

Several cars derailed after train breaks axle near Kelso; one car had 17 horses, but none injured

'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.

August 1899

At about 3.30 a.m. yesterday morning the through freight train from Chicago to Montreal met with an accident, through the breaking of an axle of one of the cars near the centre of the train, at about one mile east of Campbellville. The train dragged along for about half a mile and when near Christie's siding (Kelso) the track gave way and several cars were derailed. One car, containing 17 horses for Montreal, was laid over on its side by the side of the track and strange to say, but one of them seemed to be much injured. One car of organs belonging to the "Cottage Organ Co." of Chicago was turned completely upside down, lying on its roof, and one car containing two valuable stallions, valued at \$2,000, en route for Toronto exhibition, was derailed, but was not overturned. The owners of the animals, Robt. Alexander and Colin McKiegan of Strathroy were in the car with them at the time of the accident, and a lighted coal oil lamp in the car exploded when the crash came, setting fire to the car and burning the horses in a frightful manner. The poor brutes inhaled fire and much smoke and cannot live. The men escaped, they cannot tell how, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. One of the horses was a thoroughbred Clydesdale and the other a thoroughbred carriage horse, "Doctor Lynn," that took second prize at the World's Fair at Chicago.

A large number of cars were derailed and ditched. Great credit is due John Campbell who lives near the scene of the accident who, with L. Gallagher, succeeded in rescuing the car load of horses by cutting openings in the roof of the car and leading them out. Fortunately no person was injured. The company had men at work all day and had the track clear about 7 o'clock last night.

September 1899

George Robbins, the young man who was injured in a bicycle accident about six weeks ago, died at the Bennett House on Friday night. His remains were taken to his home in Kilbride and the funeral took place on Sunday.

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The public schools began the fall session

Milton Time Capsules



on Tuesday morning. A slight change has been made in the teaching staff. Principal Inman, having charge of the Model school, is succeeded by Miss Pattinson. Miss Bowes is in charge of Miss Pattinson's room and Miss Earl of Miss Bowes's. The trustees have engaged Miss Deacon, B.A. as language teacher. In addition to the subjects heretofore taught in Mr. Inman's room, the curriculum is increased by the addition of the languages, chemistry, botany, advanced physics and ancient history. This gives the pupils the opportunity of preparing for the Junior Leaving examination without attending a High school. In order to find a room for the new class the Model room has been divided.

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On Friday of last week the wife of George Jay of Lowville, died from convulsions following child-birth. On the day previous she had given birth to twins, a boy and girl, both of whom are doing well. The deceased left a husband and nine children. The funeral service was held at the Methodist Church, Lowville, the Rev. Mr. Wass officiating, and a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the Methodist cemetery.

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Some definite steps are being taken towards arranging for another course of University Extension lectures this winter. The churches are again taking the initiative but this season all of the town churches and some of the country ones adjacent to the town will join in seeking to make the movement a success. The lectures this year will be delivered in the town hall. As usual an offering will be received at the door and if anything remains after all expenses are paid it will be donated to the local Historical Society. It is the intention to arrange for about six lectures and with programmes varied by music and other items, evenings of such interest and profit will be furnished as to doubtless attract large attendance.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

It's not the newcomers who we should fear, but those who protest their arrival

Dear Editor:

Like the turning of a page, or the opening of a new day, we're beginning to witness a time of immense change and challenge in our small home town of Milton.

It's a time of change that seems to be brewing a lot of controversy among some of the residents to this quaint little town over the fact of who may be moving into town, and who may not be.

Views and ideas are being submitted that really don't match the historical climate that helped shape our fair country.

'A united multi-cultural nation of free right and free opportunity' — is that not what we advertise ourselves as being?

So why then, does the prospect

of Milton's dilation strike fear in some — because we may somehow lose our "identity" under the clouded values of those foreign bodies moving into town?

It's a shocking sense of prejudice found in a land built on the unification of people with many different qualities and unique characteristics all their own.

How many of us were once in a position similar to the one these new people face now?

But then where does the problem of this profoundly unjust feeling arise? Is it that small town binding? The isolationist fearing reprisal? The ignorant seeing threat in knowledge?

Having been given inclusion ourselves, we became exclusive.

Milton has nothing to fear, as Canada had nothing to fear. The invitation to outsiders is what built and put us in the position we're in today — benefactors of a greatly diverse country, enjoying one of the highest standards of living in the world.

It's a place where people willingly come to work and devote themselves to the bettering of all of society, and not individual fragments of it. It's a land that truly is rich in resources and in people.

It's not the newcomers who we should fear, but those who protest their arrival. They represent the decline of a nation built on warm welcomes.

William Wilson
Milton

Halton Town Hall Group says Region deserves praise for endorsing emergency housing report

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Halton Town Hall Group, I would like to commend Halton regional council for its recent endorsement of the Final Report of the Emergency Housing Advisory Group.

