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Passenger	7.28 a.m
Passenger	9.14 a.m
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Passenger, Sunday	7.21 p.m
GOING WEST	
Passenger	7.28 a.m
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Passenger, Sunday	10.24 a.m
GOING NORTH	
Mail	8.00 a.m
Mail	4.55 p.m
GOING SOUTH	
Mail	11.15 a.m
Mail	7.34 p.m

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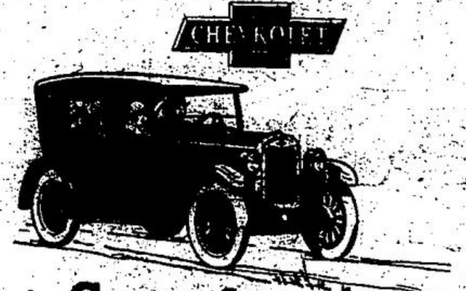
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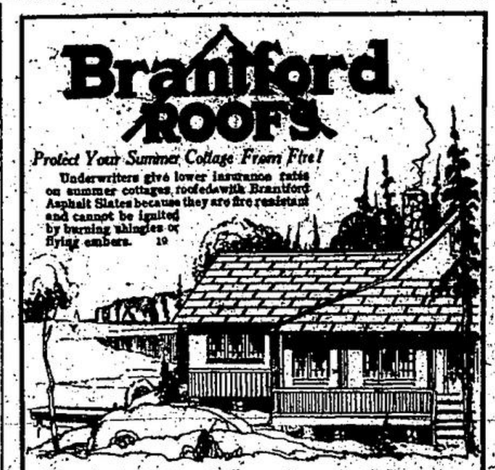
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Only a smile that was given me
On the crowded street one day,
But it pierced the gloom of my saddened heart
Like a sudden sunbeam's ray.
The shadow doubt hung over me,
And the burden of pain I bore,
And a voice of hope I could not hear,
Though I listened o'er and o'er.

But there came a rift in the cloud about
And a face that I knew passed by—
And the smile that I caught was brighter to me
Than the blue of a summer sky;
For it gave me back the sunshine,
And it scattered each sombre thought
And my heart rejoiced in the kindly warmth
Which that kind smile had brought.

Only a smile from a kindly face
On the busy street that day!
Forgotten as soon as given, perhaps,
As the donor went her way.
But straight to my heart it went speeding
To gild the clouds that were there
And I found that of Sunshine and life's blue skies
I also may take my share.

BOSTON KIRK, ESQUESING TOWNSHIP, CELEBRATES 106TH BIRTHDAY

Text of First Sermon Proved to Be Real Prophecy—Tree Stump Was Pulpit and Blue Sky the Dome — Site Paid For in Wheat.

With a pine stump for a pulpit, freshly cut logs for pews, green hills for walls, the blue canopy of heaven for a dome, and a mere handful of godly Scottish Presbyterians for a congregation, a new church was formed in a new land one hundred and six years ago.

On a small cleared patch of meadow in the Township of Esquesing, just three miles out of Milton, there stands to-day what is probably the oldest Presbyterian Church in this province. Nestling between two hills, in a land as green, as prosperous, as fruitful, as Eden itself, those old grey stones housed the descendants of those families which gathered in the open on June 20, 1820.

They still bear the same names, utter the same prayers, sing the same hymns. There is the same quiet reverence, the same Scottish dignity, the same simplicity. Time and decay seem to enter little—nothing changes, unless it be that the moss-covered tombstones in the cemetery alongside are gradually crowding one another, as though they found it difficult to secure room.

When that small group of Scottish pioneers founded the Boston Presbyterian Church one hundred and six years ago, by gathering around a stump that still bore fresh axe-marks, they little realized that they were making history that day. Yet to-morrow that little church will be taxed far beyond its capacity to contain the visitors that will celebrate its anniversary, descendants of those original pioneers.

Joke About Block's Origin

It was in 1919, when Sir Peregrine Maitland was Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, that it was announced that "free" grants of land would be made to settlers in Esquesing. To this day, it is jokingly claimed that that is the explanation of the Scottish Block.

But, however it be explained, the tombstones around the church, although their inscriptions are dulled and occasionally almost effaced by time and weather, bear eloquent testimony to the names of those few hardy men who settled in the block soon after 1819.

