



**regional viewpoint**

# We're wearing out now at 25

By Jim Irving

Ever since the war—the Second World War, that is—things have moved at an accelerated pace.

No longer does a child wait until he's 18 or 19 before he knows everything. Now he knows it all by 12.

What's more, all those promoters skulking behind the nearest hydrant, know it, too. They hasten to enlist the young in their camp.

The promoters—all old guys of 30 and up—know that, with the exception of themselves, one has to be very young to

be able to do anything worthwhile.

That can include everything from setting the current fashions to setting the current mores; from playing the guitar to playing mixed doubles.

Even there the pace is such only the weatherman knows what the season really is.

Tennis, hockey, football, baseball and spin the bottle all vie for the same playing date.

## Hockey scare

Right now, with the first day of

summer just declared, hockey is the scare apparent in Richmond Hill.

Most people are flipping a coin to see whether they'll sell the cottage and buy the kids a pool, or sell the kids and buy a cottage.

The minor hockey league moguls are running around drafting every kid over five feet five.

As long as he can skate without a stick and has somehow learned to write his own name (despite the York County education system), they'll sign him up.

In the highly-organized world of sports, you sign early.

From then on it's a mad rush to get to the top of the hill while you still have enough legs left to go down it on your own.

At the present pace an athlete could be all washed up by the time he's 25. That is unless, of course, he discovers girls and the city lights in the meantime. Then it could be three or four years earlier.

## Player talk

Can't you picture it all in a few more

years?

Can't you just hear the players eagerly discussing it between themselves?

1st Player: Gee, it's great being in the NHL at last, ain't it?

2nd Player: Yeh, even if we are on an expansion team.

1st Player: Ya can't think like that, Louie. Ya gotta think our team is just as good as any of them teams that's been around for the last 50 years. Just because our average age is 15...

2nd Player: Yeh, I know. But my mother don't like it when the game goes past 10 o'clock.

1st Player: That's another thing; ya gotta keep your old lady outta the rink. Or at least keep her offa the players' bench. You're the only guy in the NHL that gets home-made soup between shifts.

2nd Player: So? At least my old lady don't come around to the dressing room to pick up my dirty underwear after every game.

1st Player: Yeh, well, she just likes trying out that new washer I bought her

with my bonus money. Says that automatic wringer sure beats the old hand one.

2nd Player: just how much did you get for signing, anyways?

1st Player: \$500, plus an autographed picture of Pierre Trudeau.

2nd Player: Who's he?

1st Player: He's the prime minister.

2nd Player: Ya mean the guy with the kinky daughter?

1st Player: That's his wife.

2nd Player: No kiddin'.

1st Player: Well, there goes the buzzer. Boy, am I nervous — our first game in the Gardens.

2nd Player: Oh, oh, there's your mother.

Woman: (running up to 1st Player and straightening his shoulder pads) Now, are you sure you'll be warm enough. You should brush your hair off

your forehead, son, it looks so much nicer. Here, let me fix it. Now remember, don't go into the corners and stay away from that nasty Tiger Williams. And... and... oh, dear me, it seems like yesterday he was just a child.



**yesterdays**  
by mary dawson

# 1893 farm paid \$1,020

Mrs. Thomas Teasdale acquired a carpet sweeper to help her in her housework in February 1893, according to the account book kept by her husband of all receipts and expenditures for his farm on the northwest corner of Dufferin St. and Highway 7 at Concord.

Cost of this household helper was \$2.25. A string of bells for the horse drawing the cutter cost \$1.25.

The family also owned a piano or organ, it is evident, because one of that month's entries reads: Paid Miss Snider \$4.95 for music lessons.

## 9-cent turnips

Turnips were selling in March 1893 for 9c a pound or \$3 a ton. Teasdale received \$27 from Miss Wadsworth for three months keep for her mare and colt, to add to the farm's income.

This made it possible to buy 20c worth of lemons, 25c worth of bananas and 5c worth of court plaster (the forerunner of adhesive tape).

Three years' fire insurance on the

farm buildings was obtained for \$11.

A can of salmon cost 15c and rubber boots \$3.50.

Nine quarts of currants brought 10c a quart and bread was purchased for 5c a loaf in July.

## Judged sheep

In September Thomas received \$5 for judging Cotsworld sheep at the exhibition in Toronto and spent the whole amount there.

He also received \$6 for second prize for a sow under six months. Added to this was \$9 in prizes at the Woodbridge fair in November.

A profit of \$1,020.61 was recorded in 1893 as receipts reached \$2,060.66 and expenses \$1,040.05.

## School costs

By January 1894 it would appear son Charles was attending high school in Toronto.

Entries recorded payments of \$9 tuition and 8.45 tickets for a three-month period.

This was coupled with purchases of "a high school book keeping" at 52c, scribbling books and pencils and pens at 20c and a watch chain at 50c.

In February a sideboard was purchased for \$10.40, two rocking chairs for \$7.50, window shades for \$5.10, goblets and pitcher 70c.

Oats were selling at 55c a bushel and butter at 23c. A cultivator was purchased from George Watson for \$18.

## Doctor fee

Dr. Langstaff was paid \$8 on May 25 for setting Frank's collar bone. How had he celebrated the Queen's birthday?

A new crop was introduced to the farm in April of that year when two pounds of sugar beet seed was purchased for 50c.

It cost Thomas Teasdale \$10 to attend both Toronto and London fairs that year.

He returned home with two baskets of peaches (11 quart) which cost him only 50c for both.

The family had another treat in October when three cauliflowers were purchased for 10c.

Tilford Watson was paid \$2.75 for 5 1/2 days work at turnips in November. Taxes were \$29.28 for 1894, income \$2,002.36, expenses \$1,143.95.

## Year's earnings

For 1895 receipts totalled \$2,087.38 and expenses only \$961.79, even though Charlie's tuition had risen to \$11 for three months.

Taxes were \$31.38 in 1895 with total receipts of only \$1,271.34 and expenses of \$991.35. 1897 brought revenue of \$1,764.01 and expenses of \$1,555.23.

For 1898 the figures were \$1,722.41 receipts and \$1,256.88 expenses including \$31.63 taxes.

For 1899 these figures had risen to \$2,075.49 receipts and \$1,026.12 expenses including taxes of \$34.

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