

✓ Employees of Toronto Brick Works work hard to minimize the damage of late-night fire; brick making won't be delayed

'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.

July 1900

The whistle at Toronto Brick Works sounded an alarm of fire on Sunday night between 9 and 10 p.m. The employees who live near the building turned out and with pails of water extinguished the flames, that originated on the roof of the large frame building over a burning kiln. By the heat from the kilns and the dry weather, the roof was rendered very inflammable and a spark did the rest. Some two hours after the first alarm, a second was sounded and the men had considerable difficulty in putting out the fire, that had started afresh over the kiln. The roof was damaged to some extent, but will not cause any delay in brick making.

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A contest in which the local agents for binder twine were interested took place on the farm of Messrs. Walker Bros., near Milton, between Deering 2nd grade, Plymouth 2nd grade and Brantford "Red Star" twines. It was demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Deering twines are way ahead of all other makes.

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Yesterday the Canadian Carpet Co. had fifteen hands weaving carpets, and more will be put to work as soon as the looms are ready for them. The factory will be running with its full force very shortly. Twelve families have come to town from Port Hope already and two are expected in a few days. Good dwellings are in demand at fair rentals and a substantial increase in the values of real estate may be expected.

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The Milton Pressed Brick Co. has been awarded the bronze medal at the World's Fair at Paris. Mr. McCannell, managing director of the company, sent an exhibit of brick to Paris last fall, with the result that the firm has been awarded this prize in competition with the world. As popular as the M.P.B. Co.'s bricks are already, the demand will no doubt be considerably increased by being brought, in this manner, so prominently before the public.

Milton Time Capsules



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The thunder storm which was over Milton on Tuesday afternoon was the heaviest experienced here for a long time. Wm. Hill's residence in the South ward was struck by lightning, which damaged the chimney and roof slightly.

About a dozen trees in the woods east of the town were struck. One of them, an elm about three feet in diameter, on the McCartney farm, was knocked into splinters. John B. Scott found one of his horses dead in the middle of a field just outside of Milton. The animal had been burnt on one side, evidently by lightning. The storm was accompanied by hail, but it didn't do much damage here.

August 1900

Halton's aged poor still go to the Milton jail, there being no other place of accommodation for them. Constable Sumner, of Oakville, brought John Ingram, an old man, committed as a vagrant, to jail a few days ago. Ingram's brother, somewhat younger, followed on foot and wanted Jailer Vanallen to take him in too, but the jailer was inhospitable and refused. Both the Ingrams had been in jail before as vagrants.

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On Monday night a street lamp in front of the hotel was the cause of a little excitement. Its burner apparently hadn't been properly cleaned and the refuse in it caught fire from the wick and there seemed to be danger of an explosion. Landlord Guyett removed the lamp and in doing so spilled some of the burning oil on the bare head of his hostler, who stood below him. The man's hair began to blaze and he rushed frantically for the pump, shouting "Pump, pump," Mr. Guyett ran after him, pulled his coat from behind over his head and put out the fire. The man lost his hair and his eyebrows, but wasn't badly burned.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Reader agrees with letter writer that veterans deserve far more recognition for their efforts

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in reply to Ron Bezan's letter in last Friday's Champion regarding the lack of newspaper coverage of the D-Day anniversary celebrations and the opening of the new D-Day memorial in France.

The one newspaper that he failed to mention was the National Post, which featured a large colour photograph of a veteran and two articles on the front page.

I fully agree with Mr. Bezan that what these soldiers did was important and should be remembered. Many of our veterans and those who died fought under appalling conditions and against incredible odds.

The lack of support from our federal government for veterans and

soldiers sets the tone for the media. When the minister of defense fails to know the difference between Vichy — the French government that collaborated with the Germans — and the First World War battle of Vimy Ridge, the most important Canadian victory in its history to that point, it's indeed a sad day for our country.

Many historians believe that Canada became a true nation on the Vimy Ridge battlefield.

We're very fortunate to have men like Burlington's Garth Webb, a soldier who still stands up and fights for what's right.

It's amazing that it has taken 59 years for the soldiers of D-Day to be recognized with a memorial centre.

No Canadian government has

bothered to do so, and the present government has offered minimal support to our veterans.

The D-Day Centre is a far more important legacy than Prime Minister Jean Chretien will ever achieve. It was the dream of a determined Mr. Webb, who's neither powerful nor wealthy.

We should be proud and inspired by such men, as they are so few.

Men and women are judged not by their words but by their actions.

A wise man once said, "Better love hath no man than he who laid down his life for his friends."

These men left some very deep boots to fill. Are we equal to the challenge?

Sophie Cheney
Milton

Region deserves credit for laying charges against those who cut down hardwood trees, says reader

Dear Editor:

I was gratified to see Jason Misner's front-page article in last Friday's Champion about the tree-cutting charges laid, and I applaud the action taken by lawyer Mark Meneray on behalf of the Region and the people of Halton.

Let's hope that as this matter proceeds through the courts, the tree-cutting bylaw does indeed have teeth capable of a real bite — and not just false teeth.

If there's any substance to Oakville Regional Councillor Allan Elgar's concern about Halton's Official Plan protecting Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), then those concerns should be addressed.

A similar concern to me is the protection of properties and buildings of historical significance. There have been incidents like this forest where historical buildings have been demolished without a permit and as Mr. Elgar says, "The damage has been done." I'm encouraged that the Region is asking for a re-planting order, and I would hope that the courts would grant this.

Thanks to all who helped out with triathlon: organizer

Dear Editor:

I would just like to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers that helped make the annual Milton triathlon such a huge suc-

cess at Kelso Conservation Area June 1.

This year we had close to 200 volunteers, the most ever for the local event.

It's great to live in a community where people take time to help out. Thanks again.

Harry Barnes
co-ordinator, Milton Triathlon



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