Conservative member of parliament addresses big audience at Town Hall

'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.

June 1896

The town hall was well filled on Tuesday Henderson's David evening (Conservative Member of Parliament for Halton) meeting, Liberals being about as Conservatives. numerous Henderson spoke for about two hours on the trade question and the Manitoba Coercion Act. He said that he was opposed to separate schools and pledged himself to vote against coercion if re-elected. He was given a good hearing and a fair amount of applause. He was followed by Lieut.-Col. Kerns, MPP, who had time for only a short speech.

According to the returns received on Tuesday evening, David Henderson has been re-elected by a majority of 115. When it was found about 8 p.m. that Mr. Henderson had been elected, he and his supporters proceeded — headed by the band — to the bandstand near the town hall (present site of Millside Restaurant) where speeches were delivered by Messrs. Henderson, J.W. Elliott, E.W. Boyd and Owen Robertson.

Charles Wilson of Milton voted in Haldimand County on Tuesday, drove to Hamilton, voted there and then drove home, getting here in time to vote for Mr. Waldie, the Liberal candidate.

. . .

The frame of a fine new barn, which is being built by Greenlees Bros. on the Thos. Dempsey farm north of Milton (north of Woodward Ave.), was raised on Tuesday evening.

It was well fitted and went nicely together the work of the contractor for the framing Jos. Peacock, having been well done, which was al the more credible to him as it was his first contract. Wm. Peacock supervised the raising. James Murray of Esquesing and Wm. Dixon of Trafalgar were the captains.

The former's side won with one-and-aquarter minutes to spare. After the work had been finished about 250 persons sat

Milton Time Capsules



down to an excellent supper prepared by order of Greenlees Bros.

The corner stone of the new St. George's Church, Lowville was laid last Thursday by Ven. Archdeacon Houston of Niagara Falls with the usual services. There was a very large attendance from all parts of the country and Messrs. Massey, Motherwell and Morton were listened to with particular interest as all three had been in charge of the parish at different times. After the conclusion of the addresses an excellent supper was served in a shady orchard close by. The receipts amounted to about \$135. The new church will be built of stone, will seat 250 people and will have a basement for the Sunday School.

July 1896

Solomon Hannant has been appointed postmaster here on the recommendation of David Henderson, MP to succeed Isaac Cartmer who died last March. Applicants for the position, more or less influential, were numerous, but Mr. Henderson evidently considered the claims of Mr. Hannant the strongest.

The new postmaster has been a resident of Milton ever since his boyhood and has many friends among Liberals as well as Conservatives from whom he has been receiving congratulations during the last few days.

The appointment is perhaps as satisfactory as any that Mr. Henderson could have made under the circumstances but the disappointed applicants and their friends are naturally dissatisfied and some Liberals object because the position was not filled as it should have been shortly after Mr. Cartmer's death instead of being held over for Mr. Henderson's purposes until after the election and the defeat of the Tupper Government.

Mr. Hannant began his duties this morn-

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, chair of research, who can be reached by e-mail at jdills@idirect.com.

* OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Milton's smoking bylaw is discriminatory to local bars and restaurants, says reader

Dear Editor:

The recent smoking bylaw, with certain exceptions, is discriminato-

If councillors had the true convictions of their belief that smoking is dangerous to our health, they would have passed a total ban for all institutions — with no excep-

In the April 23 issue of The Champion, there was a front-page article on how the casino has given the Town of Milton \$1.4 million as its share of the first quarter revenue for 2002.

Did this have any influence on the vote at council?

Did the fact that the regional and provincial governments also share in the windfall act as a deterrent on a total ban?

The bingo hall was given a twoyear reprieve on the ban as a result of showing the negative effect such a bylaw had on a similar business in Kitchener.

A couple of years ago, a restaurant/bar in Hamilton, with a great deal of fanfare in the media, both print and television, declared they were going smoke-free.

A short time later they were back in the news, closing their doors due to a the lack of business.

In an April 23 letter to the editor, Councilor Rick Malboeuf made a number of statements that I have a trouble comprehending.

He said, bars and restaurants don't have slot machines or horses running around, and this is why they're different from casinos and bingo halls and why smoking should be banned in them.

