SANTA CLAUS STARTS TRAVELS Toronto found a pleasant way of glossing over the fact that there are only a few more shopping days till Xmas. Down from the Arctic hideout the reindeer transport galloped in, the grand old man himself jinggling the bells of good cheer. IN FXCFSS OF MAY. 1953. THERE WAS A REDUCTION IN THE VOLUME 25 PER CENT . EXPORT FIGURES ALONE HAD SHOWN A DROP IN THAT TIME OF 20 PER CENT 2,000 mides south of chilly Toronto, Phoenix, Arizona has the Xmas idea too; though here it's 88 in the sun, so Santa'll have to leave and bring his summer undies. But Xmas is Xmas all the world over: the big bills are just waiting to roll in.

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SANTA CLAUS A PREVIEW SHOWING!

The days are flying until Christmas, and as an eye-filling reminder, the parades are with us; colorful and fanciful, bringing curbstone rapture from the younger set --*** six to sixty. We're in Toronto, Canada for the 48th renewal of the Santa Claus parade -- perhaps the oldest on the North American continent.

And here's the star of the show. The influence of this gentleman from the north is felt some two-thousand miles south of Toronto, in Phoenix, Arizona. Here the kiddies practically never see snow, in fact the temperature registers eighty-eight degrees as Phoenix says it with balloons to usher in the pre-holiday season. There's nothing like the wondrous time when Christmas seems just a tomorrow away.

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48 years ago, here in Toronto, Santa Claus came in a single horse drawn cart. Today, his colorful parade turns the streets of the city into pages from the fairy books.