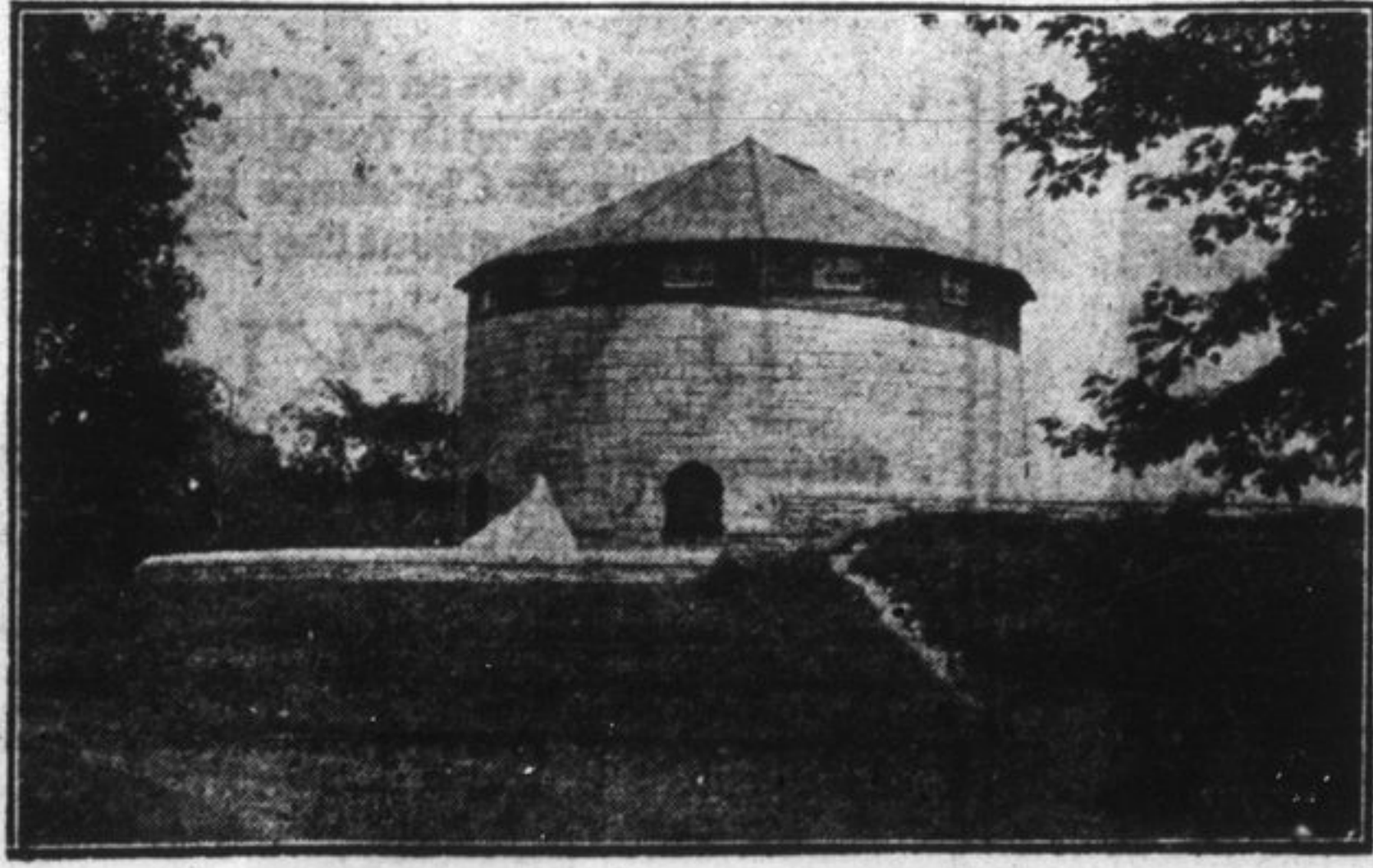


OLD MARTELLO TOWER TO BE KINGSTON'S MUSEUM.



The old Murney martello tower in Macdonald Park on King street west is to be Kingston's museum. The Historical Society has secured it from the Canadian Government, and next March the work of renovating the interior will be begun, so that the museum may be occupied before the summer.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REPORT IN 1819 ON DEFENCE OF CANADA

The following is taken from a report of the Duke of Wellington, on the defence of Canada, written at London on March 1st, 1819, and published in the Centenary Volume of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec:

The point of the greatest importance after Montreal is certainly Kingston. It is the connecting point between the Upper and Lower Province. It contains the Dock Yard on Lake Ontario, and is the most populous town in the Province, and at the same time so situated in relation to Sackett's Harbour as to be liable at all times to be attacked.

ed with artillery of the largest description and there must be a good Fort at Point Henry or elsewhere on the Mainland as a keep to these outworks.

