

Halton's manufacturing centre was Georgetown: 1877 atlas

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reminded about his childhood activities. As soon as the children had some pennies saved, they went to the bakery, where they bought taffy, gingerbread horses and men, and ginger beer in stone bottles.

One of the new businesses in town in 1873 was Wilson's Undertaking Parlor. Two years later, the town's first bank, the Bank of Hamilton, opened in the house across the street from Knox Church where the doctors' offices are located now.

By 1877, according to the atlas, Georgetown was Halton's greatest manufacturing centre. Mrs. Barnard said. Business was booming for many local industries. The Barber Mills were averaging \$20,000 to \$25,000 worth of business a year. Creelman's Knitting Factory, which was built in 1872, where Monty Hyde now has his law office, was making 100 knitting machines a year. Culp and McKenzie Carriage Works was employing 15 people full-time.

BUILDING BOOM
There was a real building boom in Georgetown in the 1880s, Mrs. Barnard said. Berwick Hall was just one of many buildings built during that period, she said. Jim Buck's Fine Foods opened in 1881, as did the first store in town to call itself a 'department' store.

By 1891, Georgetown had a first - a new water system which the Toronto Daily Mail called the most modern on the continent, Mrs. Barnard said. Georgetown had many firsts, among them one of the first dentists in Canada to receive a government certificate, Mrs. Barnard said.

Book will soon show profit

It won't be long before the first book published by the Esqueping Historical Society begins to show a profit. The book, "My Heritage, or Jottings", written by Violet Brownridge, talks about growing up on a farm in this area. It was reported Monday at the historical society's annual meeting that it will take another \$51 in sales, but after that, the book will be making a profit. The cost of publishing the book with Porcupine Press was covered by the historical society, and by a grant from the province, which paid half the cost.

Society elects executive

The Esqueping Historical Society approved the membership of its 1980 board of directors Monday night at the annual meeting. Board members are Jean Ruddell, Shirley Cleave, Muriel Nurse, Glenna Duff, Keith Barber, George Henderson and Bill Somerville. The board members will choose people to fill the executive positions from among themselves.

However, he had already been practising in Georgetown for about four years before he received his certificate.

It was in 1895 that Sam McGibbon took over the Clark House, which has borne his name ever since. By 1899, Georgetown had 88 businesses, Mrs. Barnard said, including photographers, coopers and picture framers.

Early in the 20th century, stores were allowed to stay open as late as they wanted on Saturday, up until midnight, Mrs. Barnard said. On Saturday night, everybody came to town for the evening, she said.

BOUGHT MILL
In 1909, J.B. McKenzie bought the mill from Mr. Lawson, and the McKenzie family has been in business on the corner of James Street and

In the 1940s, during the war years, Georgetown was solidly behind the war effort. Maclean's magazine featured an article on Georgetown's war effort as being typical of small towns across Canada. Local lawyer Leroy Dale and fruit market owner Dick Licata, two of the main figures behind Georgetown's war drive, were featured in the magazine, Mrs. Barnard said.

Mrs. Barnard's talk was illustrated with slides from the collection of Bruce Harding. Many of the businesses, which Mrs. Barnard talked about were shown in photographs and post cards from Georgetown's early days.

"When you're dealing with the history of Main Street, you're dealing with the history of Georgetown for many years, because it wasn't until later on that the development began spreading away from the downtown area," Mrs. Barnard said.

Main Street since then, Mrs. Barnard said.

The first chain grocery store to locate downtown was Dominion, and the store opened in 1920. By 1931, Georgetown had the Gregory Theatre, which was showing "talkies", including "Birth of a Nation". The CCF was meeting regularly in Georgetown, which shows the community was still based on farming, Mrs. Barnard said.

TO THE UNFIT
If you just sit
If you don't quit
Being unfit.

About the Hills

Construction completed

Tower construction has been completed on the section of the Bruce to Milton hydro corridor, which runs through Halton Hills, Ontario Hydro spokesman Chris Taylor told The Herald last week.

Mr. Taylor said construction has been completed, and the stringing of the line will take place after the spring breakup, when the environmental impact will be lessened.

Policy revised

A policy which was not a policy has been revised by Halton Regional Police Commission.

Members of the Halton Regional Police force had been operating under the belief that it was police commission policy that cadets not be issued a uniform until they had been with the force for six months. It was recently proposed to Chief James Harding, however, that the policy be changed to have uniforms issued to cadets upon joining the force.

Commission members indicated last week that as far as they were aware, it had never been a commission policy to delay the issuing of uniforms to cadets; they approved the recommendation issuing uniforms to all cadets.

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