

Man charged with beating wife dies of blood poisoning in jail

'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.

May 1902

John G., aged 76, died in jail on Saturday of blood poisoning. The seat of the trouble was in the back of his neck. His home was at Speyside, where he had a wife and family, who appeared to want to get rid of him. He had been committed to jail about 12 days before his death for an alleged assault on his wife, but when he arrived here he was too weak to stand alone, to say nothing of assaulting anyone. He was not tried, as he was too ill to appear at court. Notice that he was in a dying condition was sent to his family, who answered that they were too poor to do anything for him and that the county could bury him. It did so.

It is reported that there was a small cyclone in Nelson a week ago and that it partially unroofed Wm. Bell's dwelling and completely uncovered one of his farm buildings. A shed on William Hume's farm was also blown down. The cyclone was about 100 yards wide and destroyed trees and fences over a distance of two miles.

Last winter W.J. McHugh, of Hornby, lost his only child, a fine boy two years of age, who died after an operation for appendicitis. The child's death was a great blow to Mr. McHugh whose grief was so great that it undermined his health. Last Friday he and Mrs. McHugh went to the Presbyterian cemetery to plant flowers on the child's grave. While there Mr. McHugh (age 45) became faint and sat down on the steps of the church. Mrs. McHugh went for some water and when she returned she found that her husband was dead. He had literally died of a broken heart. His death is deeply mourned at Hornby and there is general sympathy with Mrs. McHugh. The funeral took place on Sunday and was one of the largest on record in the neighborhood of Hornby.

The high school entrance examination for 1902 will begin on Wednesday June 25th and will last three days. The subjects for the first day are composition, geography, English grammar and dictation. Second day, arithmetic, drawing and history. Third day, English literature, writing,

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physiology and temperance.

Mrs. (Dr.) B. Gollop, of Milton, was in Brampton on Thursday calling on relatives. Mrs. Gollop, who is an intrepid horsewoman, had one of the most stylish turnouts ever seen on Brampton streets. The vehicle was of modern date, and the animal — an iron gray with great high-stepping action — was a perfect beauty.

The two men selected to represent the 20th Lorne Rifles in the coronation contingent are Sergt. Major R.J. Cunningham and Q.M. Sergt. W.J. Gould, both of whom have South African medals. Sergt. Major Cunningham, much to his regret, is compelled to decline the honor for business reasons but Q.M. Sergt. Gould will go, with another man who has not yet been named.

Citizens generally will regret to hear that the Georgetown town band which has been in existence for so many years has decided to disband because of the removal of members and prospects for continuing not being encouraging.

The provincial elections were, as expected, very close. Halton was one of the closest constituencies. Mr. Barber's (Liberal) majority of 161 in the by-election of 1898 was reduced to 14. Some Conservative workers place it at 9 but at any rate it is so small that a re-count may be expected. Both parties profess to be more or less satisfied with the result in Halton, the Liberals with their candidate's decreased majority and the Conservatives (Nixon) with their popular standard-bearer's success in reducing it.

Twenty five carloads of pickles in brine, from Burlington, have been dispatched to the Heinz facility at Allegheny, Pa. They are mostly cucumbers grown in the Burlington neighborhood.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Ontario in desperate need of a fresh look in the way it supplies energy: engineer

Dear Editor:

So another generation of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) management has come and gone. When will we learn that economics and politics are often head-to-head enemies?

Economics tells us that a cost has to be paid either as \$1 today or \$2 later. But politics tells us that a cost imposed where the public can see it risks defeat at the polls — that it's better to hide it some place like in the provincial debt where it won't show up until the next government has to take the heat for it.

Economics stresses prudence in public expenditure, but politicians learn that many extravagant or unwise government actions or expenditures that get us into trouble are popular, such as capping energy rates, while many that get us out of trouble, like paying for energy as we use it, are fatally unpopular.

And, since governments like to be re-elected, many of the things they do are troublesome.

Economics tells us that the more something costs the less of it we will use. But political spokespersons tell us that a low, capped energy price will encourage citizens to conserve electrical energy. Really? How curious. That calls for a rewrite of all economics textbooks.

Economists assure us that monopolies are inefficient, expensive, unresponsive to customers, and a dead-hand on progress.

But for 100 years Ontario politicians have ensured that energy supply — one of the most critical services we have — remains a government monopoly that has demonstrated that truth.

Economics tells us that except in times of war — when citizens will temporarily put up with distortions — price controls don't work. But politics, in California and elsewhere, bravely proclaims the electrical system has been deregulated but then caps prices to ensure that deregulation can't work and that a wholly phony crisis, happily driven

by Enron and others, arises. Ontario, even without Enron's help, follows California.

Economist Joseph Schumpeter told us 'Small is beautiful'. Late in the 20th century industry began to realize that, all things being equal, a small factory outperforms a large one on every measure, including quality, profitability and customer satisfaction.

In our power supply thinking, this hasn't sunk in yet. We still believe that bigger is better. We continue to put up with the potential for huge disruptions caused by the loss of big components of the system. Bringing back on-line an enormous generator with a 100-ton rotor spinning at 3,600 rpm is a major technical problem. Replacing the power lost when \$100 million dollars worth of high voltage power lines go down may not be possible, and their replacement can take months.

Keeping power flowing to a million air conditioners, 100 hospitals and 200 energetic industries scattered over thousands of square miles is asking the juggler to keep, not four, but 50 balls in the air continuously.