"I confess that I very much doubt that we shall ever be able to maintain even an equality of naval force upon the Lake Ontario and that being the case I recommend that we should look for our communications forward to the improvements of the inland navigation from Kingston by the Bay of Quinte and the Rice Lake, to Lake Simcoe and thence to Lake Huron even if it should be found that a water communication can be established from the head of the Rideau by the Black river into Lake Simcoe.

"It is impossible to form a judgment from the very defective details which I have perused and the confused maps and charts which accompany them how far such a navigation can be ensured.

"It is very obvious however that the object of a military communication can be ensured by the assistance of railways for the necessary Portages.

"If the communication with Lake Simcoe were once established, whether by the Rice Lake or direct from the head of the Rideau I would recommend you to remove the capital of the province from York to Kingston if that town should not be too far removed from the centre of the province, or if it is I would then fix the capital of the province either higher up the Trent river or between the head of the Trent and the head of the Holland's river.

"If it should be impossible to remove the capital, and York should still be the place it must be fortified; otherwise from the probable naval superiority of the enemy on the Lake Ontario, it will be impossible to prevent his town from falling into his hands as often as it may suit him to visit it whether in winter or summer. How this town is to be fortified it is impossible for me to say without knowing more of the ground than I do at present.

"The result of all these measures would be to give us a secure line of communication from Quebec to Lake Huron of less than 500 miles even passing by Kingston, but less than 400 direct by the Rideau and Black river instead of 1,200 miles, and affording better means of defending and maintaining the Niagara Frontier.

"The system of defence which I would recommend is as follows:

"I suppose the army disposable in the field to consist of 10,000 men cavalry, infantry of the line and artillery, besides 1,000 troops of the line in garrison at Quebec; 500 at Montreal, 500 in the garrisons on the Richelieu, 500 in Kingston, 500 on the Niagara and in Pentagothen, besides the militia which may be destined for each post.

"I take this to be about the force which was in Canada when the last war broke out.

"I would divide this number into two corps each consisting of 5,000 men then complete with its field artillery and equipments.

"Each of these corps would of course be joined by the militia not in garrison of the districts which would be the scene of its operations.

"I would place the left of these corps on the Irish Creek which falls into the Rideau river. From thence it could reach Montreal in four days and the frontier of the Richelieu, and the Isle and Noix in two more or Quebec in three supposing the more from Kingston or in six or eight if the communication can be established by the Rideau and Black river.

"The right corps consisting of 5,000 men with the militia of the district in which it should carry on its operations should be posted on the communication between the Head of Holland's river which runs into Lake Simcoe and the head of the Grand river which runs into Lake Erie."

Fancy That! Christmas was first celebrated as a religious festival about A.D. 180. Devonians consider it un lucky to wear new shoes on Christmas day. Pictures of robins, holly, and so on came into use on Christmas-cards in 1862. People born on Christmas day are, according to an old superstition, lucky all their lives.

There is a soft water famine in Stratford and throughout the county of Perth.



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Through the medium of the Canadian National Railways' Magazine, Sir Henry W. Thornton has addressed the following Christmas message to all members of the company:

"Now that another year has rolled by I want to express my deepest appreciation of everything you have done during this year. We have faced obstacles together and we have overcome them; we have encountered odds and have beaten them; we have been earnest and cheerful through it all and nothing but success can be the reward of such efforts.

"To those of you who come in contact with the travelling public and those on whom depends the obtaining of freight traffic, I want to voice my appreciation of your work. Courtesy and service, a willingness to do a little more than is absolutely necessary have won for us friends and business. Our competition in the great fight for business has been clean and wholesome and those who have been waging it in the open have been heartily supported by those in the background—that unseen army of Canadian National Employees who have been making it possible to render a service that improves with each day. I refer to those outside the Traffic Department. Whether a man's duties lie in shovelling snow from a station platform or in making the roadbed of a section a little smoother, he is giving a service which is appreciated.

"Conditions during the past year have not been of the best anywhere in the world, and Canada has come into her share of depression, but with brighter visions ahead and a spirit such as permeates the Canadian National family, we will face the coming year with enthusiasm and courage, and through our determination each of us will justify the work he has done during 1924 and the work to be done during the coming year.

"At this time I want to take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year."

Signed, H. W. THORNTON.

