

# Man acquitted of house breaking and resisting arrest on Main Street

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of The Canadian Champion and other publications to provide a window on Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

July 4, 1889

Wm. S. was charged May 23 with breaking into the house of Robert A. He evaded arrest but on Tuesday evening he defiantly appeared in a buggy on Main St. Just opposite Messrs Hollinrake's store, Constable Dent caught the horse's head. Chief Constable Crowe made for the buggy. S. tried to start his horse, but Dent stuck to the bridle and the horse stumbled and fell. The chief grabbed S who swore that he would not allow himself to be arrested or handcuffed and resisted vigorously, but the chief was too much for him and after a lively tussle got the "nippers" on his wrist and dragged him off to Castle Van (the county jail where Jailer VanAllen presided)

Later S appeared before Judge Miller and was acquitted of house breaking since the prosecution was unable to prove felonious intent through the entry of the house. He was charged before the Mayor with resisting arrest. It was proved he resisted vigorously but the mayor dismissed the charge, remarking that the resistance was nothing more than the constable might have expected.

July 18, 1889

Milton is so situated in the centre of the county that a high school here has become a matter of necessity. At the recent high school entrance examinations held at

## Milton Time Capsules



Oakville, Georgetown and Milton the number of students who wrote was 122. Out of the 122 Georgetown and Oakville had 55 and Milton contributed the other 67, or 12 more than the other two places together. Will not these figures stir up our townspeople to make a move in the way of obtaining a high school in Milton. Georgetown has its new school at a cost of \$12,000; why can we not obtain the building occupied by the late Mr. Barclay — as it was originally built for a school (191 Margaret St.) — and have it utilized for a high school building?

The Department of Education later rejected the building as being unsuitable. The County agreed to lease a site (the present town hall parking lot) but municipal voters rejected the cost of a high school. It was 1921 before the town had a high school, the present Martin St. school.

In 1889 the Streetsville paper reported seven were attending that school from Milton. To accommodate their arrival on the 9:20 train the school would not open until 9:25 and close at 4:15.

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# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Intermodal terminal development similar to Dufferin Aggregates' expansion bid

Dear Editor:

Recently we've read with great interest the plight of the residents to the south of Milton and their concern over the proposed CN intermodal terminal.

It certainly has a great number of similarities with a proposal by Dufferin Aggregates to expand its already large quarry operation at the north-east part of Milton and into the Speyside area of Halton Hills.

This is another example of big business interest wishing to push their wants onto the local community without regard for residents or the environment.

This proposed expansion area is designated rural under the Niagara Escarpment Act and Dufferin is seeking to have the designation changed to mineral extraction.

The three new, large holes that would be created would be at least 30 to 40 metres deep into the escarpment covering an area approximately 82.5 hectares.

The expansion planned abuts areas designated as environmentally sensitive and of scientific impor-

tance, home to a great many species of wildlife, birds, aquatic species, plants, etc. The destruction of this habitat forever can't be justified by Dufferin stating that it's cheaper to get the aggregate close to the targeted construction market.

A senior planner at the Niagara Escarpment Commission pointed out on a map there are many areas containing the same aggregate deposits in locations that aren't on top of the escarpment but on outlying areas.

Once the escarpment is destroyed no amount of rehabilitation will restore this unique 400-million-year-old recognized and designated World Biosphere Reserve. Technology and companies do exist for the purpose of recycling highway materials but there is no attempt being made to do this while the escarpment still stands.

Only last week the provincial government heeded concerns of citizens and the Save Our Moraine group by issuing a six-month hold on all development on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The government

has also, in its recent budget, earmarked \$5 million as its commitment to the Natural Areas Protection Program. This fund is to protect the beauty of the Bruce Trail, the Rouge Valley, the Lynde Marsh and the Niagara Escarpment. Obviously we aren't alone in our efforts to help save the escarpment in our area but we can certainly use the support of all residents of Halton and for that, all of Ontario.

If you believe as we do that Halton has more than its share of quarry-scarred escarpment, please take a few minutes now to write a letter to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, 232 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 4B1, stating your objections to the proposed quarry expansion by Dufferin Aggregates.

Letters to the mayor and councillors of both the Towns of Milton and Halton Hills would add to the voices already heard at recent public information meetings. Letters must be received by July 31, 2001.

**Marion McMeeken**  
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## Please return couple's lost money — no questions asked, friend of family pleads

Dear Editor:

I'm addressing this letter to the good people of Milton in the hope that the good will overcome the bad.

Recently my friend took her husband's suit that had been dry-cleaned but not worn in four years to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop. What she didn't know was that he had hidden, in the inside pocket, their tax refund of almost \$5,000 in cash. This was to be used for their family's move.

