

## Wire and Roofing Co.'s plans to erect building on C.P.R. property has been postponed

'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 1897

On account of a proposition by Mr. Martin to open up the lots north-east of the grist mill for occupation by manufactories, the scheme to erect a power-house close by the mill to supply power to run them, and the promise of the C.P.R. Co. to survey a line for a siding from the station down to the mill, the Milton Wire and Roofing Co. Ltd. will not erect the proposed building on the C.P.R. property at present.

They hope to have their works located finally on the Martin property, but in the meantime they have made arrangements for the use of the old Novelty Works building near the G.T.R. station.

They are repairing the building which will be ready for occupation in a few days, have sent for the machinery for the manufacture of metallic shingles and siding and nails and will have their employees at work on these line of goods in about a couple of weeks.

As the Novelty Works building is unsuitable for the manufacturing of wire, and as a large expenditure would be required to make it so, the company will make no wire until they move to their new building. They have already received a number of orders for their products.

In metallic shingles they should do a particularly large trade as, on account of a locking device for which they have the sole right, it is claimed that their shingles will be the best on the market. If the power house scheme is carried out, it will be well worth the while of manufacturers looking for locations to turn their attention to Milton.

April 1897

A farewell supper was held for Mr. and Mrs. James Hume. They are going to Pomona, California. Mr. Hume and his sixteen-year-old son left on Tuesday evening for Pomona.

He engaged a freight car in which were a horse in slings, two cows, a dog, three ferrets, which he took with him for the benefit of the gophers, and a quantity of other belongings.

He and his son occupy a bunk in the car and have a coal oil stove to do their cooking.

## Milton Time Capsules



Mrs. Hume and the rest of the family will follow next Thursday.

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The break which occurred last Friday in the mill dam is repaired again.

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On Thursday two able-bodied tramps went to the Wallace House, asked Mrs. Mitchell to give them a meal and were informed that they could have one if they would cut some wood. They consented, got all they could eat and were walking off when Mrs. Mitchell reminded them of the wood. One of them said, with a grin, "Lady, this is the first of April."

The men made off, but Wm. Dewar reported their joke to Chief Constable Bradley who arrested them and got them as far on their way to jail as the corner opposite the Methodist Church when they attempted to get away. The constable called for assistance and about a dozen men responded.

The tramps made a lively fight. One of them tried for a knock out blow on Wm. Dewar's chin.

It landed, but was short and Bob Dewar ducked under the slugger's guard and landed a Bob Fitzsimmons left hook under his heart.

The hobo went down and one of his wrists was promptly adorned with a steel bracelet. The other tramp got in a blow on Chief Bradley's short ribs and left the marks of his teeth on one of the constable's hands, but the two were finally coupled by their wrists and dragged to jail. On Saturday they appeared before Mayor Dice, who sentenced them to three days in jail and to pay, at the expiration of that time, \$2 each or put in another 30 days. They were given 30 days to raise the money.

After putting in their three days they disappeared, as the mayor expected and hoped they would, and the county will not have the expense of boarding them.

*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

### Richard Ganton responds to criticism over his June 7 letter opposing adult video store

Dear Editor:

I wish to answer some of the criticisms of my June 7 letter.

I think Jason Powell has a point about Britney Spears. Britney, the Spice Girls and the like indirectly encourage sexual promiscuity among teenage girls. It's teenage girls who are saying yes a lot earlier and more often, albeit under pressure from boys.

If we could convince girls that sex before marriage is harmful, maybe we could have some impact on the problem.

But this will take a miracle since recent studies show that school-based sex education has zero impact on teen sexual activity, although church-based abstinence programs have had some success.

Adam Gassner calls my claims ludicrous, yet I can back them up with numerous scientific studies from reputable sources.

An example is the book 'The Truth about Cinderella: A

Darwinian view of Parental Love' by Martin Daly and Margo Wilson (a professor at McMaster University), published by Yale University Press. Their studies show that "a child is 100 times more likely to be abused or killed by a step parent than by a genetic parent".

The book explains this using Darwinian ideas. Not exactly a right wing Christian diatribe.

Mr. Gassner calls me prejudiced because I comment that AIDS has not broken into the heterosexual population in North America the way it has in Africa. The terrible fact is that in Africa, 25 million have died from AIDS and 28 million more have it.

The latest statistics for North America show that by 1999, about 800,000 AIDS cases had been reported.

Thus, in Africa, about 60 times more people have been affected by AIDS than in North America, even

though the population totals are similar.

Is it really prejudice to recognize why this has happened and hope it doesn't happen here?

Mr. Gassner would like religion to be a positive force in society. Christians already seek to demonstrate God's love in positive ways such as Salvation Army and World Vision, but isn't warning society of dangerous behaviour also showing love?

Jesus taught both that we need to repent and that we also need to believe the good news of God's love embodied in Jesus.

It's true that we Christians put a lot of effort into telling people the things they need to repent. We need to do a much better job of living so that people will believe the good news.

**Richard W.D. Ganton**  
Gowland Crescent

### Reader feels Tories ignoring public regarding hydro

*(The following letter was sent to Minister of the Environment and Energy Chris Stockwell and a copy was filed with The Champion.)*

Dear Editor:

Recent news articles indicate that the Tory government will be moving forward to a sell minority interest in Hydro One.

All the articles and surveys I've read indicate that the majority of Ontarians want their electric utility to be 100 per cent publicly owned.

Why, after consulting with your constituents and determining their desires, do you go against their wishes? What good is public consultation if it has no impact on future direction?

My main question to the current government is are

you being ignorant, arrogant, or just plain stupid?

Notes from the legislative assembly indicate that you're having a difficult time discussing the Hydro One/OPG issue in the House of Commons because there aren't enough MPPs present to form a quorum.

Perhaps your party should take more responsibility over this essential service, give it the attention it deserves and start representing the interests of your constituents.

The people who voted you into power don't want their utility sold. They know that once you start selling bits and pieces of the utility off to private interests, the trend will continue.

**Jim Ferguson**  
Lyons Court

### Hire-A-Student barbecue was a big success: organizer

Dear Editor:

The Georgetown and Milton Human Resource Centres of Canada for Students' Hire-A-Student Day Charity Barbecue was a great success.

Several local business owners in the Georgetown and Milton area generously donated time and resources to make this event possi-

ble. Guelphview Square in Georgetown provided a venue for the event and generous donors included the Georgetown A&P store as well as Bulk Barn, Loblaws, M&M Meat Shops and Super Choice Country Market, all of Milton.

Employers, students and community members provided dona-

tions to Rose Cherry's Home in Milton. Community participants of this event helped raise awareness of the student centres and the services offered. The Georgetown and Milton HRCC-S appreciate the time and effort generously donated.

**Barbara Lambshead,**  
Summer employment officer  
HRCC-S Milton

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