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G.M.W. Time Table

GOING EAST	
Passenger	7:23 a.m.
Passenger	9:43 a.m.
Passenger	10:18 a.m.
Mail	12:40 p.m.
Mail	4:40 p.m.
Passenger	6:32 p.m.
Passenger	8:25 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	7:31 p.m.

GOING WEST

Mail	7:30 a.m.
Passenger	9:29 a.m.
Passenger	10:28 a.m.
Passenger	1:12 p.m.
Mail	4:50 p.m.
Passenger	6:09 p.m.
Passenger	7:08 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	10:34 a.m.

GOING NORTH

Mail	9:55 a.m.
Mail	4:85 p.m.

GOING SOUTH

Mail	11:23 a.m.
Mail	7:10 p.m.

Canadian National Electric

WESTBOUND		WESTBOUND	
Train No.	Time	Train No.	Time
1	7:15 a.m.	2	7:55 a.m.
4	9:57 a.m.	8	9:35 a.m.
6	11:57 a.m.	6	11:55 a.m.
8	1:57 p.m.	7	1:35 p.m.
10	3:57 p.m.	9	3:35 p.m.
12	5:57 p.m.	11	5:55 p.m.
14	7:57 p.m.	13	7:35 p.m.
16	9:57 p.m.	15	9:35 p.m.
18	11:57 p.m.	17	12:05 a.m.

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Happy, Happy Christmas!

Christmas is close at hand in all his bluff and hearty honesty; it is the season of hospitality, merriment and open-heartedness; the old year is preparing, like an ancient philosopher, to call his friends around him, and amidst the sound of feasting and revelry, to pass gently and calmly away.

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families, whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggle of life, are reunited, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good-will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight; and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rule traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blessed and happy? How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, does Christmas awaken!

We write these words now, away from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that throbed so gaily then have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped have grown cold; the eyes we sought have hid their lustre in the grave.

Yet the laugh, the jest, the happy minutes and trivial circumstances connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday! Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveller, thousands of miles away, back to his own hearth and his quiet home!

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angels of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men."

Thus with the year seasons return, and again we reach Christmas. Today we celebrate it, the day of days, in all the ages, the day whose freshness is perennial and eternal, whose influence has permeated all lands and been felt by all peoples of all climes; the day that is destined to persist until the song which the angels sang long ago on that still night becomes the world's living reality; when swords and spears are converted into plowshares and pruning hooks, when the trumpet is hushed forever in the hall and war is learned no more. Then shall the weary and war-scared world celebrate the complete triumph of Christmas, which is the victory of Christ. But that victory is not yet. "The morning cometh, but also the night."

There have been many great and notable proclamations made by man to man that have marked historic epochs in human history, but never such a proclamation fraught with such tremendous importance to all humanity as that which we have placed at the head of these lives, announcing the birth and the advent of the Saviour of men. There it stands, unrivaled in all the literature of the human race as the greatest amnesty ever announced to man. Peace, good-will and a Saviour. Is there anything else that the world needs today but just these things? In the midst of wars and rumors of wars, hatred, suspicion, mistrust and fear comes this birthday of the ages, with its message of peace and good-will to the world. Though hope is deferred, the end we know is certain and the ultimate triumph of the Prince of Peace assured.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet words foretold,
When with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree to millions of children in Western Europe and America is the symbol of rejoicing. No other altar of youth commands such instinctive or loving adoration. But the Christmas Tree has not always enjoyed its sentimental dominion over the hearts of Christian nations. Other people in dim antiquity owed allegiance to trees but they lived in lands where the spruce and hemlock were unknown. The Egyptians held mammoth celebrations in the month corresponding to our December but they centered their devotions upon the palm. The palms of Egypt gave birth to a leaf each month and the tree with its twelve leaves suggested the completed year. Hence the palm was the forerunner of the Christmas Tree as we in Canada know it.

Three thousand years later, the Romans celebrating their Saturnalia raised aloft a conifer as the sign of their joy over the winter solstice. Thousands of such trees, garlanded with their vivid decorations, set loose a flood of riotous rejoicing. But Santa Claus was not of the Roman era, and the children of that great Empire knew nothing of the glorious fellow who with all his ponderous girth can suspend the laws of gravity, and every other natural law, crawl through tortuous chimneys, lay his own tracks across the clouds, and make personal visits to a single night to perhaps a hundred million babes, every one of whom, he cleverly identifies by name.

It seems likely that the Italian tree custom was carried to Gaul by the legion of Decimus in his campaign against the Germans, about 15 B.C. Certainly about this time the Teutonic St. Nicholas made his appearance and has remained with us ever since, one of the priceless blessings and inspirations of a large part of the human race.

In the course of time, the English adopted the German Santa Claus, and the symbol of the tree at Yuletide. It took four or five centuries for the church to fix December 25 as the date of Christmas, but ever since there has clung to the celebration of Christ's birth the borrowed pagan rites of the Roman tree and the holly and mistletoe of the Druids.

A thousand years ago the excesses of Puritan rule in England banished the visible accompaniments of Christmas Day, but so deeply was the custom ingrained in long generations of the English that the passing of Roundhead rule found the old forms restored.

