recording therein the affairs of the circuit.-Carried.

(Signed) W. H. Storey,

elected a member of the Board. In March, 1873, a very successful series suring childhood memories of bowls of of protracted meetings were held by Rev. Mr. Phillips, at which many new members were received. Among these were Charlie Cook, who afterward became one United States

William Bell, the founder of the Bell them poorly. When they are cooked in Bell Piano and Organ Company, was an the shell a precise method-is necessary employee of the firm. It was bought long to cook them to the right degree. Use before we had an organ in our church; one pint of water for the first egg and yes, nearly thirty years before

at bringing these ungodly things into the degree of cooking desired, for soft cooked kirk. It was not until Mr. Rae's time or medium eggs. For hard cooked eggs. that our folks bought an organ for the following the direction for soft cooked Sunday School, and for years after that public services were in progress. Jimmie Shaw, or John Hay, or William Gordon, or Archie Mann were good enough to lead the singing of the Psalms and the Paraphrases, with the aid of the tuning fork. But now, bless you, how times have changed! We've a pipe organ in the church, a piano in the Sunday School, and fiddles and corne's and other instruments of music galore, on occasions,

right in the church, and nobody breathes a word against it. But I forgot to tell you they had a melodean in the old-Methodist Church before they got the organ. It stood down in front of the side pews. I remember W. H. Storey playing on it at a teameeting one time. Mr. Storey knew a few And now a few more recollections of tunes and could sing pretty well, too, and the old white church on Church Street, the folks liked to hear him. I used to I think I told you that Acton was set | go to all the tea-meetings in those days; apart from Georgetown circuit and made but in this times have changed too. Mary the head of a new circuit during the and I used to go out to almost everything first term of the ministry of the late in the churches and enjoyed it, too. We Robert Phillips. This was at the Confer- even went to prayer meeting in our younger days, but between the rheumatiz I have just read in the old minute and old age, we don't often get out book, the first one used by the new cir- anything at nights now. Not even prayer meeting, but I don't believe there But what would you think of n man Recording Steward, the minutes of the is a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights organization of the new charge. They any more in our church. At least, I them to you as they appear in this old when I am at church for the morning

> Well, the new organ came, but lo and enold, it would never do to out it down where the old melodeon stood. church folks got Eli Snyder to built a sort of pen at the rear, big enough for the choir and the organ. The floor was elevated about two feet, and there the organ was played, and there the choir sang, right over the people's heads. hink Mary Thurtell was the first organist. She was a good player, and brought out the music from that little organ. Mary continued as organist until her marriage with Alexander Brown about

Say, I often wondered about tile generosity of the Methodists with that organ. The people of the countryside seemed to feel they had some claim on it, or else they were prepared to go to all-lengths of presumption to get the use of it special services and other functions. there was any special gathering in the Temperance Hall the organ was borrowed. Then the Methodist Churches outside seemed to want it, and it always went. It was taken up to Swackhamer's Hill for a tea-meeting one time. I think the last time it was out it was taken to Crewsons Corners for a tea-meeting there. In coming home it was in George Elliott's sleigh. That's old George, I mean. I should say Mr. Elliott, for he was a gentleman, and as a young fellow I always liked him. He was Tom's father, you know. Well, in coming home through

#### EGGS FOR EASTER LONG TRADITION

day morning continues. It matters not ceding year. The various kinds of farms The modern model of the humble hen may, and usually does, produce her excellent product the year round. Easter is still associated with eggs, with the hen

aware of her destiny. ways boiled in the shell. For children, At the next meeting of the Quarterly of course, they must be colored, with one Board, in November, James Moore was of an infinite variety of home or commercial preparations. "No parents, treamulti-colored eggs on Easter morning, would deny a similar pleasure to their

For children, pullet eggs, if they are of the leading preachers in the Baptist available, will prove an added attraction, Church. For about thirty years he held their small size lending a youthful touch high positions of leading churches in the and having the further practical advantage of enabling Junior to dispose of a An interesting matter in connection greater number. These small eggs are with the old church was the purchase sold under the designation of Grade A and introduction of the first organ. That Fullet. They weigh approximately an was between sixty and seventy-five years ounce and a half each. - Grade A Large

one cup of water for each additional You know, our folks, of the Presby:er- egg. Bring the water to the boiling ian persuasion, lots of them at least, had point. The shape of the kettle should conscientious scruples against praising be such that the water will cover the

