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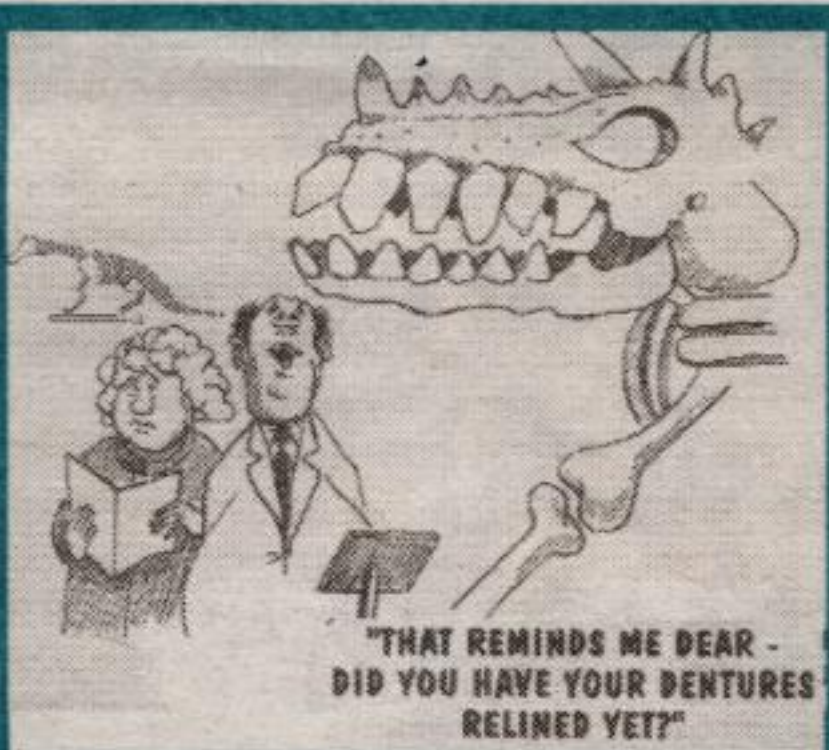


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First manager of Puslinch Mutual Insurance Company
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~ circa 1885 ~

**Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Board of Directors**

~ circa 1969 ~



Front Row, L.to R. - Tom Brownridge, Alex Moore, Lorne Chamberlain, Norm Cantelon and Mel Barden. Back Row - Cameron Kitching, Ross Segsworth, Bob Shorthill, Bill Bracken, Calvin Aitken, Jim Fisher and Craig Reid.

**Halwell Mutual Fire
Insurance Company
Board of Directors**

~ 1975 ~

Front Row, L.to R. - Murray MacPherson, Alex McPhedran, Norm Cantelon and Jim Fisher.

Back Row - Ross Segsworth, John Coburn, Lorne Chamberlain, Max Forsythe, general manager, Jack Gilchrist and Calvin Aitken.



**Halwell Mutual Fire Insurance
Company**

100 Woolwich St., Guelph

~ 1970 ~



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Halwell Mutual Insurance Company maintains its deep roots with Wellington. In 1969 Halwell was launched from the merging of The Puslinch Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The Puslinch Mutual was established in 1859. The Eramosa Mutual established in 1861 and Halton Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company been organized in Halton as early as 1858. Many such mutual insurance companies were the result of property owners seeking to protect their assets as homesteads transpired. Loss by fire was the prime concern, and property owners of the day were alarmed by lightning or by any other means, excepting that of design in the party assured properties as well. Under a mutual insurance plan, policy holders were protected through a subsequent levy if the mutual company suffered heavy losses. At the meeting of the Aberfoyle Town Hall. At the meeting, a committee was struck to give effect to the plan. The committee was represented by Messrs. Aitken, Cantelon, Chamberlain, Fisher and Segsworth. The committee was represented by Messrs. Cox, McPhedran and Gilchrist and Puslinch Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Lorne Chamberlain was appointed chairman of the committee and it was passed unanimously to proceed. The committee also included a member board with six representatives from Halton Mutual, three from Puslinch Mutual and three from Eramosa Mutual. At the meeting three names were presented for consideration; Halwell Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Halper Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Seven of 11 possible votes were cast for Halwell Mutual Fire Insurance Company. As the majority of business was done in Wellington counties, this was deemed an appropriate name for the newly organized company. It was also decided at the meeting that the charter of the Eramosa Mutual Fire Insurance Company be used when establishing the new company. The three established companies bear the cost of reorganization equally. Max Forsythe of Eramosa Mutual was appointed general manager of Halwell Mutual. The new mutual's first office was located at 100 Woolwich Street in Guelph. By 1976 Halwell had outgrown its first home and a new headquarters building was purchased at the north end of Guelph. The new building moved to 812 Woolwich Street in 1977 after extensive renovations were undertaken. Max Forsythe retired in 1980 and was succeeded by his son Robert Forsythe as General Manager until October 31, 1987. He was succeeded by current General Manager Doug Winer.

Halwell Mutual by current General Manager Doug Winer. Currently, Halwell Mutual Fire Insurance Company carries a broader lines of coverage and business than any other mutual insurance company in the area. To accommodate continued growth, a new building was added in 1992 under the leadership of General Manager Doug Winer. Currently, Halwell Mutual has a nine member Board of Directors who all have their roots in Halton and Wellington. The company is a member of a number of associations for education, insurance, and business. Halwell Mutual's sales force are local independent agents. Halwell Mutual is a member of a number of associations for education, insurance, and business. Halwell Mutual's sales force are local independent agents. Halwell Mutual is a member of a number of associations for education, insurance, and business.

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