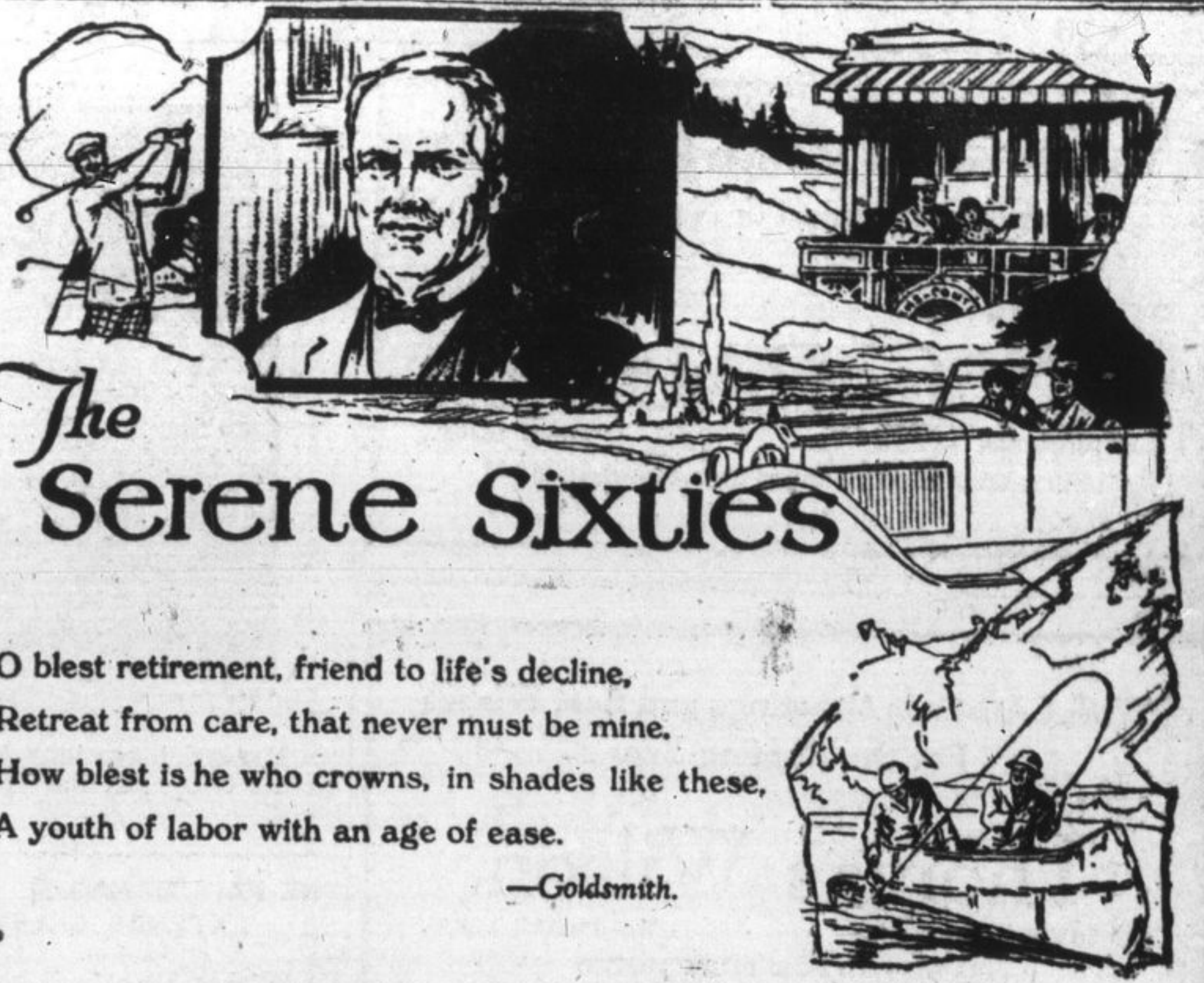
My Favorite Tree. Which is the best of all trees? Answer, people, if you please. Is it the oak, the king of the wood. That for a hundred years has stood? The graceful elm or the stately ash. Or the aspen, whose leaflets shimmer and flash?

Is it the solemn and gloomy pine, With its million needles so sharp and fine? Ah, no! the tree that I love the best, Its buds and blossoms not with the rest; No summer sun on its fruit has smiled. But the ice and snow are around it piled; But still it will bloom and bear fruit for me— My winter bloomer! My Christmas tree!

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O blest retirement, friend to life's decline, Retreat from care, that never must be mine. How blest is he who crowns, in shades like these, A youth of labor with an age of ease.

—Goldsmith.

— Before It Is Too Late — Consider Endowment Insurance

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A lamp is essential. But a chair nearby would also make the piano group more cozy, and less formal.

