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Russian prices are staggering. In Moscow an order of bread and butter costs 62 1/2 cents, a pot of black coffee is 75 cents. A medium quality, ready-made suit costs \$450. The average Russian worker's wage is \$100 a month. Prices have been steadily reduced for four or five years, however, and the people feel that economically they are better off.—Frank W. Rounds Jr.



TALES ON TINTYPES

If you can recall this Acton scene you are over fifty years old. Mr. Brown catalogues it as the old Willow trees which had to be cut down to make way for the new block and it looks as if part of the cutting down had already taken place. The date is April 13th, 1900 and the place—the Norton Corners of Mill Street at Willow Street.

The new block referred to was for years known as the Warren block. It now is owned by M. Pallant and the Bank of Montreal. Manning Electric and M. Pallant now occupy the three stores. It was from the Willow trees that covered the site that Willow Street derived its name. The Willows were planted by William Steel in 1853 and the big one on the corner was quite solid when cut down. The stump was 16 ft. 9 inches in circumference.

The building on the corner was Henderson's store. It was then a rough cast building with the popular wooden awning. It was completely remodelled and is now owned by Elliott Bros who purchased the business twenty years ago from Malcolm McLean. It is Acton's oldest established general store.

The other building shown is the present apartment owned by Wm McLeod. We are not sure who the tenant was in 1900 but it might have been Charlie Sney the laundryman. There were numerous tenants. It wasn't a good business stall and it of course eventually became a residence.

You will notice the old board-sidewalks were in use in 1900 and the town had its municipal street lighting system with the street lights suspended in the centre of the roadway. Suspended is the right word for on a windy winter night they quite often turned right over and the light shone up instead of down.

Of course there wasn't an automobile on the street and the road was just a dirt road beyond the Henderson store was the warehouse where the extra supplies were kept. The big bags of brown sugar, the barrels of molasses and vinegar were kept in stock because deliveries from the city did not come often and usually by freight. Along Willow Street you will notice the hitching posts at various intervals. The telephone and electric poles on Mill Street were used to tie up the horses.

Pictured is part of main business section of Acton as it appeared just at the turn of the century. There were vacant lots right down town and residences on Mill Street. Life was leisurely. What a change the past fifty years have brought.

—Photo by A. T. Brown

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CARS IN RUSSIA

Only one Russian in thousands owns an automobile. Despite optimistic stories in the press about sales of cars, there is hardly any traffic on the roads. The author walked several miles on the main highway from Moscow to Leningrad, and saw not a single car or truck on the entire stretch.—Frank W. Rounds Jr.

OSPRINGE
Helpful Discussion At Club Meeting

(Intended for Last Week)

The sixth meeting of the Ospringe Hostess Club was held at the home of Mrs. A. McKinney on Saturday afternoon. Ida Archibald read the secretary's report and Zora Klooster read the club story.

Helpful discussions on outdoor courtesy suggested party menus, picnic lunch, refreshments and introduction, were led by the leaders, Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. E. Fisher. The girls baked cookies which were later served for lunch by the hostess, Joan Aitken, Joyce Robertson and Isabelle Ford demonstrated dish washing.

Miss Ferné Schell spent the week-end at her parents' home near Woodstock.

A number of the children of the section are suffering from pink eye.

Mrs. A. Sinclair Sr., Mr. Archie Sinclair, Grant and Hugh and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunter of Guelph visited on Sunday with the former's son Elgin, who is a patient in a Hamilton hospital.

Miss Joan and Masters John and Sherlock Aitken, accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. Gordon Aitken, contributed a vocal selection at the morning service of the Church of Christ Disciples at Everton on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Taylor of Grand Valley was a week-end guest of the Klooster family.

Mrs. Margaret Chisholm of Erin was a visitor on Saturday with Mrs. Mary Cooke.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Overland, second line, in the loss of their home by fire on Thursday.

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