

TALES ON TINTYPES

Oh, spring has come, with daffodils
 through the windows and the rain
 with daffodils and violets blue
 blowing from the earth again.

Spring has come with a winsome
 breeze
 To the tender leaves once more,
 All laid over-washed, while one
 one bear
 marching through the kitchen
 door.

Oh winter tired and weary folk
 Led the spirit of sorrow go,
 Come out and look where Nature
 calls
 And taste of its overflow.

SHOOTIN' COUSIN

"I've got the quickest shootin'
 cousin in the West."
 "Yeah? Well, my cousin is so fast
 he's shootin' his gun before it's even
 out of the holster."
 "Oh yeah? What's his name?"
 "Toogus Mike."



Photo by A. T. Brown

Of course readers will readily identify the building pictured above. It is the block owned by Harry Mainprize at the corner of Mill and John Streets. The date given by Mr. Brown for this photograph is April 6th, 1900 — just fifty-three years ago.

It was the occasion of the opening in Acton of the first Chartered Bank. Up until this time what banking business was done in Acton was carried on by private bankers, such as Christie & Henderson, whose banking quarters were at the rear of their general store, in a room just off the millinery parlors.

The men at the bank were Mr. Wallace, the first manager and his assistant Mr. Gentles and Arthur McNabb. The gold letters on the window and the imposing signs on the building and

across the street were impressive when the Merchant's Bank of Canada opened in Acton in 1900. The quarters were small, but they suffered until the bank moved into the present building of the Bank of Montreal. Matter of fact the present building in the Pallant Block was always occupied by the bank.

Mr. McNabb also had an office in part of the building for legal work and the sign on the building at the window is that of R. J. McNabb. It merely serves us correctly, the little white terrier dog "Tip" in the picture belonged to Mr. McNabb.

The store on the corner was the fancy goods store owned by the Misses Perryman, who also owned the building at that time. Here was sold materials for knit-

ting and embroidery and some articles from the skilled hands of the Misses Agnes and Sarah Perryman. They resided in the living quarters of the building and kept house for their father the late Thomas Perryman.

Perhaps you can note the board walk that was on Mill Street in 1900 and the last bit of April snow along the edge of the sidewalk. The lot adjoining where the fence is shown was vacant until 34 years after this picture was taken and the V.M.C.A. building was erected thereon.

We've been wondering how many of our readers find interest in these pictures and recollections and if they would like them continued as a Free Press feature. If you like them won't you let us know?

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By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

Which is more expensive: one two-week vacation, or two one-week vacations?

On the average, I believe the split week vacation will cost slightly more than the single vacation, and here are the reasons:

(1) With the two-week vacation, you can get by with one wardrobe; but with a split vacation, your wardrobe is doubled. With one week in summer and one in winter, for example, you'll need two complete and different sets of clothing.

(2) Although you may drive the same distance in both the split and the single vacation, it is probable that your road costs will be slightly higher with two separate weeks. Most people, with but one week of freedom, are inclined to press too hard, drive too fast, and take less time seeking out the less expensive (but just as good) places for entertainment, dining and lodging. It's a psychological, but nonetheless true, inclination.

While the long vacation may be slightly less expensive, the split week champions point out that they spread their cost over an entire year, making expenses a little easier to meet.

Split or single? Take your choice.

TRICKS

"Hello, Brown, are you using your skates tonight?"
 "Yes, I am afraid that I am."
 "Splendid, then you won't mind lending me your tax."

OBITUARY

Mrs. A. Johnson Interred at Acton

Rev. Ralph Price conducted the funeral service in the Victor B. Humley Funeral Home, Acton, on Thursday, June 4, for the late Sarah Ann Johnson, who died at her home, R.R. 5, Acton, on June 2. Mrs. Johnson leaves her husband, Andrew Martin Johnson and five children, Muriel, Laura (Mrs. V. Stewart), Viola, Andrew and John.

Also surviving are sisters Mrs. Ida King, Mrs. Ethel Scrimshaw, and Mrs. Barbara Phillips, all of Saskatchewan, and brothers Thomas Harper, Ernest Harper and Bentley Harper, all of Alberta. One brother Robert, predeceased her.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Mildred, Saskatchewan. She was married at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and came to Acton in 1944.

Palbearers were Stewart McDonald, Douglas Helwig, Hugh Johnston, Vernon Stewart, Edwin Stewart, and Carl Banas.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Floral tributes were received from the following: Family; Mrs. J. F. Johnston; Mrs. Jessie Johnston and family; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Shuler; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston and family; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Helwig and family; Mr. and Mrs. James Ebel and family; Mrs. Isabel McTye; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnston and family; Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart and family; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McDonald and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Plummer; Mr. and Mrs. Norm McEachern; "First Line Neighbours"; Mr. A. Barber; Mrs. Helen Darcy and family; Mr. William Bracken; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lambert; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hepburn; Mrs. F. Banas and Mr. Carl Banas; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cox; Mr. G. Westburg; Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor; The Leary Family; T. Gordon Construction Co.; Scott Jackson Construction Ltd.; Fellow Workers Scott Jackson Construction Ltd.; Clinton Rydels Club; Manager and Staff Bank of Montreal, Roselawn and Youngs St. Br.; Management and Staff Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Baney; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gadd; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown.

IN CONFIDENCE

"Finnegan," inquired Murphy, "is it true what they're sayin' about O'Brien's behavior at the wake last night?"

"Sure, an' 'tis so, Murphy. A disgrace to the Irish he was."

"And Mallory wantin' to fight everybody, is that the truth?"

"Ah, Mallory was a crazy devil; he was worse than O'Brien."

"It's uncomplimentary reports I've been hearin' of Burke's deportment, too; was he guilty?"

"Burke passed out cold long before midnight. It's an embarrassment he'll never live down."

"I'm ashamed of our old friends Finnegan. But tell me confidentially; was I there?"—Reader's Digest.

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"Outstanding, you've got some stock to sell."
 "Well, sure," answered Ed. "I'm not sure I want to sell right now."
 "Oh, for heaven's sake!" broke in an agonized voice from the party line, "you sell them now! You know you ain't got no grass."

MY HOUSE

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