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Donation of \$100 For Flood Relief

A donation of \$100 was made to the Flood Relief Fund by Nassagaweya council. The meeting was held in the council chamber on Monday, November 1 with Reeve Service presiding.

Livestock claims for compensation amounted to \$330. A notice was to be sent to a ratepayer to have his dog destroyed at once as it was seen running at large.

The road superintendent's vouchers amounting to \$1,500.56 were ordered paid, and general accounts amounting to \$560.

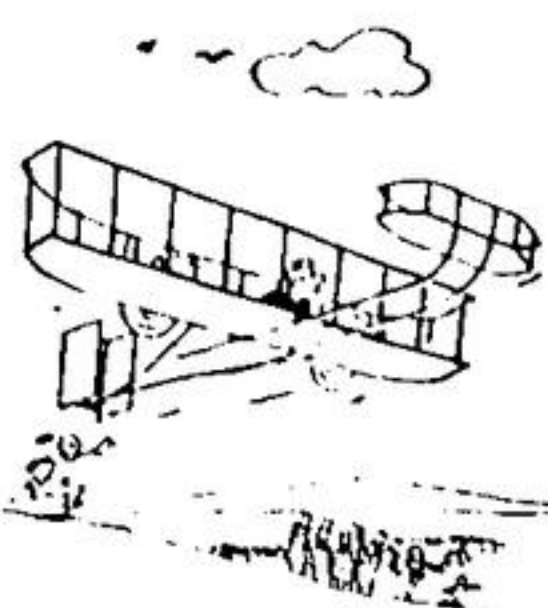
Halton's Pages of the Past

Printed Word a Century Ago Reflects the Life And Environment of Halton's Early Residents

BY OWEN CLARKE

The printed word in history might be likened to a mirror reflecting the period to which it refers. Thus in years to come even a hasty perusal of the papers of today will reveal that in 1854 Halton had its problems housing, parking, and early closing confusion among the stores. Problems very different from those of a hundred years ago.

The newspapers were different too. The first paper published in Milton "The Halton Journal" carried no local news whatsoever but some of the advertisements are worth recording. Thus, for instance: "Subscribe for the Daily Globe, \$6 per annum. Published every day but Sunday. Large sheet containing a vast amount of news. We also have the Tri-Weekly Globe, \$4 per annum, containing all that appears in the daily, with telegraphic and other news to the latest moment. Also the Weekly Globe, \$2 per annum, printed on an immense double sheet, comprising eight pages of seven columns each. More political news than any other paper on the continent. Send subscriptions to George Brown, Globe Office, Toronto."



Mr. Wright travelled light

Horses to Manitoba In 1882 the Guelph Weekly Mercury gives a few items relative to Halton and indicative of that period. "Georgetown wants a Board of Health..."

of Health... a number of diphtheria cases are reported from Trafalgar... Messrs. Dolmidge and Anderson of Hornby shipped 15 draught horses from Milton to Manitoba... Dr. J. E. Harrison, Milton, shipped a cartload of mares to the Morton Dairy Farm, Brandon, Manitoba... The Reformers of Nassagaweya Township held an organization meeting at Brookville. Taking a prominent part in the meeting were Messrs. Norris, Ramsay, Menzies, Campbell and Dr. Robertson, M.P.P. for Halton."

From this same paper we gather there were monthly Cattle Fairs in various localities. Some of those listed were as follows: Guelph, first Wednesday in each month; Acton, first Thursday; Brookwood, first Tuesday. In all 43 places were listed as having monthly cattle fairs, presumably for the purchase and sale of livestock.

From the files of the Canadian Champion we have taken the following items, which, for the most part are self explanatory.

Bread Disease February, 1870 "SMALLPOX This dreadful disease has made its appearance in Milton. A young man, named Wilhelm, having contracted it in Toronto."

March 7, 1872 This issue contained a long account of the attempted assassination of Queen Victoria.

April, 1874 "During a recent visit to Acton our attention was drawn to Messrs. Secord Bros. Manmoth Hardware and Grocery Store, a remarkable instance of what push and untiring energy, coupled with ability, can accomplish. During the few years Secord Bros have been in the business, they have succeeded in building up one of the best trades in the County."

September, 1873 "The village known as Wellington Square was on Tuesday incorporated by the County Council under the name of 'Burlington' and is now a full-blown village. The old name was in consequence of account of the large percentage of letters being sent to Wellington."

And in connection with mail -- every few weeks an announcement was published in the 1870's giving the names of persons for whom mail was being held at the post offices of Milton, Georgetown and Oakville. There it would stay until called for, or, after a reasonable time, returned to the dead-letter office.

