

## Rev. P.T. Mignot resigns the incumbency of St. Stephen's Church, which will now be separated from Milton, Omagh

'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.

### November 1896

Rev. P.T. Mignot has, with the approval of Bishop Dumoulin, resigned the incumbency of St. Stephen's Church in Hornby, which will now be separated from Milton and Omagh and perhaps joined to Norval.

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Robert Harrison has now erected on his barn one of the Canadian Air Motor Wind Mills for grinding, pulping roots, cutting straw, sawing wood and pumping water. The day it was erected it ground at the rate of 28 bushels of peas and oats per hour, or nearly 300 bushels per day. Mr. Harrison purchased the of mill from Wm. Peacock, Milton.

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The county council has adopted a recommendation of the county buildings committee that the tender of the Milton Electric Light and Power Co., for supplying electric lights, be accepted.

The jail, jailer's residence, courtroom and halls will be lighted under the contract by 23 incandescent lights, costing \$42 per year.

### December 1896

James Hume, who left Milton for California last spring, returned last week for his wife and family. He has bought a hay farm near Pomona and will go back in about a month.

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The Milton rink has been leased to an enterprising syndicate of young men who are putting it in a first class condition. The foundation on the southwest side, which had partially given way has been repaired and the wall straightened.

A dressing room has been prepared in the south corner and has been lined with tongued and groove lumber, making it more comfortable than the old one in the west corner, in which it is intended that the curlers' stones and brooms will be kept in future.

A water pipe has been put in, men are busy preparing ice and if the cold weather

## Milton Time Capsules



lasts a little longer curlers and skaters can commence shortly.

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On Wednesday, December 19, the new St. George's Church was opened for Divine service.

Throughout the summer, on a beautiful site in front of the old church, stone was laid upon stone until a stately edifice on gothic lines, the design of Mr. C.J. Gibson, architect of Toronto, lifted its head above the surrounding country. The spacious chancel gives ample room for the excellent choir, who, aided by the members of St. John's choir, Nassagaweya, helped materially in the bright and joyous services on the occasion.

The services, in spite of their being held on a weekday, and the terrible condition of the roads, were well-attended, many coming from a considerable distance.

The new St. George's church with a seating capacity of 225, will cost about \$3,500 which sum, however, would have considerably increased had it not been for the noble efforts of the building committee who, aided by the congregation, placed the stone and sand upon the ground free of charge, except for quarrying.

The basement and tower are unfinished for lack of the necessary funds at present.

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Mr. Martin has the rest of the creek through Milton deepened so that it carries off the tail water from the mill within 18 inches of what the tail race did when it was all clear from obstructions.

The result is satisfactory to the operating of the mill.

About \$100 more of labor expended will deepen the creek to carry off the tail water to the full depth of the old tailrace.

The second water wheel has arrived from Meaford for the mill, which is to be used to drive the chopping stones.

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# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Mr. Ganton's comments regarding adult video store are ridiculous, says reader

Dear Editor:

Over the past little while I've seen the pros and cons of Exxxotica flow through letters to the editor in *The Champion*.

Usually it passes for amusement, but what I read in Richard Ganton's letter last Friday was disgusting and morally reprehensible.

Honestly, drawing a parallel between someone who watches pornography and Paul Bernardo? I admit, I've rented a few movies from Exxxotica (for the articles, of course) and I can honestly say that I've never felt the urge to kidnap, maim or kill young girls. I almost feel like demanding an apology.

The problems discussed in Mr. Ganton's letter are hardly going to be solved by the closing of an adult video store in a small town. Besides, let's take a minute and think like those teenage boys of whom Mr. Ganton speaks — 'Should we blow \$6 and countless hours bugging someone to rent us

an adult video?, or should we turn on MuchMusic and watch the new Britney Spears video?'

Should we demand that Cogeco stop offering it? I watched as a U.S. judge agreed with Bill Clinton that fellatio isn't considered sex. I watched in a theatre as Marlon Wayans got his head impaled on a huge penis during *Scary Movie*. I watch as the clothes in Zellers and Walmart get tighter and smaller.

Sex is becoming mainstream, and it can't be stopped. The "love everybody" generation is striving to be sexy forever.

They put fake bodies in magazines and late-20-something teenagers on TV that make the Internet generation want to be sexy now.

Naturally, the answer to the STD issue is education. The message in elementary and high schools is that sex education needs to be changed from 'Good God, don't do it', to 'If you decide to do this, here is what

you should do.'

I realize this will offend some obviously biblical morays, but in a closed mind, religion is the antithesis of education.

Denial on the part of parents and the ever-widening gap between the acceptable school society and real society are the real culprits (and when I think of the second rate education I got, I'm amazed more people don't complain), so why should we take it out on some poor guy who opened a video store in hopes of finding the (North) American dream?

As Milton travels along it's irreversible course toward urban sprawl, it will be impossible to maintain the mantra of a right-wing small town.

If this bothers you, Mr Ganton, I would suggest you move.

**Jason Powell**  
Roseheath Drive

## Reader believes headlines regarding Hydro One board members have been misleading

Dear Editor:

Some of the headlines in newspapers imply that the board members of Hydro One were receiving huge salaries. I don't believe this is true.

The board voted in favour of giving senior executives in Hydro One huge salaries.

Now that the board has resigned, a new one will be put in place and they'll be the deciding factor on newly-established salaries for the senior executives.

One must remember that the original board members were appointed by the same government that led to their resignation. They'll also be appointing the new board members.

When the former Ontario Hydro was in existence, the president/CEO earned a salary of less than \$400,000 a year and he was responsible for all generating, transmission and distribution assets. This is in line with what CEOs at other publicly-owned utilities in Canada are currently making. Only after Ontario Hydro was split into OPG and Hydro One, and the companies moved along the

road toward privatization, did the executive pay-offs grow into the millions.

This fiasco only proves that when an essential service operates on a for-profit basis, people are going to get greedy.

A privately-owned utility operating in a competitive market will only ensure prices go up, some groups get special deals, and senior management/shareholders in the utility sector will get rich. The recent events at Hydro One and OPG prove this to be true.

This government should stop playing around with this essential service.

They need to keep ownership of the provincial electric utility (OPG and Hydro One), ensure power is delivered at a fair price ("power at cost" basis), maintain better control over utility corporate expenditures, and appoint board members that are in line with this thinking. This not only makes sense. It's what the people of this province want.

**Jim Ferguson**  
Milton

## invitation

The Board of Directors of  
Halton Healthcare  
Services Corporation  
invites you to attend the  
Annual General Meeting

# 2002

Thursday, June 20th, 2002

7:30 p.m.

Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre - 2515 Wyecroft Road, Oakville

### Guest Speaker

Mr. David MacKinnon, President & CEO, Ontario Hospital Association  
"Healthcare in the 21st Century"

Long Service recognition awards will be presented to HHS staff and physicians. Audited Financial Statements will be available at the meeting. Please call the Public Relations Office at 905-815-5100 for additional information.

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