The Halton Town Hall Group was formed in 2001 and consists of members of church groups, service providers, grass-roots social change organizations, regional government and concerned individuals. Its mission is to bring awareness to and mobilize the communities in Halton to deal with the issues of poverty, homelessness and the need for affordable housing.

Over the past year and a half, the Halton Town Hall Group has crossed the region twice, hosting

Town Hall meetings on the issues of affordable housing and poverty.

We can attest to the great need in our communities for not only substantially increased affordable housing, but also for permanent emergency shelters, particularly for youth and men.

We're particularly pleased by the decision of regional council to purchase the land for the first shelter and applaud council's decision to raise with the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services the need for a greater involvement on the part of senior levels of government in the continuum of housing issues.

We recognize that this is a difficult issue in every community

and feel that the criteria in the report will be useful in forming decisions related to emergency housing.

We congratulate regional council for taking leadership in endorsing this report, which represents a major stepping stone in recognizing and moving forward on the need for emergency facilities.

Finally, we congratulate and thank the members of the Emergency Housing Advisory Group, whose hard work and dedication have moved us so far toward our goal of ensuring that our friends, family and neighbours are sheltered within our communities.

Mary Lynn Hull, chair
Halton Town Hall Group

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Mother of two sheds 20 pounds with hypnosis and says: "Now I can look in the Mirror and Smile!"



My name is Nancy Greenberg. I own my own New York style deli. I dropped 20 lbs. of fat in 6 weeks.

Dieting Failures

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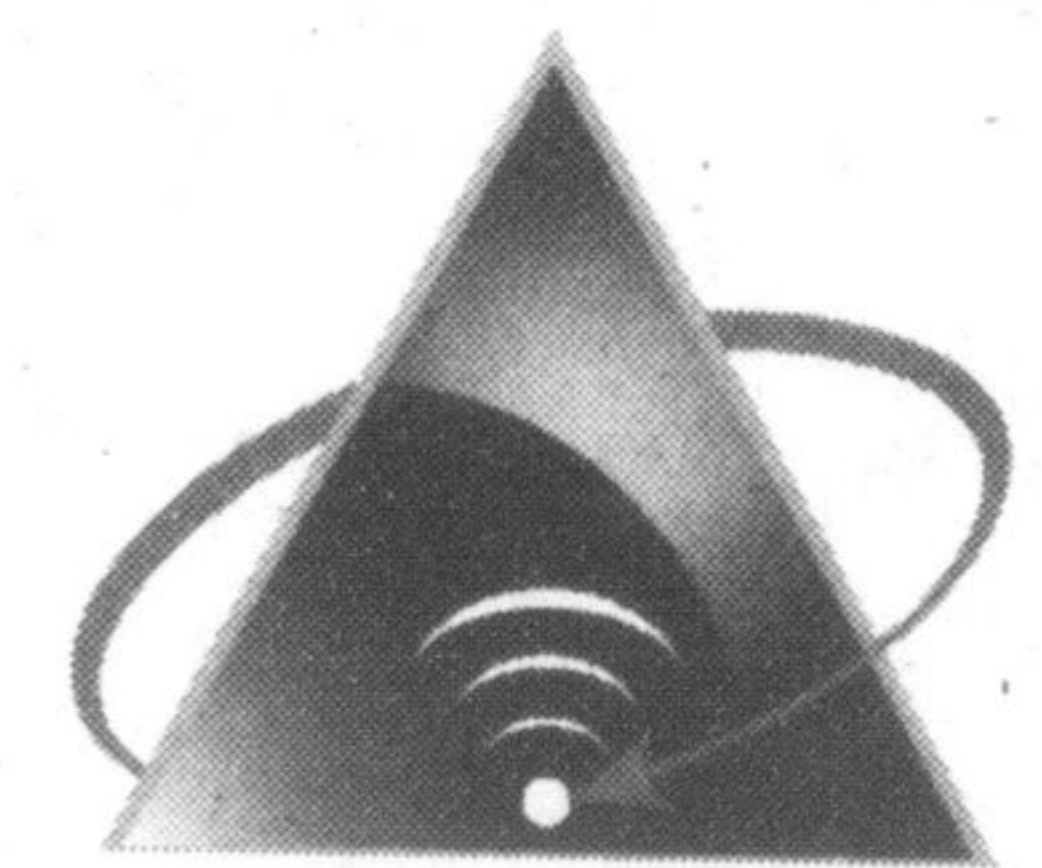
my food preferences changed. I was amazed when I realized that my cravings were now for healthy foods. I didn't even know that I was changing my food intake. It happened naturally! By the next day, I walked with a new spring in my step and a smile on my face. I lost 4 pounds my first week and 10 pounds my first month! I melted off over 20 pounds in total. I am happier and feel stronger thanks to Positive Changes Hypnosis.



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