

School operations scaled back while teachers are ill-stricken

'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.

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Owing to the temporary illness of Misses Pattison and Maclean, their departments of the Milton public school have been closed this week. It is hoped that both ladies will be well enough to resume their duties next week.

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The town of Milton and the Milton Electric Light & Power Co. Limited have come to an understanding on the proposed purchase by the town of the company's plant. They have mutually agreed on James Milne of Toronto, electrical engineer, as arbitrator and to accept his award as final subject to the approval of the ratepayers to whom a by-law will be submitted.

Mr. Milne stands high in his profession, he may be expected to make a satisfactory valuation and it is to be hoped that the transfer will soon be accomplished. It is understood that if the plant becomes the property of the town it will be improved without delay and that perhaps expenses may be reduced by obtaining power for the dynamos from the Cataract Power Co. by running a wire from Bronte to Milton.

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The new force for South Africa will be recruited for 12 months or until the termination of the war. The Imperial government will pay cavalry rates from the date of enlistment prior to embarkation and Imperial yeomanry rates from and inclusive of the date of embarkation. The rates of pay for non-commissioned officers and men are: Regimental Sergeant-Major, \$2.19; Quartermaster Sergeant, Farrier Sergeant and Farrier Staff Sergeant, \$2.06; Company Sergeant-Major, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, \$1.94; Sergeant, \$1.70; Corporal appointed paid Lance-Sergt., \$1.58; Corporal and paid Lance-Corp., \$1.46; Private, \$1.21. The age of recruits is to be not under 20 nor over 40; height not under 5 feet 4 inches; weight not to exceed 185 lbs.; chest measurement not less than 34 inches. Recruits must be able to ride and shoot. A preference will be given to men who have had previous service in South Africa.

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J.H. Peacock shipped 195 hogs to Collingwood, for which he paid \$2,300 in

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cash. One hog weighted 600 lbs. Some of them came from beyond Carlisle. Mr. Peacock's shipment for last month amounted to about \$5,000. This month they will total about \$1,000 more.

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The efficiency of the fire brigade was tested and proved last Friday by the Underwriters' Association's Inspector. The alarm was sounded, the boys turned out and water was flowing from the hose within 2 3/4 minutes.

An application will be made for reduced fire insurance rates for Milton from the Underwriters' Association. It should be successful as our fire protection could hardly be better than it is.

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Groceries are being offered for sale at cost by merchant R.J. Cunningham. He has announced that as he is about to go to South Africa he will sell out his stock of groceries at cost at his store one door west of the Commercial Hotel.

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Rev. T. Goldsmith died at his residence, Toronto in his 80th year. The deceased was a native of Prince Edward County and for nearly thirty years was a member of the Methodist Church, but later in his life he severed his connection with that church and joined the Presbyterians. He was pastor of the New Connexion Methodist Church, Milton in the '60s.

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The Toronto Pressed Brick & Terra Cotta Co. has the contract for making the huge terra cotta pillars for the new manufacturers' building now in course of erection on the Exposition Grounds, Toronto. The pillars will be nearly three feet in diameter and about 30 feet high.

Frank Baker, the architect of the building, was here this morning and went out to the brick works. He says that the pillars will be perhaps, the largest of their kind in America and that the work of making them is being well done.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached by e-mail at jdills@direct.com.



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Naturopathic doctor says she doesn't see the need for such a major fuss over the flu

Dear Editor:

What ever happened to the good old days when the average common flu was just considered a typical part of winter time?

Actually, it wasn't that long ago that this was the case, and we have had immunization for many years. So what's changed? Why the huge campaign to immunize everybody for the flu now?

What's most notable to me about the whole flu shot campaign is the urgency with which the public is being persuaded to get the flu shot — as if we are dealing with a new plague.

There isn't a day that goes by that it doesn't come up in conversation. I've never seen a health issue provoke such concern and fear.

My goal in writing this letter is not to present an argument against getting the flu shot, but rather to encourage people to become critical thinkers when it comes to health-care issues — especially those that are controversial.

In these kinds of situations you need to obtain accurate information that assesses both sides. You should ask questions of your medical doctor and other regulated health professionals and come to your own conclusions.

Don't let the media dictate important decisions in your life, especially with regards to your health. Base your decisions on knowledge, not fear. When you become informed you're more comfortable with the decision you make, whether that be getting a flu shot or not.

If the recent flu shot campaigns are any indication of where our health-care is heading, it's important everyone start this questioning process now so that we don't give away the ability to evaluate and make decisions that are in the best interests of ourselves and our families.

In my opinion, one thing is for sure — the flu shot isn't necessary for everyone, and you need to

decide if it's necessary for you.

In matters such as these, we have to decide individually to have an effect collectively about what kind of society we want to live in.

Is this going to be a perpetual theme that the only way of dealing with past and current health issues is with another immunization? Are we never expected to get sick? Is that good for the immune system?

If that's the case, what I fear is the creation of a society like the boy in the bubble — if not physically, then perhaps psychologically.

As some of you continue to ponder this issue, one of the best things you can do for your immune system is to live well, eat well, sleep well, exercise, build good relationships and continue to reduce the stress in your life. The healthier you are the stronger you are. The principle is that simple.

**Charlene Summerfield, N.D.,
Doctor of naturopathic
medicine**

Thanks to those who supported pageant: organizer

Dear Editor:

Christmas is a time of giving.

We give thoughtful gifts to our friends and loved ones because we want them to know we care.

There are many ways to give. There are hundreds of people in our community that give a gift of love to the Nativity Pageant 'On the Way to Bethlehem'.

They gave of their time, their talents and their resources. I'm personally indebted to each and every one of them, for without them the pageant could never have been so successful.

The pageant's success wasn't only measured in the thousands of visitors and their generous contributions, but the personal impact it had on so many people.

A small core of people put in many hours behind the scenes to make the presentation possible, including Lois and Orval Wiens, Larry Schuyler, Zina Yaworski, Betty Johnson, Heather Auger, Ron Phillips, Lorna Turner, Gloria Brown and Carolyn McDonell.

A special thanks goes out to those at Country Heritage Park, once again the site of the pageant. We saw that the extra boxes of cookies were redistributed to the Salvation Army and Halton Women's Place. And I'm happy to say that we were able to donate \$1,000 to The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund.

**Dr. Andrea Rowbottom
Christian Churches Working Together
Nativity Pageant, 2003**

Reporter should check out Bill Mather's, says reader

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to a December 5 column by Champion reporter Steve LeBlanc in which he wishes for a men's clothing store in Milton.

I'd suggest that he walk almost directly across the street from The Champion offices to Bill Mather's Mens Wear, where he'll observe a

fine array of men's attire.

Being a shopper by nature as well as possessing a Scottish heritage, I'm able to assure you that the prices here are considerably lower than you would find out of town for goods of equal value.

Furthermore, Bill provides that old-fashioned personal and friendly service which has sadly disap-

peared in the larger communities.

Mr. LeBlanc, as a long-time customer, I'm pleased to recommend Bill Mather's Mens Wear to you and to all residents of our fine community.

I trust that this will fulfill one of your Christmas wishes.

**Ed McPhail
Cedarbrae Avenue**

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