And it was in the following year that the first sermon was preached and the first church was founded. The old records and documents have been remarkably well preserved, and from them we can learn of that historic gathering, the anniversary of which takes place to-morrow.

Rev. William Jenkins, from the Township of Markham, conducted the early pastoral service. He preached on the newly cleared farm of Andrew Laidlaw. And the memory of that man, who made his place of work a place of worship, is perpetuated by a stone which bears this inscription: "To the memory of Andrew Laidlaw from Ettrick Forest, Scotland, who was among the first of the pioneers of Esquesing and settled on the lot of which this church and cemetery is part, on the 6th of November, 1819."

It is interesting to note the text on which that first sermon was preached. At a time when all the rough hardships of pioneering had to be endured, when acre after acre of dark woods had to be cleared, when wolves and bears roamed about undisturbed, when unknown dangers confronted the settlers, this text was strangely significant. These were the words the old Scotch preacher chose: "And I will make with these a covenant of peace and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods."

The prophecy of that early text has been strangely fulfilled. It would be difficult to find a more peaceful country than that which is still called the Scottish Block, and which comprises most of the Township of Esquesing. Since it was first settled it has yielded fruitful crops—and farmers declare that there is no better wheat grown in all Ontario.

First Session Chosen

But that first gathering, however impressive and however sincere, was nevertheless informal. So, in the following year, Rev. Abner Wright, at a service on the same spot, conducted a more official ceremony, and a session was chosen of the following men: John Stirrett, James Laidlaw, Robert Gibbittree, George Barbour, Thomas Barbour, George Darling, James Fraser and John Creighton. Those were the original founders; and most of them sleep by the church that their own hands built.

When it was decided to purchase one and a half acres of land from Andrew Laidlaw, in order to definitely establish the church with a site and property of its own, a committee of three, Malcolm McNaughton, Duncan Campbell and James McLaren, were appointed to look after the arrangements. The price paid for the land was not very high, though considerable for those days—7 pounds 16 shillings and 3 pence. But curiously enough, this price was not paid in cash. The old record tells us that the committee "obligated themselves to pay in good mercantile wheat at cash price the above amount, the same to be delivered at Andrew Laidlaw's house or at Jasper Martin's mill at Trafalgar by February 1st, 1825."

The wealth of those early days could not be measured by the amount of gold in a man's purse, but by the amount of golden wheat in his barns.

So the first building was constructed. That is not the one of the site to-day—the present Boston Church is very old, but it was not built until 1862, when it was found necessary to tear down the old building.

That first church was a substantial frame building, built by the fervor of men who might easily have contented themselves with the labor of building their own homes and clearing their own lands.

"THE GREAT WAR"—1914-1916

Address by His Honour John W. Elliott, Judge of the County of Halton, at the laying of one of the foundation stones of the Soldiers' Monument in Victoria Park in the Town of Milton, and deposited in same on the evening of 17th June, 1926.

When the Great World War broke out and England declared war on Germany on the 4th August, 1914, Canada, actuated by an unanimous resolve, answered the call of the Mother Land and reservists of the Imperial Army and the young manhood of our country by thousands flocked to the standard.

England being at war, Canada was at war. The Empire was in danger. The cause was a just one, and they went forth to fight for King and Country, to aid the weak and oppressed, to resist the evil spirit of militarism and the infamous doctrine that might gives right and to fight to the death for humanity, that freedom, civilization and Christianity itself should not be destroyed. The fate of the world was in the balance.

History records no such war as this one, and at the outset—perhaps with few exceptions—no one gauged even approximately its duration, the loss of life and devastation, suffering and hardship it would cause, how far it might spread and the great expense and work of every kind it would entail. It raged for over four years, until the Armistice Day on 11th November, 1918, and how terrible has been the ruin and how appalling the loss of life—blood and treasure poured out as never before—and millions of young lives sacrificed to the great demon of militarism.

May God so work upon the hearts and consciences of men that such a world calamity shall never again occur.

In this great conflict this County of Halton did its full share. Its manhood rose to the call of duty and many of them with the full measure of devotion made the supreme sacrifice.

Besides the men who joined the ranks, provision had to be made to meet the great expense incurred. We speak now of this Town of Milton and surrounding district, which was but typical of what took place all over the Dominion of Canada.

