

## Numerous emigrants being brought here by Salvation Army to work on area farms

'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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The Salvation Army is bringing out a large number of emigrants to work on farms, early in the spring, both married and single. These are a desirable class of men, and farmers and others wanting help during this next season would do well to communicate with Brigadier Howell, 20 Albert St. Toronto. Fares paid from Toronto to farmers' addresses by the Government.

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Halton Liberals met in Milton Thursday to choose a candidate for the coming provincial election. E.H. Cleaver, of Burlington, President of the Halton Liberal Association was in the chair. He believed that Mr. Deacon, the Liberal candidate for the Commons, was defeated in November on account of overconfidence on the part of his superiors and urged his party to greater diligence in this contest. John R. Barber explained that on account of ill health and on the refusal of his physician to continue to treat his case if he did not give up politics until his condition would improve he was forced to decline to accept a nomination. The only name submitted to the convention was that of D.O. Cameron of Toronto and Oakville and the convention gave him a unanimous nomination.

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Landlord Biggar has changed the name of his hotel from the Bennett House to the New Royal and has had extensive alterations and improvements made.

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M.W. Bro. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, has presented his mother lodge, St. Clair, No. 135, G.R.C., Milton, with a very handsome W.M.'s chair, over 6 feet in height, of quarter-cut oak, and upholstered with blue leather. M.W. Bro. Leslie still retains his membership in St. Clair Lodge. He was initiated in the lodge in 1874 and was its master in 1878. A banquet was given in his honour at the New Royal Hotel attended by between 40 and 50 members.

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At the nomination meeting here D.O.

## Milton Time Capsules



Cameron, Liberal and Dr. A.W. Nixon, Conservative were nominated as candidates for the Ontario Legislature. Sheriff Clements is the Returning Officer. Many people had to stand for the meeting at the town hall.

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The following were nominated on Tuesday to fill the two vacancies in the town council: David Hartley, James Dent and W.J. Dewar. Mr. Hartley retired and the other two were elected by acclamation.

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The newly elected county council will meet on Tuesday, when the warden will be elected and standing committees appointed. Councillor McGibbon is named as the warden. The erection of a poor-house may come up for consideration, as the council will be required to erect one before the end of the year.

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A serious accident happened on Friday at Messrs. D. Robertson & Co.'s quarry, 3 miles west of Milton to an employee, Wm. Hilson, aged about 30, son of John Hilson, of Nassagaweya. A large mass of frozen earth fell on the unfortunate man's legs, breaking one of them high up in the thigh and the other a little above the ankle. Hilson's condition is reported to be serious.

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Members of the Milton Curling Club have for years been lax about turning out for practice, but there has been an improvement lately. Last Monday night, when they had the whole of the rink to themselves, 24 players, or three pairs of full rinks, were pitted against each other, and several extra members were present as spectators. Two rinks skipped by J.T. Hannant and Geo. Storey, go to Hamilton today to play in the preliminary competition for the Ontario Tankard. They have their work cut out for them, being pitted in the first draw, against the Hamilton Thistles.

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# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Flyer by 'Concerned Canadian Parents' is nothing more than hate propaganda

Dear Editor:

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in Milton last week and my husband and I were just getting ready for a hike.

I stepped out onto my front porch and saw that there was a piece of paper in my mailbox. The title sticking out from the lid read, "Urgent! A Message To All Halton Families!"

I immediately became concerned that there was a problem. We've recently just bought a home in Milton, but my husband has lived here his entire life, and we very much enjoy being part of the community. Therefore, my concern was immediate.

On the inside of the flyer it discussed Bill C-38. This particular bill is being discussed right now in Ottawa. In simple terms, it's the bill that fights for the right for same-sex couples to marry.

The flyer went on to state that if this bill goes through, "our greatest Canadian treasure will be dumped into the garbage can of history" — referring to traditional marriages. It also stated that "danger is imminent" and "tampering with the definition of marriage will spell disaster for the moral and social welfare

of our country".

I was aghast to realize that I had just become a victim of hate propaganda.

This flyer was put out by 'Concerned Canadian Parents', which angered me even more.

I'm sorry if I'm confused, but isn't one of 'Canada's greatest treasures' the fact that we are a free country? Aren't the fundamental ideas behind Canada's history and tradition the belief that all people should be free of persecution and segregation?

The truth is, the moment I read this hate propaganda I felt sick to my stomach. I could almost envision men from the past, passing out this flyer while wearing white robes and hoods.

What's the difference between racial and religious segregation and sexual discrimination? People who are a different colour don't have a choice on how they're born, and neither does someone who's gay.

There are two chromosomes that affect our sex when we're born, and sometimes those chromosomes get divided differently in different babies.

These people don't choose this lifestyle, they're born that way, just

the same as I was born heterosexual. Do you think they would choose a life in which people would make fun of them and abuse them — verbally, and sometimes even physically? Can you honestly delude yourself into thinking that they would bring these hardships upon themselves if they were born any other way?

I feel so sorry for these flyer writers' children. How will they grow up in such a narrow-minded, hate-generated home?

What if their child grows up and falls in love with someone of the same sex? Will they ostracize their own children and not love them anymore? I'm not a parent yet, but I know that when I am I'll love my children unconditionally. I wonder if the 'Concerned Canadian Parents' can say the same thing?

The next time someone wants to drop a piece of hate propaganda in my mailbox, I'd appreciate it if they knocked on my door and gave it to me in person. That way we could have an honest discussion about what's right and what's just in this great country we call Canada.

**Leanne Tovey  
Woodward Avenue**

## Publicizing his views on same-sex marriage inappropriate for Canadian Minister of Health

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read a letter in the February 4 *Champion* from Canadian Minister of Health Ujjal Dosanjh entitled 'Making same-sex marriage legal comes down to protecting the rights of minorities'.

It seems inappropriate to me for a cabinet minister to write to newspapers to promote his own particular views, or those of his party.

Regarding the issue of same-sex marriage, Mr. Dosanjh states that it's a matter of protecting the rights of a minority. In my opinion, Canada already does that very well, and very often over-protects them.

However, it's becoming increasingly clear that the minority will never be content with 'same-sex unions'

and intend to force their ideology onto the majority of the population.

Do the people really want this redefinition of marriage which is being forced upon us? Studies show that opposite-sex marriage is the best environment for raising children — with a father and a mother — and children's needs must not be ignored.

A same-sex union should never be equated with marriage because it simply can't produce new life.

Wake up, Canada. Democracy is being stolen from us.

**Mary Cummings  
Campbellville**

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