

Governor General here by railway

"The Credit Valley Railway was formally opened by His Excellency, the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada at Milton, Ontario on September 19, 1879. From the charter to the first official train it took eight years. The railway building had been hampered by lack of funds, opposed by the existing railways in obtaining credit, further burdened by a strike of its employees in the Toronto areas in 1880, and lengthy litigation to obtain entry into the City of Toronto. Opening day was a grand occasion."

A history of James Filby "Credit Valley Railway" reveals this information and the book recently published is the first released by The Boston Mills Press (\$3.95) R.R. 1 Cheltenham, Ont.

Filby is a purchasing agent for Simmons Mattresses and has done all the research of the book on a part-time basis. The establishment of Boston Mills Press with Ralph Beaumont of Alton and John Dinison of Erin resulted after other publishers claimed the book was too local and declined to publish it.

The Credit Valley Railway was the work of one man, George Laidlaw, a Toronto entrepreneur who was involved in the construction of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway, and the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. Mr. Laidlaw through a series of government grants, private capital and bonuses from benefitting townships, obtained a provincial charter in 1871 to construct the Credit Valley Railway.

Now the CPR Today the Credit Valley Railway is still in operation for the CPR in much the same fashion as it was then.

The 107 page book, with soft cover, includes a number of early pictures of the railway and events connected with it.

Filby's research included the pages of The Canadian Champion as well as other area papers and the provincial archives. In all more than two years of research went into the book.

For steam buffs and for those interested in local history the book is a very readable one with fascinating information on a part of this area's history that had major implications.



THIS OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH of the opening of the Credit Valley Railway in Milton in 1879, is one of several of interest in the history of the railway recently published. The line, now the CPR, was opened by the Governor General of Canada the Marquis of Lorne eight years after the granting of the charter to George Laidlaw.

Apart 17 years

Mutual Aid merges with Fire Prevention

Two local fire agencies, Halton Mutual Aid Association and Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, have decided to merge and work together again after a mutual separation of 17 years.

The Mutual Aid Association was founded in 1951 when the eight fire departments in Halton decided to establish a co-operative program of mutual firefighting assistance. Training, firefighting methods and equipment were standardized so the firefighters from each department could move in and lend assistance if a neighboring municipality had a serious fire. The mutual aid system has always been under the supervision of a co-ordinator Fire Chief J. D. Wilson of Oakville, with Chief A. E. Clement of Milton as Deputy Co-ordinator. The men of the various fire brigades have kept abreast of firefighting developments and exchanged knowledge with each other through regular meetings, usually one evening a month.

In 1957 the Mutual Aid decided to step up its fire prevention program and a separate bureau was formed to concentrate on promotion of fire prevention across Halton. The Halton Fire Prevention Bureau has operated independently ever since, and has enjoyed success with its annual Grade 5 fire prevention poster contest, inspection programs,

spring clean-up and Christmas fire safety programs. The Bureau has also benefitted from group buying of literature and joint ownership or rental of films, and has engaged a part-time public relations officer to help get its fire prevention messages to the people of Halton.

Fewer brigades Membership of both agencies has comprised firefighters from the Halton fire departments (which have since been reduced from eight to four through amalgamations of Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte, Acton-Georgetown and Burlington-Nelson). Over the years many of the same fire department personnel have been active in both mutual aid and fire prevention groups, and sometimes the programs overlapped.

This duplication of efforts, combined with a declining

attendance in both organizations, prompted the groups to consider merging and pooling their efforts.

Now the group has a new name, too. "Halton Region Fire Services Association" has been approved as a more suitable name. Association members expect to continue both programs—fire fighting training and fire prevention—as they have in the past. Daytime meetings will also

be introduced for the fire chiefs, fire prevention inspectors, full time firefighters, on a regular monthly basis. These daytime meetings will also be open to any part time firefighters who are able to attend. The association will hold at least five evening meetings a year for the benefit of the large number of voluntary (part time) firefighters. Each fire department (Burlington, Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton) will host the evening meetings on a rotating basis.

The organization is funded by a \$1,200 grant from Halton Region Council. The bulk of this money will go into fire prevention programs and literature as the mutual aid

Need permit

A permit is needed to camp at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area. That is unless you are a member of the Bruce Trail Association and you can show your membership card to park officials.

Permits may be obtained from Halton Region Conservation Authority offices on Main St., Milton.

division is mainly an information-sharing program. Lt. Jim Coulson of Milton has been named chairman of the fire prevention committee, with Inspector Peter Campbell of Oakville as treasurer and Roy Downs of Milton as secretary.

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Lions Club praised for community work

Milton Lions Club in June completed a record year of community service and this contribution to the community was recognized and praised at the recent District Convention at Sudbury, where the club received a prize for the second highest standing in efficiency in its district.