Citizens here got together and a Patriotic Fund was raised in order to provide for the dependents of those who had enlisted, and up to October, 1915, this town had spent for this purpose $2,418.00; and the women as nurses and with their Red Cross and other patriotic societies gave wonderful help. They worked long and tirelessly.

In the fall of 1915 a campaign was put on in the County of Halton to raise funds for patriotic purposes and a canvass was made throughout the various municipalities for this and met with a gratifying response.

Mr. David Hutcheon, Our County Treasurer, has given the particulars of the amount raised by this canvass, as follows:

Twp of Trafalgar	$ 3,079.86
Twp. of Esquesing	3,134.94
Twp. of Nelson	3,878.17
Twp. of Nassagaweya	6,994.97
	$16,087.93
Town of Milton	$ 5,389.56
Town of Georgetown	6,536.00
Town of Oakville	5,881.50
Town of Burlington	1,035.40
Village of Acton	2,105.49
	$20,896.55
	$36,984.48

Of this total $35,935.91 was sent to the central patriotic fund for Canada and Red Cross at Ottawa.

From this central fund the County of Halton, though entitled to do so, did not draw any sum whatever, but throughout the duration of the war and afterwards raised funds from the general taxes of the county and paid monthly to the dependents (wives and families) of those who had gone to fight for their country at the same rate as would have been paid from the central fund.

For this purpose they expended in all the sum of $116,762.08. The County of Halton has the unique and gratifying distinction of being the only county in the whole Dominion of Canada that besides contributing to the central fund provided for its own dependents as stated.

Besides this, the Treasurer states that the county paid the following sums—(amongst many other things):

1915—Belgian relief	$ 1,000.00
1918—Young Men's Christian Association	12,545.00
1919—Salvation Army	5,000.00
1919—Navy League and Merchant Marine	1,000.00
	$19,545.00

As we travel through our land one cannot but be struck with the monuments everywhere raised by loving and grateful hands to preserve the memory of those in their respective communities who went to the war but returned no more, and here in Milton, the capital Town of the County, it was felt that a suitable monument should be erected, not only for those in the town that lost their lives, but also in the surrounding districts.

The Township of Nassagaweya three years ago erected a fine monument to their soldier dead. The Townships of Esquesing, Nelson and Trafalgar have assisted in erecting this one, as the names of those from the districts adjoining Milton will be upon it.

A committee composed of Mr. S. F. Earl, chairman, Mayor Irving, treasurer, and Messrs. Donald S. Robertson, Edmund Syer, Thomas Coxe, John R. Elliott, John Carton, George Kennedy, Peter Hartley, Chas. Readhead and Mrs. William E. McCready, has had charge of the work and a canvass has been made and the cost of the monument is to be met by voluntary subscriptions.

The work of erecting it has been given to the Thompson Monument Company of the City of Toronto, and the cost is $5000.000. From the model submitted it appears in every way suitable and worthy of the town and community that are erecting it.

At the ceremony this evening Mr. E. F. Earl, the chairman of the committee, presided, and appropriate music was furnished by the Milton Band and the Band of the Salvation Army from the City of Hamilton.

Attached to this paper and to be deposited with it is a list with the names and late residences of those whom the monument commemorates.

May it long stand, not only to perpetuate their memory, but as a reminder to the passerby and succeeding generations that when duty calls they, like them, should be ready to make every sacrifice, and, if necessary, should a similar occasion arise, yield their lives for humanity that the world may be made better.

But Heaven grant that such a call may never again be made, and may the nations soon be led to Him Who is the Prince of Peace, and wars cease unto the end of the earth.

Therefore with solemn pride we carve their names on the enduring granite, to be held in imperishable remembrance.

Their worldly prospects they sacrificed. They left behind their dear ones and gave their young lives, and "greater love hath no man than this."

Above, their sword sheathed forever, stands the bending figure of the soldier, holding fast the Cross, emblematic of suffering and sacrifice. It was His who "freely gave His life for us all!"

For away now they sleep in "Flanders' Fields," waiting till the Archangel's trump shall again rouse them, but in the memory of a grateful community may their names live for evermore.

