Jailhouse unusually full these days with a total of 16 prisoners, including a half-dozen chicken thieves

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

March 1896

The jail here is unusually full at present. There are 16 prisoners confined in it and half of them, including six chicken thieves and two men committed for non-support of their wives, come from Georgetown. Though there are vagrants, only two of them are regular tramps.

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Hotel (corner Commercial Commercial and Main) was sold by auction yesterday by Hugh Campbell, assignee of the proprietor, John Dean. It was mortgaged for \$6,584.84, principal and interest and Mrs. Dean bought it and its contents, except liquors and provisions for \$225 in excess of above amount. Arrangements will be made as quickly as possible for the transfer of the license to Mrs. Dean.

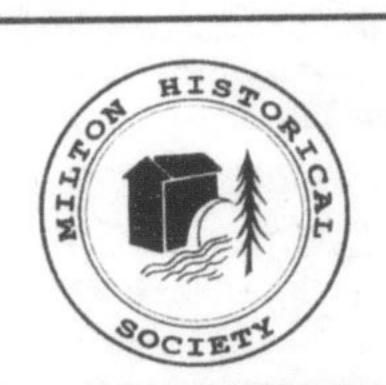
Last Friday's snow storm caused one of the worst railway blockades on record in Canada. During the day Toronto was practically cut off from all railway communication. Here we had no trains on the C.P.R. but the G.T.R. (CNR) managed to get one train from Hamilton to Georgetown and back.

The evening train going north got as far as the Scotch Block and back to Hamilton, reaching that city at 1 a.m. on Saturday but the G.T.R. was tied up and Milton had no mail except that from Montreal. W.A. Lawrence went to Hamilton on Friday. On Saturday he tried to get home via Toronto but did not reach Milton until Monday morning. County Attorney Matheson came here on Friday and could not get home to Georgetown until Monday. The county roads are drifted full in a great many places so that the only thoroughfare is through the fields.

April 1896

Last Sunday's freshet did little damage in Milton beyond carrying off the foot bridge across the creek (in line with Commercial St. north of Main) to the curling rink and

Milton Time Capsules



that happens every spring.

Contracts have been closed for the work of the erection of the new St. George's Church (at Lowville). The Coleman Mill and Lumber Co. of Burlington will do the woodwork and a Guelph firm the stone work.

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J.R. Johnstone, undertaker and furniture dealer, has purchased the Lyon stone building opposite the town hall (demolished but the present site of Sugar and Spice) and will move into it as soon as the extensive alterations and improvements, which are now in progress, have been completed.

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Halton County passed a by-law appointing former Warden James Menzies, county treasurer. Among other requirements are "that he attend at his office three days in each week, holidays excepted viz. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m." He will be paid a salary of \$500 each year and will commence duties when the late treasureris books have been audited and the report accepted by the council. (His predecessor, D.W. Campbell, died earlier this month.)

On Monday John Featherstone shipped by C.P.R. to Toronto several carloads of fat hogs, aggregating about 50,000 pounds The shipment consisted of 300 hogs, 200 fat cattle and a dozen calves. Mr. Featherstone has had several (railway) carloads of fat stock during the last few months. He's a fair buyer and for the hogs just shipped has paid from \$3.50 to \$3.60 per hundred weight the better price being paid for long lean straight specimens of porkers.

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* OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Reader says adult video store puts values at risk and has no place in this community

Dear Editor:

On Wednesday, Apr. 17 the Milton Community Consultation Committee held its monthly meeting at the Halton Regional Police Service's 12 Division.

The committee spends time discussing concerns and issues pertaining to police in Milton. I act as chairman of this committee and was expecting an issue to be on the table that evening.

The topic was an adult video store operating without a licence in town on Bronte Street.

A guest at the meeting came to try and get some help in the matter. The person lives above the store in an apartment.

This person has to contend with people hanging out outside the

store, walking a 6-year-old child past an open window display of adult novelties, as well as noise late into the night. My heart went out to this person.

I'm also concerned with legitimate businesses trying to operate in the same area with these surroundings.

A flagrant disregard for the laws of this town, other businesses and the moral structure of Milton's people is apparent here.

Police believe that businesses such as this also attract other criminal elements. Every person at the meeting that night condemned the store owner's actions and his busi-

At this time, lawyers for the town and the store owner are trying to

resolve the problem. In the meantime, I urge those people who feel that Milton is no place for this to stand up and let your anger and distaste be known.

If no one patronizes the store, he can't make enough money to pay the rent.

This is still a small town and everybody knows everybody. You should also write to The Champion, call or write your council representative and even the store owner himself.

Let's not allow this man to take our values, and our willingness to protect them, for granted.

> Greg Nelson Milton

Milton's smoking bylaw is unfair to local bars and restaurants, says frustrated co-owner of lvy Arms

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licly confirmed that "outside patios do not fall within the smoking bylaw. Smoking is permitted outside."

However, this is not the issue at hand.

Mr. Malboeuf stated that "few people visit casinos and even less play bingo, but almost everyone frequents a bar or restaurant. These are locations where the majority are exposed to the toxic fumes of second-hand smoke."

I would suggest to Mr. Malboeuf that there are more people at the casino and bingo hall on any given night than all of the patrons in all of the bars and restaurants in Milton combined.

Again, this isn't the issue at hand. The issue at hand is that second-hand smoke is harmful in all public places.

The bars and restaurants recommended that Bylaw 96-98 remain in place for bars and restaurants until such time that a provincial ruling be made that would encompass all public places regardless of location - and have all establish-

ments compete on a level playing field. Alternatively, if the bylaw is for health reasons alone and not political gain or economic impact, we, as responsible corporate citizens, would like to go on record that we recommend that Milton be 100 per cent smoke free in all public places — with no exemptions.

And while Mr. Malboeuf stated that the bylaw is not discriminatory against bars, the bylaw by its own definition and as presented to council under Section A to Bylaw 48 2002 states that a bingo hall under Article 13 is a public place.

Article 14 defines a horse racing and/or gaming establishment as a public place. How can they be exempt from the bylaw?

Come on Mr. Malboeuf, stick to the real issue at hand and be fair and just and admit that the bylaw in its present form is unfair, unjust and discriminates by allowing exemptions for bingo halls and

Let there by justice and fairness for all.

Ken Phillips Co-owner, Ivy Arms

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