However, the imprint of puritanism for many decades depressed the Yuletide demonstrations of England and the American colonies. The re-ascension of Christmas in America revivified the ancient practice and there seems to-day no threatening sign that that the fine old custom of the Christmas tree will ever be taken from us either by tyrannical mandate or by slothfulness of our imagination.

Three Yuletides a Year

There is one place where Christmas is kept three times a year—in the church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, the reputed site of the Stable of the Inn.

The Roman, Greek and Armenian-Greek bodies have each their respective version of the church, but Christmas celebrations do not occur on the same day. The Latin Christmas is celebrated at the Roman Chatholico altar on December 25th. Thirteen days later the Orthodox East commemorates the birth of Christ. Another thirteen days later the Armenian Church keeps its own ceremonial of Byzantine Faith.

A Christmas Thought

Have you room in the inn of your heart tonight?
Have you room while the "Star in the East" shines bright?
For the little stranger of lowly birth,
Who brought such a wonderful message to earth?
"The peace and good-will to men,"
Oh, if you have room in your heart for all,
The lonely, the poor, the old, the small,
The outcast, though sin-stained and bruised by the fall,
Oh, then, you have room for Him.
M. K. T.

The First Christmas Gift

A little dimpled baby
Close held to Mary's breast,
While shepherds stand adoring,
And magi end their quest,
Where cattle softly lowing,
Gaze on their tiny Guest.

A new star's rays down shining,
Break through a great cloud's rift,
A wondrous Heavenly choir,
Its joyous carols lift.
When God, the great All-Father,
Sends this first Christmas Gift
And down through all the ages,
The story ne'er grows old,
Of Shepherds, Star, and Angels,
And Kings, with gifts of gold,
Low bending o'er the Christ Child,
Whom Mary's arms unfold.
Evelyn E. Peacock

Asbgrove

The concert given Dec. 14th under the auspices of the A. I. S. was enjoyed by all. The Bethel Church Choral Society did credit to their leader Mr. Charles Tuck, Oakville. Miss McCormick, electioneer, Toronto; Miss Sterling and Tuck, pianists and Messrs. Pell and Tuck, tenor and baritone, were applauded every number, and returned to the pleasure and satisfaction of all.

After the musical treat the important speaking contest took place with six contestants, with the result that Miss Charlott McCullough was winner and was presented with the beautiful mantle clock. The judges were D. A. Andrews, Dist. Rep. Miss Ruth McCann, teacher, Omagh, and Charles Tuck, Oakville.

The next concert will take the form of a box social and will be held in Stewarttown Hall with the Silver Cup, donated by Executive Council as the trophy for the speaking contest. Watch the Herald for full particulars.

Milton

Rt. Ex. Comp. William Pantou was presented with a large portrait of himself to be hung in the chapter room, also life membership at a gathering of Royal Arch Masons for the annual meeting of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, G.R.C. at Milton last week.

The following officers were elected:
Ex. Comp. J. M. Macdonald, Z. Ex. Comp. J. E. Hall, I.P.Z.; Ex. Comp. W. T. Dalna, J. Comp. W. H. Clements, treasurer; Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Pantou, S.E.; Ex. Comp. P. D. Showey, S.N.; Comp. T. B. Ross, S.N.; Comp. J. E. Peacock, S.S. but Christmas celebrations do not occur on the same day. The Latin Christmas is celebrated at the Roman Chatholico altar on December 25th. Thirteen days later the Orthodox East commemorates the birth of Christ. Another thirteen days later the Armenian Church keeps its own ceremonial of Byzantine Faith.

Public School Board

The Board met at 8 p.m. members present: Messrs. Kenner, Crichton, McNally, Harrison, Edwards and Mrs. Ouellet.

The following accounts were presented:

R. H. Thompson & Co.	\$13 80
Georgetown Herald	13 11
P. B. Harrison	6 25
J. B. Macdonald	6 25
Georgetown Floral Co.	18 00
Jno. McDonald	10 00
Miss Ryan, books	8 70
Hydro Electric	9 75
Mrs. Ross	13 93
Mrs. Feare, Attendance Office	13 93
Mrs. Ross, School-Nurse	made her report for November.

It was decided to write Dr. Couboy, Provincial Health Dept. in regard to having a dental inspection made in the School early in January.

A vote of appreciation was made to the two retiring members of the Board, Mr. W. H. Kenner who has so ably filled the position of Chairman during the past year, and Mrs. R. I. Creelman who has been a valued member of the Board.

The County Rate

The following is the rate for the expense of the County of Halton for the year 1927, levied under Hy-law No. 356 and payable to the County Treasurer.

Acton	8 846 74
Burlington	18 446 27
Georgetown	10 500 61
Milton	10 922 72
Oakville	23 905 52
Georgetown	36 284 34
Naasgaweya	13 321 03
Nelson	38 883 70
Trafalgar	61 476 50
	822 1850 58

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Pineapples each	40
Tomatoes per lb.	40
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Fruit Creams per lb.	30

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Bar Pins		China
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