

RONALD CHARLES EPSTEIN
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October 1956:
a farmer's field,
by Yonge Street
and Steeles Avenue West,
in the Borough of North York,
Province of Ontario,
Dominion of Canada.

Three dairy cows,
their heads juttet
towards the grassy earth
in a strange unity of purpose,
as if in training
for an exhibition
of synchronized grazing
at the Royal Winter Fair.

The advertising sign
proclaims North York
the fastest growing community
in all of Canada.

The distracted beasts
are too inherently bovine
(illiterate, noncontemplative)
to grasp the implications:
the loss of habitat
to Town and Country Plaza,
much later superseded
by Centrepoint Mall.