

# Local Shoe Factory by-law defeated according to the returning officer, but could carry when a scrutiny is had

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

April 1892

The Shoe Factory by-law was defeated according to the Returning Officer's declaration, but it is likely to be declared carried when a scrutiny is had. (The by-law had to be supported by two thirds of the voters on the roll to carry.) Milton has been considerably worked up for some time on the question of the proposed bonus to Messrs. Winn & Son and though the opponents of the by-law were not numerous there has been a bitter feeling between them and its supporters.

The business men of the town were almost a unit in support.

Supporters had a first class organization, opponents had hardly any and they did wonders in the way of getting out the vote on their side. Non-resident property owners came from Walkerton, Barrie and other distant points to vote for the by-law and people who had never voted before turned out.

One of them is a lady of about 90 who marked her first ballot and marked it for the by-law.

Town Clerk Coates made his official declaration on Tuesday as follows: No. of votes on roll, 255; for by-law 163; against by-law 20; rejected 7; total cast 190. The number of votes necessary to carry the by-law was 170.

The by-law was defeated by seven votes. As a number of the 255 names on the voters' list are those of people who have died or disposed of their property since the list was made up supporters claim it is really carried by a majority of between eight and 12 votes.

In the event of a favorable result Messrs Winn & Son will commence very shortly the building of their manufactory.

May 1892

A Nassagaweya farmer, who has several times lately brutally ill-treated his wife while drunk, was called upon on Monday evening by a dozen or so of his neighbors and given a fine new suit of tar and feathers. He did not appreciate the gift but will perhaps be a better husband in the future.

## Milton Time Capsules



Walmer Road Methodist Church, Toronto, now being built uses material supplied from the works of Toronto Pressed Brick & Terra Cotta Co. near Milton. A quantity of fine colored bricks is being supplied in delicate shades of grey, drab and brown, which will be used for inside decorations including a dado which will run around the auditorium. There are also roofing tiles for steeple work and ornamental pieces in great variety. Milton is the headquarters for terra cotta products.

Last week Murray Crawford of Nassagaweya purchased Mayor Dice's property in that township, including the lake (Crawford Lake) which was stocked with trout a few years ago and on Tuesday he caught a fine one, 16 inches long and weighing two-and-a-half pounds.

June 1892

The band stand has been removed to the lot west of the town hall. The lot where it stood, opposite Messrs. Hollinrake & Son's, having been bought by Messrs. Winn & Son for their shoe factory. (The shoe factory which was built on the Main street site is now the location of Lido Restaurant.)

The Act, passed at the recent session of the Ontario Legislature to prohibit the sale of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to person under 18 years of age, came into operation on June 1st. The penalty for selling or giving to such persons is not less than \$10 or more than \$50. Any person actually or apparently under 18 years of age found using cigars, cigarettes or tobacco on the streets or in any public place is liable to a fine of from \$1 to \$5 for each offense.

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# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Reader frustrated with increased class sizes and feels that students' needs not being met

Dear Editor:

Three weeks into the school year there has been a reshuffling of teachers and students in several schools in the Halton Board of Education. Our school in Kilbride lost a teacher because our enrollment was down 10 students from last year.

Losing a teacher for 30 students might be appropriate, depending on the existing class sizes, but for 10 students?

Not only has this abrupt reshuffling been disruptive to the students, but also it has added to the teaching load of the other intermediate staff.

Classroom sizes have now increased in a time when our government's commitment to better education includes a goal for a maximum class size of 25 students.

Even 25 is challenging in those classrooms where there are several children with behavior, learning or social problems. There are children with special needs in every class-

room who aren't identified as such.

Now most of our classes have close to 30 students. This was common in my years at elementary school, but children have changed since then.

Learning expectations and formats have changed, and behavioral/management issues have increased.

We're not meeting our students' present needs.

Some parents are opting for private schools because of their smaller class sizes and more individual attention.

But not all of us can afford private education, and do not want an elitist system. We're entitled to a public system that enables our children to learn without a lot of frustration.

The teacher-student ratio and how it impacts on the quality of learning in a classroom is of major importance — that is where our children spend most of their time.

The new curriculum is supposed

to aim at higher achievement, but in a less optimum learning environment. Does this make any sense?

Most parents are too busy earning a living to call their trustees or write letters to the board of education and government officials about cutbacks or poor management of school funds. But where does that leave the rest of us that are discouraged with our educational system?

If people at the board say, "our hands are tied" or give us all kinds of explanations that we don't understand, and our government doesn't get more involved in setting and enforcing standards, what are we to do to help our children? We need another teacher back at our school, and we need to set a definite limit on class sizes.

There are millions of dollars going into road improvement in this province. Aren't our children more important?

Sandy Amodio  
Kilbride

## Reader expresses his disappointment over Champion's coverage of solidarity service

Dear Editor:

I participated in the Service for Solidarity at Victoria Park Sunday, Sept. 16. I was most impressed by the 70 uniformed firefighters, police and EMS personnel. They stood together proudly supporting their American colleagues who died September 11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania in the worst terrorist attack in history.

I want to express my disappointment in the coverage of this event by *The Champion*. From my vantage point, there were close to 500 people, young and old.

What was *The Champion's* coverage? Three photos — one on the front page showing only 10 firefighters, another shot inside of a very small portion of the crowd (certainly not offering the community any perspective of the number attending) and one photo of Mr. Hughes speaking.

Was there an article for the benefit of those who were unable to attend? No there wasn't. There was nothing about the expressed sadness at the senseless loss of life. Not only of the innocent citizens who died, but not a word about the deaths of the emer-

gency responders giving their lives trying to rescue others or about the prayers for the safety and success during the continuing rescue efforts.

There was no mention of the brotherhood of spirit this crowd had with thousands around the world participating in several similar expressions of caring.

Our print media has always been quick to report and criticize freely what they judge to be flawed. Today when I saw *The Champion's* lack of coverage of a significant event in our community, I was angered.

You should be criticized and embarrassed. What really is important — an article about the Communities in Bloom competition that took front-page space, or, by the grace of God, a once-in-our-lifetime tragedy and its impact on our community? I say wake up and tell the community what's important.

Larry Masson  
Milton

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