

Evening quiet as repeal of the Scott Act sees all barrooms closed for municipal election

'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.

January 1889

As the bar-rooms were all closed on Monday, on account of the municipal election, the evening was quiet and orderly. It was in marked contrast with the evenings of election days under the Scott Act when all the illicit whiskey dens were in full blast. The good order too, on Saturday evenings and Sundays, speaks volumes for the superiority of the Crooks Act over the Scott Act as a promoter of temperance. Notwithstanding the hostility of the license inspector, whose duty it is to enforce the laws, and his efforts and those of his "temperance" friends to bring it into contempt, the Crooks Act is doing good work. It would do still better work if it received fair play and its administration were placed in friendly hands.

The Scott Act (Canada Temperance Act 1878) approved by Halton voters in 1881, was repealed by voters in 1888. It prohibited the sale of liquor and licensing of outlets. The Crooks Act (Ontario Liquor License Act 1876) provided for licensing of hotels.

The action of the town council, on Monday evening, in appointing an official whose whole time will be given to the service of the town and who will perform the duties of chief constable, collector of taxes and superintendent of streets and sidewalks was wise as was also their selection in appointment of Mr. John Crowe to the position. Mr. Crowe will earn his salary and will, if we are not mistaken, maintain good order in the town and improve its streets and sidewalks.

Other town employees at that time were the clerk and part time treasurer, assessor and collector. Annual salary of the clerk was \$300, that of the assessor \$44.98, that of collector \$20 and of the chief constable \$315.

Besides performing the duties of constable he was to be sanitary inspector under the board of health, caretaker of the street lamps, of the water reservoir and streets and sidewalks "and to do all the necessary work connected with the same." M.E. Mitchell was the town clerk, W.L.P. Eager the treasurer, John Duncan the assessor and

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John Crowe the collector and Chief Constable.

In September 1889 John Crowe resigned his position as Chief Constable after the mayor declined to approve his salary payment because some reports had not been filed. Council held a "spirited" meeting protesting the mayor's action but Crowe's resignation stood "owing to having too many bosses."

February 28, 1889

On Monday Mr. McCowan of Esquesing who was getting out ice at the pond here, slipped through a hole made by the cutters. The water was deep and he went out of sight but on coming up again was assisted out and made for the Commercial Hotel as fast as possible. As the day was bitterly cold he was badly chilled and had his clothes frozen as hard as boards before he got there. After changing his clothes and getting a thorough warming he was very little the worse of his ducking.

The Commercial Hotel was located where the present Knight Cap is located.

April 25, 1889

W. Black of the Macleod (Alta.) Board of Trade will hold meetings here and at other points in Halton and Wellington to enlighten the public on the merits of the Macleod district of Southern Alberta as a field for emigration. As Mr. Black is a Halton man and has many friends here, his meetings will no doubt be largely attended. He claims for the Macleod district a mild climate, the best of stock ranges, first-class agricultural lands with a home market and large prices for produce and better chances for the settler than can be found in any one-crop country.

September 12, 1889

The Toronto World reported that the Ontario Terra Cotta Brick and Sewer Pipe Co.'s bricks are superior to those which had previously been imported to Toronto. "All the country under the mountain west of Milton is covered with quarries, lime kilns and now brickyards are coming."

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Thanks for letting me be part of such a wonderful event, says Coulter of Chris Hadfield homecoming

Dear Editor:

I was asked by Eleanor Hadfield to take part in the homecoming of her son Chris on Saturday, June 9, as I had taken photos, and had donated to the first scholarship award for Milton District High School four years ago.

Naturally I said yes and would sell tickets and bring my camera.

The whole day was wonderful.

The sun shone at Hadfield Park and as Chris peeled the plastic covering off the commemorative plaque on the large granite stone donated by Dufferin Aggregates, and the Milton Horticultural members planted donated roses, I remembered that day four years ago when it poured rain and we had the park dedicated in Chris Hadfield's name.

I thought how very nice that Chris was 'alive' and well, to stand in this beautiful park named after him, and to look upon the large stone with his name on it. In the years to come so many visitors will have their pictures taken beside the Hadfield Rock.

We then went over to E.C. Drury school and Chris gave us an outstanding slide presentation, taking time always to answer the questions from children and adults in attendance.

The video was played and you could feel the excitement from the

crowd as the 'Big smoke' went up into the sky.

I had taken all my previous photos of Chris and put them on the wall for all to see and enjoy for the afternoon and evening concert.

As I was leaving the school, a gentleman from the Hamilton Spectator asked me what paper I worked with, or was I a relative of the family? I said I didn't work for any paper and was only a friend of the family, but I enjoyed taking pictures of community events.

Then he asked me why.

Nobody had ever asked me that and it gave me something to think about.

In the evening at the concert, which was held to raise money for two more high school scholarships, the Hadfield brothers played songs of Canada and space. The music was excellent and enjoyed by young and old.

At the intermission, the past winners of the Milton District High School scholarship talked about their schooling and the three students for the upcoming scholarships were present and Chris presented them with a signed photo for their schools.

At this time, I jumped out of my front row seat to take photos of a very important event in the lives of these students.

Yes, I had a lump in my throat

Current old age pension allowance not enough to live on and should be increased, says concerned resident

(The following letter was addressed to Julian Reed, MP and a copy was filed with the Canadian Champion.)

Dear Editor:

It is with respect that I write to you today.

There is a consensus among my customers that the Members of Parliament have little regard for the Canadians they are in public office to serve. Specifically in regards to the plight of our seniors. The Old

Age Pension in this country is an embarrassment to all political parties. How would you like to live on less than \$200.00 a week? Many of our seniors face that every day. Rent, utilities, food and rising health costs, weaken what to many, is already failing health.

The attitude of our politicians seems to be that of some of our Doctors, "Oh well, your old and going to die anyway".

We take better care of our pets.

and know at that moment just why I take photos.

These are very important memories for them to keep forever, and times like these only come around once, and I feel so proud to have a small part in them.

After the concert, Chris stayed and signed photographs and allowed pictures to be taken with him until almost midnight. I enjoyed working with this warm and loving Hadfield family.

A special thanks should go out to The Champion for their front page coverage of the event, the Mayor and Town of Milton employees, the proud air cadets who worked on the event, the businesses who sold tickets and E.C. Drury for hosting this special event.

A great big thanks to Roger and Eleanor and David and Chris for taking the time to have this homecoming and concert, so that more students from all three high schools will have helping with their continuing education.

This is only the start of something very special for our town and I know those scholarships will be here, we hope, for years to come.

Donna Coulter
Milton

Will you propose to parliament an increase in the Old Age Pension?

Something more substantial than the last increase which was about a \$1.00. It is the least you can do, to in some way, justify the pay increases your party proposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Susan Cottrell-Raby
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