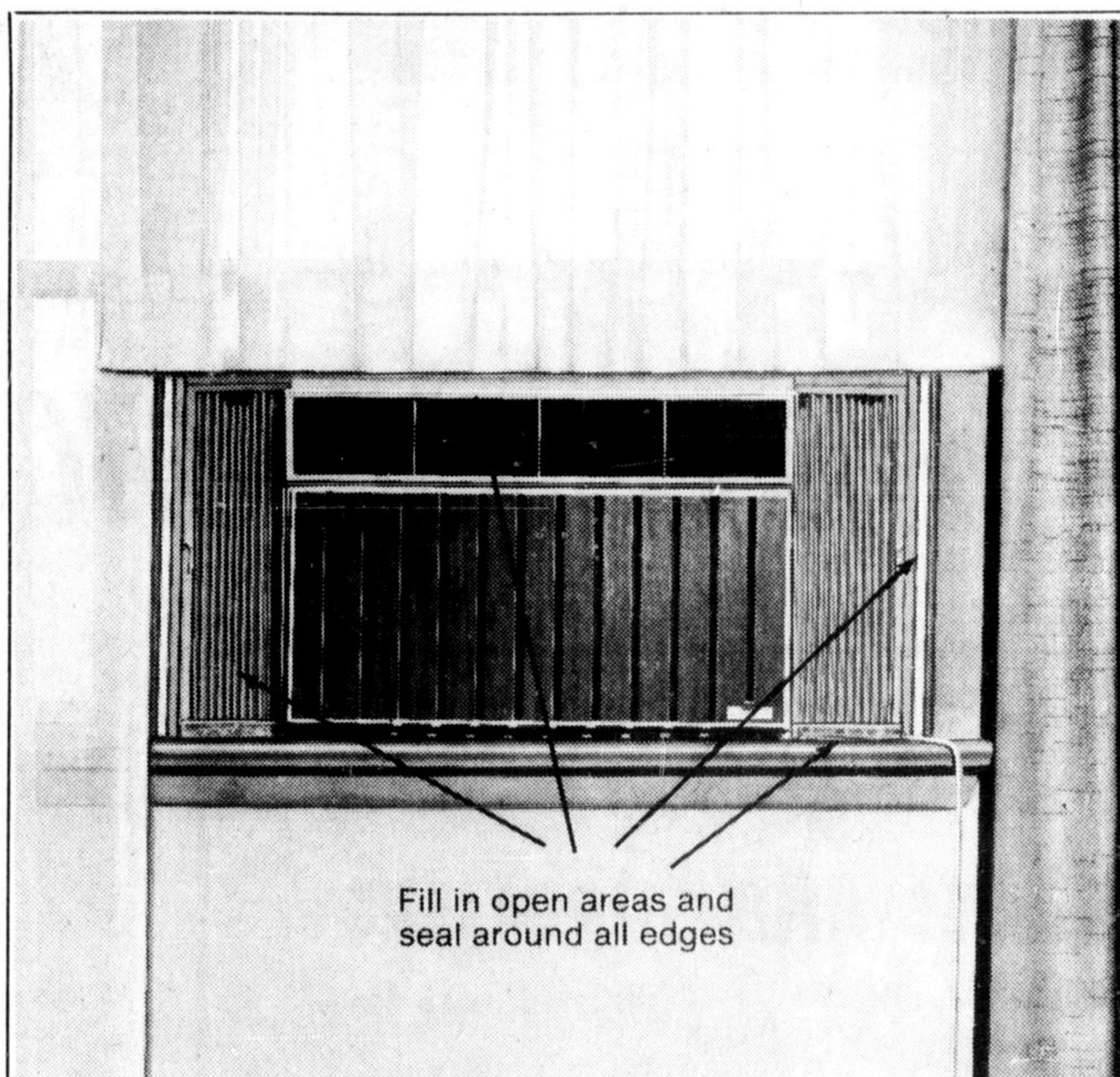
Lion Chief Blake Charlton accepted the award for the Milton club, in front of about 5,000 Lions from Ontario and Quebec. The district where Milton placed second includes 37 clubs in central Ontario. Contributing towards this accomplishment was the Milton Club's near perfect attendance at club dinner meetings, visitation to seven other clubs with at least 10 members attending each time, the CNIB blitz for funds which exceeded \$2,200 which will help provide further services to the blind, a pledge of \$5,000 to the Credit Valley

Association for Handicapped Children over a four year period, arrangements to purchase a wheelchair bus vehicle for Halton Centennial Manor and a Zamboni ice making machine for the new town arena at a total cost of \$17,000; presentation of over 100 sweaters to the Monday Nighters group of Milton Minor Hockey; a donation to Milton Minor Baseball and sponsorship of a Milton Minor Soccer team; provision of food and clothing to a family in need; donation of awards to several students for high academic standing at the high school commencement.

Thanks community "These projects, along with the regular support of Lions District and International undertakings, made it possible for the Milton club to obtain such a high standing in the District Governor's awards competition," Lion Chief Charlton said. He said

he was proud of the club for its accomplishments and especially grateful to the community for its support of Lions fund-raising projects. The Lions' next fund-raising venture is a fun night at Milton Arena Sept. 7, which includes the raffling of a 1974 car, dancing to two bands, food and refreshments and games of chance. Several other prizes will be given away during the evening as part of the elimination draw. Tickets are on sale at various business places in town.

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