

—Photo by Doug McCutcheon

BULLDOZERS ARE AT WORK building a new access road to Highway 401 for Mohawk Raceway traffic, just north of Campbellville. Halton Provincial Progressive Conservative candidate George Kerr discussed the county's highway problems and projects with Highways Minister Charles McNaughton last week, then visited this site to view the work in progress. The access roads will ease a traffic bottleneck presented when thousands of cars entered or left the Guelph Line race track at the same time. A new ramp is being added and existing ramps are being improved to speed up traffic.



—Leader Photo

HIGHWAY PROBLEMS and projects in Halton County were reviewed in Toronto last week by George Kerr of Burlington, provincial Conservative candidate, and Highways Minister Charles McNaughton. Three major projects under study are new access ramps for Mohawk Raceway visitors at Highway 401; the Chedoke Expressway (Highway 403) which crosses south Halton; and a Guelph Line Burlington railway underpass.

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Horticultural Notes

Prepared by The Milton and District Horticultural Society

Growing your biennials from seed can be a rewarding job for the summer garden. There is nothing difficult about sowing the seed and then later moving the biennial plants to a chosen location in the flower bed or border.

Biennials are peculiar fellows and we sow their seed this summer so that it will produce plants, roots and flower buds this year. Next year they'll provide the garden with a fine display of blooms and then the plants will die.

In other words, the plants of foxgloves, sweet williams, canterbury bells and the rest of the perennials which have just finished flowering will die and will have to be replaced by new plants this fall or next spring.

Late September or early October planting is much to be preferred over spring when the shock of moving them materially cuts down on the amount of flowers they'll produce.

There's always a tricky problem in finding a suitable time for sowing the seeds of foxgloves and canterbury bells. The best time to sow them is in July, but this date usually finds our summer temperatures much too high for the germination of hollyhocks, canterbury bells, foxgloves and sweet williams.

These biennials all like the soil temperature to be well below 70 degrees at night for ideal germination. Garden soils warmed by the hot July sun prevent this from happening.

If you start them off any earlier than July, these plants in a normal year will be too big and mature and are easily killed by the cold in the winter. If you wait until August to sow the seeds they'll not form large enough plants by freeze-up time.

The two best varieties of foxgloves to order are the Excelsior Mixed and the Giant Shirley Hybrids. The former is a prize-winning variety of the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain.

Roots

The roots of iris are correctly called rhizomes and multiply so rapidly that the clumps need to be taken up and separated every three or four years.

If left undivided the blooms will diminish in number, quality

and size with every succeeding year.

To divide iris correctly, we must understand the meaning of the word rhizome. It's really a fleshy underground stalk from which grow the true rather string-like roots. You may find this hard to believe but it's actually a fact that the rhizomes travel as they grow. A close examination of the growing end will show that it creeps or moves horizontally.

While it's true iris are reasonably tough perennials it doesn't pay to treat them roughly when digging them. A garden fork is a much better tool for this purpose than a spade.

Five All-Electric Homes Now in Town

There are five homes completely heated by electricity in the town of Milton today, and two more are under construction — part of a network of more than 5,000 "Medallion All-Electric Homes" in Ontario.

Brampton area has 59 similar homes and nine others under construction, with 13 of these homes within the town, Ontario Hydro reported. There are also two all-electric apartment buildings, a church and a bowling alley in Brampton.