On their part it was a costly, foolish mistake — he didn't tell her where he was hiding the money and she didn't tell him about donat-

ing unwanted clothing. Needless to say, they're in complete shock, have hardly slept, are angry with each other and can't believe a person would stoop to steal from a charity shop. They have received amazing practical and emotional support from the Salvation Army staff especially the manager, Mark.

My friends and I hope that whoever has the money would realize this was a huge mistake by the donor. If whoever has the money really needs it then please spend it wisely, otherwise hopefully their conscience is keeping them awake at night and maybe the money will be returned.

If anyone knows anything about the whereabouts of this money please contact the Salvation Army, Mark, at (905) 876-4831. There will be no questions asked and there will be a reward upon the return of the money.

My friends aren't wealthy as they regularly shop at as well as donate to the Salvation Army. The action of one person has destroyed the feeling that Milton only has caring and honest people and we all hope that this good impression will be quickly restored.

**Ann Boys**  
Milton

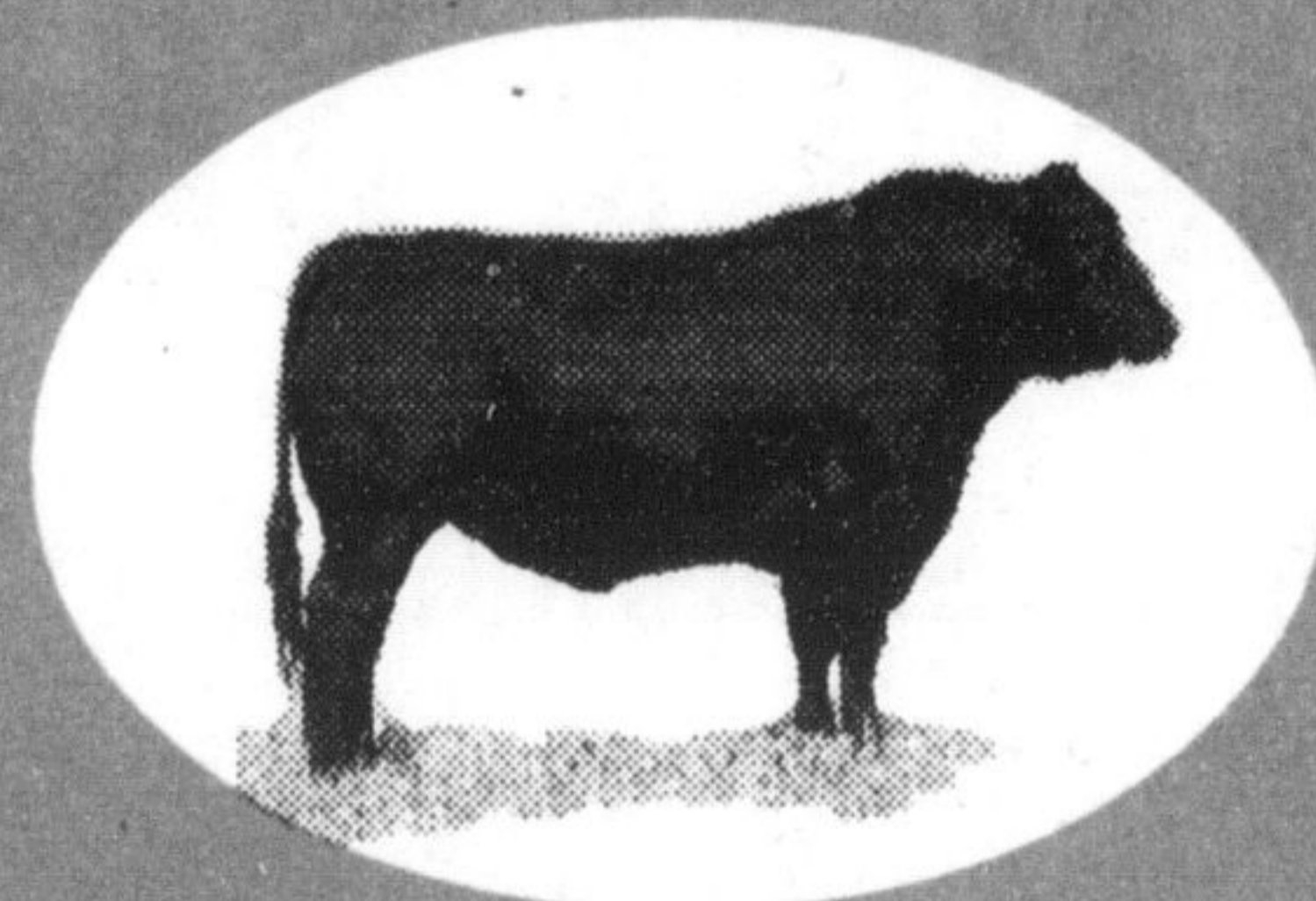
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