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The images range across the years from 1915 to 1928 and illustrate the many aspects of the daily life of the farmers in the Cawdor area. There are also images of parts of life in Camden with flooding of the Nepean River and other disruptions to the daily routine.

The images are full of life and a snapshot of the past. They evoke emotions that contemporary images fail to arouse.