5c to Bronte In June, 1874, Church services and a Traveller's Guide were published in the Champion for some time. This was after George Wilson bought the paper from J. D. Mathe-

Letter appeared thanking the editor for this unsolicited service, particularly from the ministers of the various churches. Traveller's Guide - STAGES. For Bronte station Stage leaves every morning at 5.40 and every afternoon at 1.30 Fare 50c. For Georgetown Stage leaves every afternoon at 2.30 Fare 50c. For Hamilton Stage leaves every morning at 5 o'clock Fare \$1."

Now we come to news items pertaining to the condition of Milton streets. May, 1872 "Great complaints are made of the unreasonable delay in putting the sidewalks in a reasonable state of repair. A large portion of Main street is in bad shape and the back streets perfect man-traps. The delay is chiefly attributable to the niggardliness of the town council, which so hinders the hands of its constituents that scarcely any work can be undertaken without being submitted to the council. The halting down of a few planks on the sidewalk would produce an animated discussion at the Council Board, and so the people go on stumbling over the dilapidated board walks."

In 1889 while the sidewalks were under repair a set of false teeth were found which the Champion refers to as "Tooths of great price discovered in Milton."

Disinfect Town April, 1874 "Clean THE TOWN Now the cold snap is nearly over we think the most stringent measures should be taken to get the whole town disinfected and cleaned at once. The amount of accumulated animal and vegetable matter in the various backyards, lanes and streets is enough to send half the town into Eternity, once decomposition sets in."

June, 1874 "STREET LIGHTS Smaller places than Milton have their streets lighted. It would not cost a great deal and would be of immense advantage to all our citizens. Don't Dicker, a much smaller place than Milton, has been lighted for several years with coal oil lamps at a trifling cost. This illuminating item concludes "Let there be light."

Apparently Milton has always had its parking problems. Today it is cars, in the 1880's it was cattle. This is evident from the following letter published in 1880 "Dear Mr. Editor: Will you please let the people of Milton know that the Cow By-law is still in force -- or have two cows on Foster Street a special permit to run at large to the annoyance of neighbours? One of the two mentioned is a vicious animal and frightens the children. Keep your cows in, citizens, and avoid trouble."

Apparently this letter brought re-

sults. A new Cow By-law was passed by council. A Mr. Glasby was appointed pound-keeper and Bob Armstrong was to be allowed commission of 25c a head for all cattle driven to the pound. So in May, 1880, there is this news-item: "Mr. Bob Armstrong displayed great zeal and made \$675. He got out bright and early and corralled every bovine he could find on the streets. There were 27 head all told but the owners did not appreciate his zeal."

Then came complications which led to the Police Court. We quote again "When Bob Armstrong drove the 27 cows to the pound Tuesday morning Mr. Glasby, keeper of that institution put them in a vacant lot at the rear of his stables, said lot belonging to Charles Kneers, proprietor of the Dominion Cordovan Tannery. Charles Hoff, the manager, seeing the animals there, and thinking no one had a right to put them there, directed Wm. Kenny, an employee to drive them out -- which he did. Glasby the pound-keeper promptly laid information against Kenny and the case was brought to Court. After hearing the evidence judgment was reserved. Now we are wandering, since the owners got their animals out of the pound without paying the penalties, the question naturally arises, who will pay Bob Armstrong his \$675?"

At a later hearing Wm. Kenny was fined \$10 and costs, which looks as if poor Kenny was the scapegoat for the whole affair.

Just one more item and this is really one for the book. In 1890 it was suggested that the city of Toronto might do well to consider getting its water supply from the Esplanade bordering the town of Milton.

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Delicate China Heated at 2200 F.

The September meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Donald Hassall with a good attendance. Miss Elva Pearson, president, the opening W. I. ode was sung, the Mary Stuart Collect and Lord's Prayer repeated in unison, and Scripture was read by Mrs. Angus Thompson. The roll call was, "Name a newspaper and tell where it is published."

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. E. Johnston, followed by reports and discussions, and the naming of a committee to look after a Halloween social to be held at Greenock school.

Mrs. Hensley moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. E. Johnston for the wonderful job made in typing programs for the year.

The highlight of the evening was a talk given by Mr. Hassall on the history and making of Spode China. This was very interesting. One would never dream of the intricate work involved in the work of making even one cup or saucer, nor realize that in the finishing process they must be heated for 70 hours to 2200 degrees F. Several pieces of beautiful china were displayed, and the W. I. members had the pleasure of using Spode China for a dainty lunch served at the close of this talk by the hostess and her assistants.

Or, George, do you realize it's almost a year since our honeymoon, and that glorious day we spent on the sand? I wonder how we'll spend our anniversary? "On the rocks!"

Veterans' Land Act

Recent changes to the Veterans' Land Act now make it possible to build on ordinary lots within the corporate limits of towns or cities. If there are sufficient veterans interested in acquiring more information, a meeting will be arranged with the V. L. A. supervisor in this district. Please contact either

W. E. Mattocks or G. McCutcheon

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NOVEMBER 15th

-J. McGEACHIE, Town Clerk