God with a "kist o' whistles." They could egg. Place the egg in the water and stand the fiddle and the bag-pipes in the cover the kettle. Remove from the heat homes, or at the barn dances, four or and keep the water hot but not boiling five nights a week, but they drew the line for 6 to 8 minutes, depending upon hte allowing the eggs to simmer 30-35 minit had to be shoved out of sight when the utes. Cool eggs quickly by plunging them into cold water, or letting cold water run over them in order to prevent blackened surface of the yolk. Hard cooked eggs

### LATE AT APPOINTMENTS

Are you one of those folks who keep people waiting when you have agreed to meet them at a certain hour and

If you appoint half a dozen people on committee, and they are notified to neet at 8.00 p.m., the chances are good that at least one member of that committee will be 15 to 20 inutes late, I five people are prompt and one person 20 minutes behind, those people have

Some people seem to feel that if a cer tain group plan to meet at 7.30, it is not expected to get them there before 8 o'clock, so that one can be a half hour late without doing any harm. If people act that way about getting to their work

## GOOD ENOUGH

An imprudent fellow met an Irishman

"I was just thinking, Pat," said he that you would make a fine monkey if ou had a tail."

"Sure, it's queer,' 'said Pat, "I was just thinking meself that you would make a fine monkey without any altera-

the drifts, Mr. Elliott's long sleigh upset; the horses ran away, and the organ was dumped out in a snow drift. It was a little battered, and scratched, but John Speight glued and varnished and polished up, and it was in its place for the Sunday services as good as ever, and led the choir as they sang ghymns and anthems out of the old "Church Harmonist" ust as well as ever.

That was the last time the organ was let go out of the church until it went nto one of the class rooms in the new church in June, 1876. I wonder where the dear little music box is now?

Say, that's about all I have room for for this week, and I'm not through yet, I'll try and finish up the old church next week; but dear knows where I'll get to when I take to wandering over those old.

### CANADA'S FUR FARMS

According to the latest statistics con-The origin of the Easter egg tradition tained in the preliminary report just isis lost in antiquity but year after year sued on the fur farms of Canada, there the delightful practice of adorning the were 9,179 fur farms in the Dominion in breakfast table with eggs on Easter Sun- 1937, an increase of 1,037 over the prethat the first fresh eggs no-longer come | were-7,602 fox; 1,425 mink; 83 raccoon; with Easter, the beginning of Spring. 28 muskrat; 19 fitch; 11 beaver; 5 marten: 4 nutria: 3 fisher and 2 badger.

The classification is made according to scratching in the warming earth, newly example, a farm with 10 marten and 4 weekfisher would be classified as a marten

animals on the farms at the end of 1937 | it? was 241,359, of which 153,822, or 64 per umbered 71.410, or 30 per cent.

### CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Mother: "Certainly not, dear."

Leona: "Then what makes old Towser rowl so at Bessie when they are eating their breakfast?"

## GOING THE ROUNDS

the kind of animal for which the largest | Thought I'd drop in and see about that number is recorded on the farm. For overcoat you borrowed from me last

Brown-I'm sorry, old man; but I lent Eggs, in the Easter tradition, are al- farm. The number of fur bearing it to a friend of mine. Were you wanting

cent, of the total, were silver fox. Mink chap I borrowed it from says the owner wants it.

A bandsman was returning home after a hilarious evening. When he got to the barrier he could not find his ticket. "Now, then," said the ticket collector "where's your ticket?"

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

"I've losht it." said the bandsman swaying on his feet. "Nonsense. Feel in your pockets. You

can't have lost it." "Can't I?" biccoughed the reveller. "I have lost the big drum, too!"

NO LUCK

Mrs. Henpecked (sarcastically): " suppose you've been to see a sick friend -holding his hand all evening!" Husband (absently): "If I'd been holding his hand, I'd have made money."

# It's agin the law to use a gun

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