

SPRING

I'm glad it's Easter time again and spring is here. It always makes me feel so gay when summer's near.

Twenty Years Ago

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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 late A. J. McKinnon in January, received the appointment.

BORN

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

A COMMUNITY IS A GARDEN

A community can be likened unto a garden—a garden very willing to grow whatever is planted in it. Willing to grow weeds if neglected.

ESSENTIALS FOR GETTING ALONG WITH ONESELF AND WITH OTHERS

To be able to face the daily 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.

THE OTHER SIDE

"A job done well never wants doing again." "Did you ever try shovelling snow from the sidewalk?"

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOTTOWER



GRANDFATHER

How broad and deep was the fireplace old, And the great hearthstone how wide!

And now a few more recollections of the old white church on Church Street. I think I told you that Acton was set apart from Georgetown circuit and made the head of a new circuit during the first term of the ministry of the late Robert Phillips.

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 for the current year.

The official members who held office in the Quarterly Board of the former circuit who were present were: Bro. John Speight, Asa Hall, Wm. Grant, and Eli Snyder.

Moved by Bro. R. Phillips, seconded by Bro. William Grant, that Bro. Henry Cole, Edward Moore, and W. H. Storey be hereby elected Stewards of the circuit for the year.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Phillips, seconded by

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 Sabbath evening.—Carried.

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

(Signed) W. H. Storey, Recording Steward.

At the next meeting of the Quarterly Board, in November, James Moore was elected a member of the Board.

In March, 1873, a very successful series 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 of the leading preachers in the Baptist Church.

An interesting matter in connection with the old church was the purchase and introduction of the first organ. This was between sixty and seventy-five years ago. It was, I believe, the first cabinet organ brought to Acton, and was made by McLeod & Wood, of Guelph, when William Bell, the founder of the Bell Piano and Organ Company, was an employee of the firm.

You know, our folks, of the Presbyterian persuasion, lots of them at least, had conscientious scruples against praising God with a "kit o' whistles." They could stand the fiddle and the bag-pipes in the homes, or at the barn dances, four or five nights a week, but they drew the line at bringing these ungodly things into the kirk.

But I forgot to tell you they had a melodeon 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 tea-meeting one time. Mr. Storey knew a few tunes and could sing pretty well, too, and the folks liked to hear him. I used to go to all the tea-meetings in those days; but in this times have changed, too, Mary and I used to go out to almost everything in the church and enjoyed it, too.

Well, the new organ came, but I and behold, it would never do to put it down where the old melodeon stood. The church folks got Eli Snyder to build 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. I think 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 1871.

Say, I often wondered about the 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 at special services and other functions. If 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 Crewson's 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

The origin of the Easter egg tradition is lost in antiquity but year after year the delightful practice of adorning the breakfast table with eggs on Easter Sunday morning continues. It matters not that the first fresh eggs no longer come with Easter, the beginning of Spring. 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 scratching in the warming earth, newly aware of her destiny.

Eggs, in the Easter tradition, are always boiled in the shell. For children, of course, they must be colored, with one of an infinite variety of home or commercial preparations. No parents, treasuring childhood memories of bowls of multi-colored eggs on Easter morning, would deny a similar pleasure to their children.

For children, pullet eggs, if they are available, will prove an added attraction, their small size lending a youthful touch and having the further practical advantage of enabling Junior to dispose of a greater number. These small eggs are sold under the designation of Grade A Pullets. They weigh approximately an ounce and a half each. Grade A Large eggs weigh two ounces or more.

Eggs are so sensitive to heat in cooking that it is easy to overcook them, or cook them poorly. When they are cooked in the shell a precise method is necessary to cook them to the right degree. Use one pint of water for the first egg and one cup of water for each additional egg. Bring the water to the boiling point. The shape of the kettle should be such that the water will cover the egg. Place the egg in the water and cover the kettle. Remove from the heat and keep the water hot but not boiling for 6 to 8 minutes, depending upon the degree of cooking desired, for soft, cooked or medium eggs. For hard cooked eggs, following the direction for soft cooked, allowing the eggs to simmer 30-35 minutes. 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 can be used in a number of ways to give variety.

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 minute?

If you appoint half a dozen people on a committee, and they are notified to meet at 8:00 p.m., the chances are good that at least one member of that committee will be 15 to 20 minutes late. If five people are prompt and one person 20 minutes behind, those people have been forced to lose 100 minutes in the aggregate.

Some people seem to feel that if a certain 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 in the morning, the boss may say that if they can't get there on time they had better not come at all.

GOOD ENOUGH

An imprudent fellow met an Irishman man in the street.

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

"Sure, it's queer," said Pat. "I was just thinking myself that you would make a fine monkey without any alteration at all."

That was the last time the organ was let out of the church until it went into 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 days.

The Old Man

CANADA'S FUR FARMS

According to the latest statistics contained in the preliminary report just issued on the fur farms of CANADA, there were 9,179 fur farms in the Dominion in 1937, an increase of 1,037 over the preceding year. The various kinds of farms were—7,602 fox; 1,425 mink; 83 raccoon; 28 muskrat; 19 fish; 11 beaver; 5 marten; 4 nutria; 3 fisher and 2 badger.

The classification is made according to the kind of animal for which the largest number is recorded on the farm. For example, a farm with 10 marten and 4 fisher would be classified as a marten farm. The number of fur bearing animals on the farms at the end of 1937 was 241,359, of which 153,822, or 64 per cent, of the total, were silver fox. Mink numbered 71,410, or 30 per cent.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Little Leona: "Mamma, do dogs get married?" Mother: "Certainly not, dear." Leona: "Then what makes old Towser growl so at Bessie when they are eating their breakfast?"

GOING THE ROUNDS

Jones — Good evening, old chap. Thought I'd drop in and see about that overcoat you borrowed from me last week. Brown—I'm sorry, old man, but I lent it to a friend of mine. Were you wanting it? Jones—Well, not for myself but the chap I borrowed it from says the owner wants it.

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

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?" "I've lost it," said the bandsman, swaying on his feet. "Nonsense. Feel in your pockets. You can't have lost it." "Can't I?" blubbered the reveller. "I have lost the big drum, too!"

NO LUCK

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

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MUGGS AND SKEETER



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