LIMEHOUSE

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Limehouse, celebrated her 93rd birthday on June 11th. During the afternoon a number of her friends went in a body to her home and presented their congratulations and a huge birthday cake. A short programme was arranged, which included some of Mrs. Kirkpatrick's favorite hymns. Mrs. Kirkpatrick displayed some fancy handmade quilts, which she made prior to her marriage. The Rev. Mr. Caldwell (by request) read a letter written some thirty years ago by Mr. Storey, of Acton, Ont., expressing his sympathy to Mrs. Kirkpatrick at the death of her husband. In reply to the toast, Mrs. Kirkpatrick made a unique remark, that: "No king on his throne could feel more honored than she did." Her heart felt rejuvenated by the kind thoughtfulness of her friends. Birthday cake and other dainties were served.

NORVAL

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the home of Mrs. James Hyatt, the members of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church held their regular monthly meeting, the last for the summer, and combined with their business meeting, a farewell for Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Douglas and Mrs. H. Hamilton. Mrs. Douglas is leaving for a new home and a new field of labor in Cayuga, and Mrs. Hamilton is going to Gore Bay.

After the business of the meeting had been transacted, with Mrs. J. W. Campbell in the chair, a very fine address to Mrs. Douglas was read by Mrs. C. McLaughlin, in which the many fine qualities that Mrs. Douglas has displayed in connection with the work of the church and the community were referred to, her activities in the Sunday School receiving special mention. Mrs. H. Wardlaw then presented her with a gold wrist watch, bearing an address of appreciation to Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Howard May called on Mrs. Laidlaw, who gave her a beautiful silver dessert spoon as a token. Both recipients replied briefly and expressed their extreme regret at leaving a place where they had made many friends and established homes together. A short programme was rendered by Mrs. R. Watson, Mrs. Guy Wilson, Miss Florence Malcolm and Miss Dorothy Maxwell. The home in which the guests were assembled was tastefully decorated with flowers, the decorations adding greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

The following were present:

Dear Mrs. Douglas,—

As a Sunday School we wish to express our appreciation of your services in the United Church, and to assure you of our best wishes for your future welfare. We wish you on the eve of your departure from the village, God speed in the sphere of service and happiness in your new home to which you are going. Since you came among us you have been strengthening month by month the bonds which now united you to the community and the church, and while we feel it would be selfish to try to detain you here when to go to your new field is your gain as well as to the advantage of the church there, we cannot express strongly enough our regret at your departure. There is one thought that makes the parting easy to bear, and that is that the bonds that united your work Norval will be lengthened, not broken. You have done so much to endear yourself to the people of this community, your willingness to contribute of your talents on all occasions, your kindly disposition to one and all, the fineness of your character have won not only admiration and respect, but affection from every one. In the United Church and its activities the same thing is true, and you have been a true helpmate to our pastor, Rev. Mr. Douglas.

Especially have we admired and appreciated your effort in connection with the Ladies' Aid. In the Sunday School you will be missed most of all. Your class of girls are sad at the thought of losing their teacher. The high standards of life you have instilled in their young minds will never be forgotten. Your efficiency and faithfulness to your class will leave a lasting impression on their lives. As they look back at the many pleasant hours spent with you, and the many social evenings they have enjoyed through your instrumentality, their regrets are intensified.

In asking you to accept this wrist watch we will ask you to cast a thought backward to Norval as you watch the time flit by on its dial. May the moments you recall in Norval be pleasant memories and may the hands of the watch point forward to reunions with your old friends in the village. Again wishing you every success and happiness in your new field of labor with kindest farewells and warmest hopes of future meetings, we remain, your friends in the

LADIES' AID.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton,—

We cannot let you depart from our midst without expressing to you our regrets. In the short time you have been among us we have learned to esteem you highly. Your cheerfulness and readiness to assist in all our church work is highly appreciated. We have enjoyed the sojourn of yourself and family in our community. We will miss you in our Sunday School, where as a teacher you willingly filled a long-felt gap. We will miss you and your bright girls in our Y.P.S., where you were always ready to help in our meetings, and most of all, we will miss you from your accustomed pew in our church. Dear Mrs. Hamilton, our best wishes go with you for success and happiness to you and yours. Please accept this little remembrance from your friends in the Ladies' Aid, and we sincerely hope when you think of the time you spent in Norval, they will be pleasant, kindly thoughts, and we do hope you will some day come back and take your place among us again. Again wishing you of our deep regard, and best wishes for future happiness, we remain, yours sincerely,

LADIES' AID.