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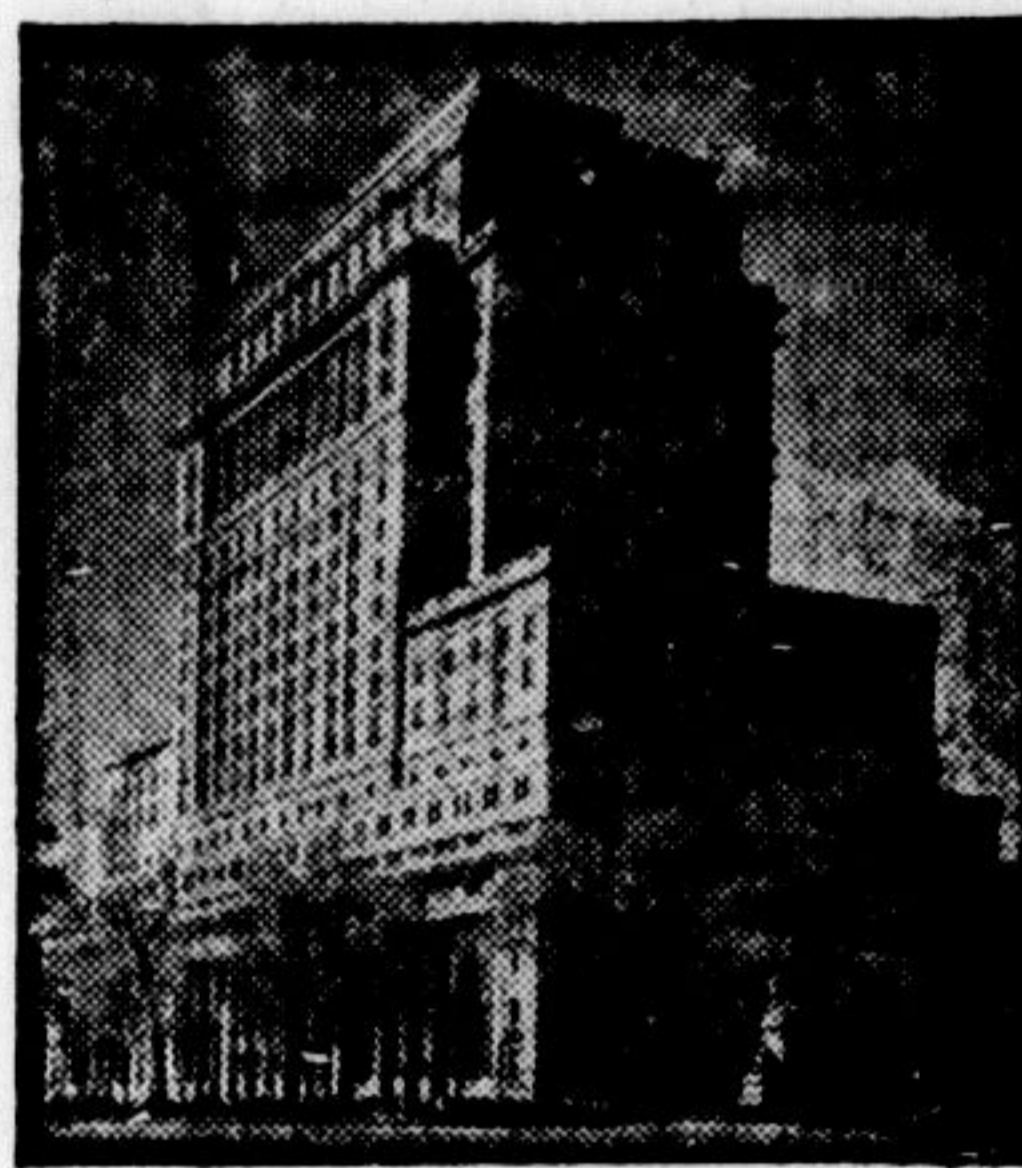
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Legion Notes



It was recently reported in the latest issue of the Legionary that the total value of Legion-sponsored low-rental housing construction in Canada has now reached the imposing total of over \$3,500,000.

Figures compiled indicate the splendid progress the Legion has made in providing attractive and convenient living accommodations for aged veterans at rents within their limited budgets. And it is interesting to note that the projects do not always exclude non-veterans and are undertaken at the branch and other levels of the Legion.

Many in B.C.

The largest venture into this type of community enterprise has been made in British Columbia which has now \$1,052,000 worth of low-rental buildings totalling 188 units. One apartment com-

plex contains 69 single and 35 double living units in Vancouver. Many other centres such as New Westminster, Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Cranbrook have various types of apartments.

In Quebec, the biggest project is the 128 apartment development near Montreal costing \$850,000. In Ontario housing developments include a \$248,000 project in North York, at \$215,575 two-building, 46-unit layout in Ottawa and other large units in such places as Kitchener, Orangeville and small towns as Ancaster.

Similar development has taken place in Manitoba, Northern Ontario, New Brunswick and the Prairie Provinces.

All in all the Legion has made it possible for a great many elderly people to have modern comfortable low-priced accommodation in their declining years.

Rents for housing projects average about \$43.00 a month per unit which includes electric stove, electric refrigerator, washing machine and other modern appliances for what these people were paying previously for one or two bare rooms in a walk-up flat.

Of the total provincial government spending of \$3,097,000,000 in 1962, health and welfare spending accounted for \$867,000,000 and education \$753,000,000.

From 1941 to 1961 the value of machinery and equipment in use on Canadian farms increased from \$596 million to \$2,569 million.



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