Why Children Get Presents

The Italians have a petty story about why children get presents at Christmas. They say that when the Wise Men were on their way to find the Christ Child they were stopped by a

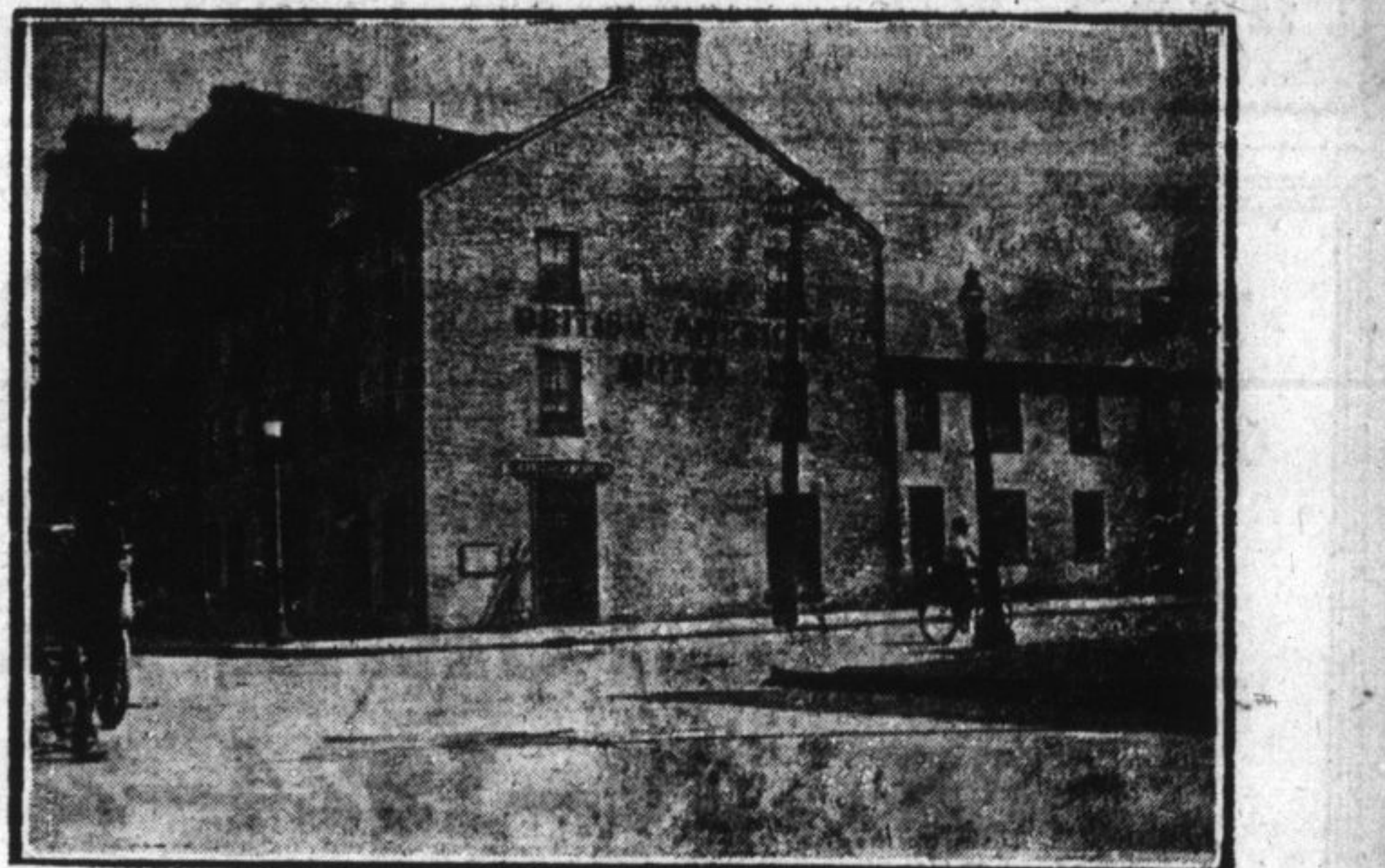
woman who was standing in the door of her house.

"Where are you going?" she asked them. "We are going to find the Christ Child," they answered. "And what are you carrying?" she inquired. "These are our gifts," they said, "for He is born a King, and we must offer Him the most precious things we have."

"I should like to go with you, and take my gift to Him," said the woman; "but first I must sweep my house. Do not wait for me; I will

come after you." So the Wise Men went on their way.

When the woman's house was all in order, it was nearly dark. She made ready her gift, and started after the Wise Men, but they were out of sight. She wandered far and wide, seeking the way to the newborn King, but she never found it. And now, they say, she comes every year, with gifts for all the children, and hopes that some little child may be the Christ Child.



KINGSTON'S OLDEST HOSTELRY The British-American Hotel at the corner of Clarence and King streets is 138 years old.

Advertisement for Old Chum tobacco. Features a large graphic of a cigarette pack with the text: "The Tobacco of Quality", "SMOKE OLD CHUM", "15¢ per Package", "also in 1/2 lb. VACUUMIZED TINS", and "MANUFACTURED BY IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED."