

Considerable damage caused in railway mishap; nobody hurt

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of *The Champion* and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

September 1901

On Tuesday the C.P.R. section men were replacing rails near Robertson's lime kilns (Kelso Conservation Area) and while the rails were being removed, sent a flagman up the track to stop any train which should approach.

A freight came tearing down grade from Campbellville, saw the flag, tried to stop, but didn't succeed until the engine and two cars had run off the rails. The track was considerably torn up and traffic was stopped for several hours. No one was injured.

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The road machine is busy grading some of our streets. A heavy roller is needed to put a finishing touch on in some places.

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At the last meeting of the school board the teachers' salaries were raised to the following figures: W.F. Inman \$780, Miss Pattison \$480, Miss McLean \$315, Miss Lawrence \$280, Miss Bowes \$265. The first two were raised \$30 each and the remainder \$15 each. The new rates are to commence at the beginning of the year.

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The fall fair is here, and we could stand one several times a year if it would always make the same improvement in the appearance of the town. The business part of Main Street looks replenished, with every store having a new coat of paint. Our businessmen are rubbing their hands in anticipation of a harvest tomorrow. Our streets, under the care of Street Commissioner Alexander and his corps of men with the road machine, have assumed an appearance which does credit to the town. Flanked by granolithic walks, the effect would be perfect, but we can hope for that for next fair day.

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A large number of applicants are after the postmastership here. It's not certain yet when the appointment will be made. Mr. S.F. McKinnon has the patronage and has a number of good men who are Miltonians from whom to make his selection. Milton postmaster is a pretty good thing, with the last published report making the salary and allowances at a total of \$977.78.

Milton Time Capsules



No wonder good reformers are picking up their ears.

October 1901

Fair day was favoured with ideal weather — a bright, cool and bracing day. The town rose to the occasion and decked itself out with flags, bunting and streamers, loads of them, stretching across the roadway and evergreens until the cedar swamps must have been sadly thinned in places. The old boys weren't forgotten in the decorations, and long streamers stretched across the street bearing the words Welcome Home and Halton Old Boys.

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Alex. McCutcheon, an old man, who has been in jail here as a vagrant for the past five-and-a-quarter years, died on Friday. The old man had been very feeble of late. Softening of the brain developed, which brought on apoplexy. The post mortem was held on Friday night and he was buried on Saturday. It's a shame that old people having no means of support should be herded up with common criminals until death releases them, but Halton has no poorhouse. It was a case of

"Rattle his bones over the stones,
He's only a pauper whom nobody owns."

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The Milton Pressed Brick Co. was awarded the silver medal at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo for pressed brick and terra cotta. This is particularly gratifying when it's known that they were in competition with the greatest clay industries on this continent.

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Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday. On Monday of this week, Eli Askin and H.O. Dent drove up from Glenorky, bringing a load of oats from the congregation of Christ Church, Omagh, to the Grace Church rectory. It was a kindly act on the part of the congregation to the clergyman for the benefit of his horse and is much appreciated. The oat bin was filled.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Rural resident says he's quite concerned about proposed development at Mohawk

Dear Editor:

When *The Champion* first reported the impending construction of a massive tourist enterprise that would be built adjacent to the Mohawk Racetrack/Slots, I read the news with a mixture of anger and alarm.

Apparently the consortium that's calling the shots has an answer for just about everything concerning this enterprise.

My main concern is what this project will do to the area's ground-water levels, which I believe are already dangerously low.

We already have a water extraction business situated just a few kilometres northwest of Mohawk that's gulping up our supplies at an alarming rate.

And Woodbine Entertainment Group — which owns Mohawk — has an application to double that rate in the near future — and now this.

One of the items in the article that caught my interest in particular was a statement by one of the mouthpieces for the new enterprise that Mohawk has always respected the environment and will continue to do so in the future — especially when it comes to the water.

Well folks, let me tell you how much Mohawk respects our water supply. As I was driving south on Guelph Line recently, the rain was pelting down.

In fact there was more rain on that day than we had during the Hurricane Isabel scare.

But guess what? During that deluge I observed that Mohawk had all of its sprinklers turned on full blast.

They were drawing from water supplies that we who live nearby rely on for household use just to make sure that their pristine green-space was saturated beyond what it could possibly hold.

So I think we should all be very afraid as we consider the promises made by Woodbine Entertainment Group that they will respect the water we rely on day to day.

For that matter, I would take everything they say in an attempt to calm our concerns with a 20-pound block of salt from now on.

John Griffin
RR #1 Moffat

Reader says many people don't openly oppose same-sex marriages because they fear being classified as a bigot

Dear Editor:

I've noticed that on the issue of same-sex marriages, *The Champion* has not yet heard from the silent majority.

In response to those who write in favour of same-sex marriages, it might be well for them to understand that many of us — out of respect for the views of what I believe to be the minority — hesitate to flaunt our own feelings of opposition.

I find it distressing when I make my views known

on same-sex marriage, because I'm often said to be a bigot and am left open to ridicule.

Why is it that the views expressed by the proponents of same-sex marriage are deemed to be fully acceptable?

In my opinion, Halton MP Julian Reed is a person of conscience and I respect him for his 'No' vote of the same-sex marriage issue.

Diane Slack
Milton

Thanks to everybody who helped make Milton's two triathlons such a great success again this year, says national champion

Dear Editor:

For most athletes, the 2003 triathlon season is now over.

Milton once again held two triathlons this year, and again the volunteers were out in full force to help run the events and encourage the athletes to live their dream of

finishing a triathlon.

There were a lot of great volunteers again this year, including the Milton Army Cadets, the Milton Air Cadets and the Tsuroka Karate Club, as well as a lot of individuals like Pam Haldane, Cindy Lunau, Jan Mowbray and Susan Pitman.

These groups and individuals have helped make the Milton triathlons a success year after year. Thank you to all the volunteers. You did a great job.

See you again next year.

Harry Barnes
Campbellville

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I had been overweight for ten years. I was unhappy and disgusted with myself. No matter what I did, I couldn't lose my weight. Food seemed to have some strange control over me. I couldn't get past a bakery without loading up on breads and pastries. I tried a variety of diets on my own. I even tried those chalky shakes. Nothing ever worked. I had become a yo-yo dieter.

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My Recommendation

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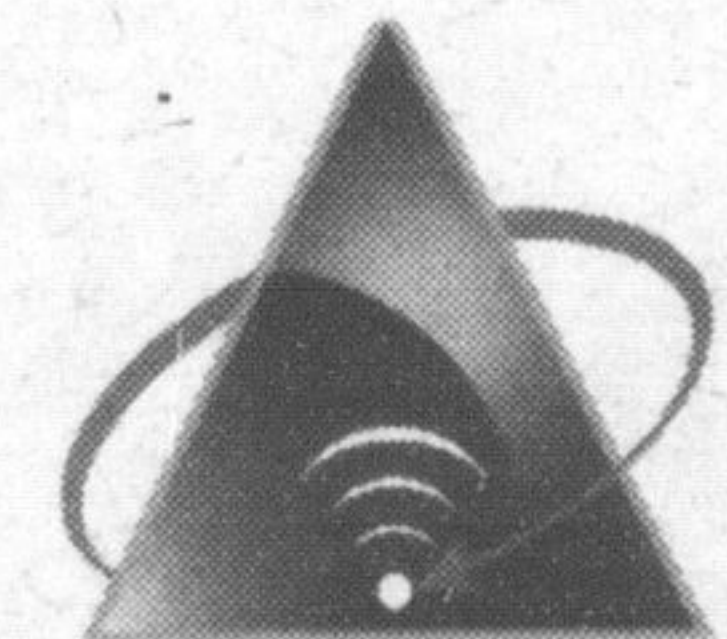
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