If bars and restaurants are allowed slot machines by the government, will smoking be allowed?

If bars, which make their living selling alcohol, don't allow persons under 19, can they allow smoking? If bars and restaurants limit the areas for smoking, can they allow smoking?

Mr. Malboeuf stated in his letter that "Mohawk Raceway has installed a multi-million dollar air

ventilation system. There's not a bar and restaurant in Milton with a ventilation system anywhere near as efficient."

The casino has given the Town of Milton \$1.4 million, which represents 5 per cent of its revenue for the first quarter of 2002.

Simple math shows revenue of \$28 million for the casino for that quarter.

If the bars and restaurants in Milton made that kind of money, I'm sure they'd be able to put in any ventilation system council wanted.

The bingo hall has been given two years of status quo before upgrading the ventilation system. Were the bars and restaurants given the same opportunity?

Mr. Malboeuf went on to state that "Few people visit casinos and even less play bingo, but almost everyone goes to a workplace or frequents a bar or restaurant."

If few people visit casinos, then how do they generate so much income?

He then wrote, "As for the predictions of lost business, lost jobs and bankruptcies — these are the same crocodile tears cried years ago when non-smoking sections were imposed."

If Mr. Malboeuf believes this, why was the bylaw watered down by a total ban - why were the casino and bingo hall allowed their "crocodile tears?"

If Mr. Malboeuf and council believe there will be no loss of business or jobs, they should stand behind their convictions and offer bar or restaurant compensation for their loss of investment due to the enactment of this bylaw.

Surveys show 75 per cent of Miltonians don't smoke and 80 per cent want to see tougher smoking bylaws.

If these statistics are true, why do people need a bylaw to force businesses to change?

If this number of people, about 26,000 of Milton's 32,000 popula-

tion, refuse to go into an establishment allowing smoking, you don't think the business people running the bars and restaurants will

As chairman of the smoking bylaw committee, Mr. Malboeuf had an obligation to conduct all meeting and inquiries with an open mind.

As a town councilor, he had an obligation to fairly represent all his constituents equally, whether he agreed with their individual stated position or not.

In his past statements, at local and regional council, he had been vocal on his personal feelings regarding smoking and I believe this has become evident in this bylaw.

The casino and bingo hall are in competition with bars and restaurants for the entertainment dollar expended in our community and, they have been given an unfair advantage through government intervention with the passing of this bylaw.

I'm a non-smoker and have been one all my life.

What I don't like about this bylaw is its inference. Now I can't make the decision as to what's good or bad for me, I need council to protect my welfare.

Here's one last argument on the overuse of the term "the right" of people to have a meal in a smoke free environment.

Many years ago a police chief any legitimate business entity of a made a statement at a gathering that, "We have 'the right' to live in freedom, to vote, to free speech and many men and women have died to give us these rights, everything else is choice."

We have "the choice" on where we eat a meal, get a drink, or spend our entertainment dollar. We don't need a bylaw.

> Marshall Horner Sunnyvale Crescent

REMERSER THE THRILL OF (E)MOTION?

2002 MAZDA PROTEGES



\$19,895

2.0L 4 Cyl • AM/FM CD Stereo • Power Windows . Power Locks . Power Mirrors . ABS Alloy Wheels
Keyless Entry
GFX Package • Fog Lights • Cruise • Sport Interior

1.9% Financing for 36 Mos. \$0 PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS!!

2002 MAZDA 626 LX-14



2.0L 4 Cyl • A/C • AM/FM CD Stereo • Power Windows Power Locks Power Heated Mirrors Cruise Control
Keyless Entry 60/40 Folding Rear Seat

0% Financing for 36 Mos. SO PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS!!



3.0L V6 Engine • AM/FM CD Stereo • ABS Brakes • Limited Slip Diff. • Dual Airbags 15" Wheels
Sliding Rear Window Block Heater • Tachometer • 60/40 Split Seat

or 1.9% Financing for 60 Mos. SO PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS!!

ALE IIII (ES



357 Queen St. (Hwy 7) Acton, ON 519-853-0200 info@achillesmazda.ca

*Call for details / Prices Plus Freight/PDE/Tax