We need smaller, distributed power supplies. Short transmission distances require less high-cost equipment like big power transformers, reactors and extra high-voltage power lines. Local industries like Siemens-Westinghouse can supply modest-size gas turbine generating stations in a few months instead of the years required for a big plant.

Put these things together and we have fertile ground for an Ontario energy supply disaster. Surprise, surprise, we have an Ontario energy supply disaster.

We're consuming on average between 95 per cent and 98 per cent of our total available generation. The slightest problem, such as loss of a single big generator or arrival of a very cold day, could push us over the edge and we'll then be paying, we are told, not 4.3

cents but 50 cents per KWH to carry that peak.

But cheer up, because this unpleasant fact is hidden from us, as the extra cost moves smoothly off into the already-disgraceful \$38 billion hydro debt.

When the telephone companies started offering low rates for long distance calls in the evenings and on weekends, we adjusted our calling habits accordingly, didn't we? Paying for what we use when we use it is a powerful incentive to conserve.

We are also told that low energy costs attract new industry. But industrialists are not stupid — they also consider taxes, which is where the energy subsidy winds up.

We need a fresh look at energy supply, and must consider several possibilities, some new, some very old, such as:

- A truly competitive, wisely and minimally-regulated supply system;
- Distributed generation, which removes the threat posed by huge generators going on and off line;
- User metering for each rental unit, as in large office buildings;
- Rate structures that encourage conservation, rather than promoting higher consumption;
- Time of day metering;
- Pay as you go rates that reflect the real cost of a kilowatt-hour;
- Improvement of the visibility of energy cost, such as by user metering and requiring prepayment;
- Full life-cycle costing of new generation, including decommissioning and costs we typically ignore, such as the billions wasted by the August blackout;
- Permission to small suppliers — the green-enthusiasts — to generate power and run their meters backward;

In my opinion, the OPG as presently constituted is a thing of the past. We need a fresh look into a better energy future.

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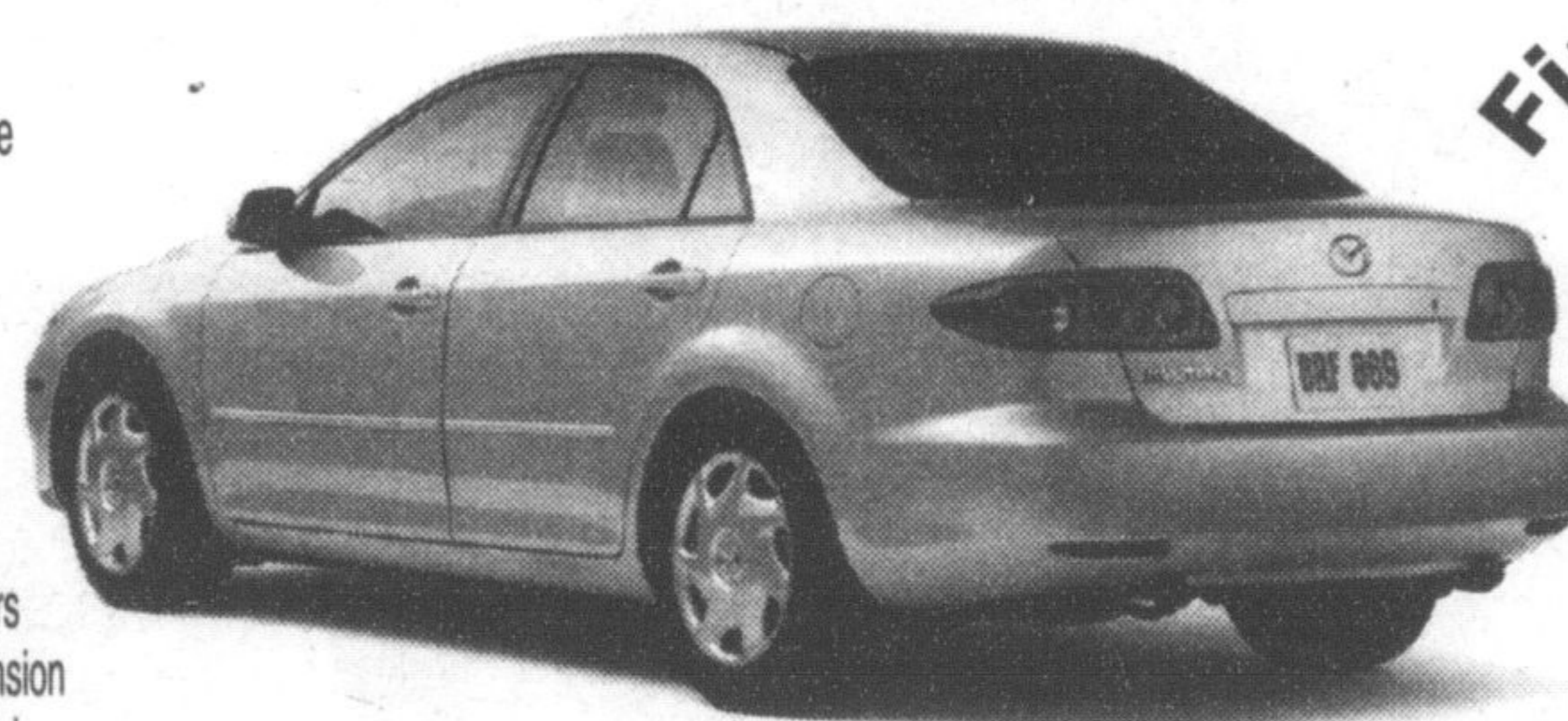
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