

A BLACK CREEK CHRISTMAS just isn't complete without a ride on an old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh, which are featured daily at Black Creek Pioneer Village until after the holiday season, when they will be available only on weekends.

Check before buying refunds not mandatory

Christmas shoppers should not rely on too many imaginary rights when buying gifts warns Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

Stores are not obligated to offer refunds and exchanges on purchases if the consumer has picked the wrong size, style or other choice in merchandise. Store policies vary from "all sales final" to "money cheerfully refunded"; but, you will not necessarily see a sign advertising these policies.

Before buying anything you may have to return, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada advises consumers to ask about the store's return

Ancient custom

For about 35 years both men and women have been sentimentally dreaming of a White Christmas.

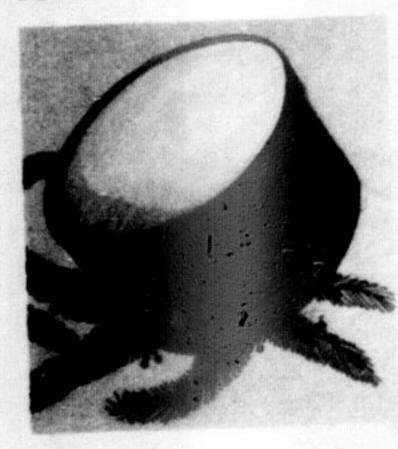
The poignant message of Irving Berlin's popular song is dear to us all, at holiday time. However, a Green Christmas is an ancient custom and more universally observed.

At pagan winter festivals in early times, winter flowering plants and evergreens were prized for their promise of the return of the sun and of spring.

Holly and ivy are part of that ancient heritage and were extolled in an old Christmas carol The Holly and the Ivy.

As far back as those ancient pagan games, holly was characterized as masculine, ivy as feminine. At a later date, it was decided that spiny-leaved hollies are "he" and smooth-leaved hollies are "she".

Depending on the kind of holly brought home at the holidays, it was determined whether he or she would be head of the house, the New Year!



DRUM ORNAMENT Replicas of the drums which accompanied marching soldiers in the early days of Canada were very popular as Christmas ornaments among our early settlers.

policy. Does it apply to all goods? Is there a time limit? Does the store give cash refunds or just exchanges or credit notes? Get the store to write their policy on your bill then be sure to keep your bill where you can find it if you have to return the product.

Consumers who want more information about their rights and obligations when making purchases should write to Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, 20 Hughson Street South, third floor, Hamilton L8N 2A1, telephone number; (416) 523-2991.



CHIRISTMAS WISHES

May your holiday ring with joy and good cheer. We're grateful to our loyal customers for their continuing patronage.

From Donna, Norm

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MILTON

Turkey too costly? try beef instead

If the price of turkey has shocked you into thinking of alternatives this Christmas, try roast beef.

That's right! Roast prime ribs of beef is more economi-

If you're serving approximately 12 people for Christmas dinner, your frozen turkey will cost approximately \$11.50. A prime rib roast to serve the same

\$11.25. Even greater savings can be obtained by serving a rump roast. Dinner for 12 would cost only \$8.40-a \$3.10 saving.

For those who entertain 20 or more the savings are

significant. Since turkey is the traditional Christmas fare, we doubt that many people will change their habits in spite of

number of people would cost rising turkey prices. However, we're sure you'll welcome beef for those holiday parties and afterwards when the turkey remains have finally disappeared.

FOOD - NOT BOOZE

At this year's holiday party, prove your lavishness as a host by centering the attention on lots of good food and fun, not the bar.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

CLOSED DECEMBER 25th, 1978 THRU JANUARY 1st, 1979



One of the real Joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity we have to say "Thank you" and extend to our members and their families, our most cordial good wishes for Health. Happiness Sincerely, and Prosperity in the New Year.

Maria Reis President

MILTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE