

Farmer's sleigh overturns on snow-covered roadway, pigs slide into water hole

'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.

March 1905

The roads are still very bad and will continue so until the snow is off them. A farmer was coming to town on Monday with a load of pigs. His sleigh upset, the swine were dumped into a water hole and their owner had a bad time of it rounding them up.

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Manager Clements has moved from his temporary quarters into the Metropolitan Bank building, which has been remodeled. The building now has a fine Roman stone and plate glass front, and is finished inside in the most modern style. The counters, doors, etc. are all of quarter cut oak, beautifully finished. The manager's room matches the office. There is a large vault and within it a solid steel safe of the latest pattern.

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Town Council agreed that the Methodist Church would be supplied with water to drive the pump organ at the regular water rate of 15 cents per thousand gallons, with the church to supply the meter.

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The meeting of the Women's Institute held on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Featherstone, was very encouraging. Nearly seventy ladies were present and showed a great interest in the meeting. Three excellent well-prepared papers were read: "Spring House-Cleaning," by Miss S. Dice; "Nursing the Sick," by Mrs. Andrew; "The House-Keeping Mother," by Mrs. Inman.

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The return match between the Acton and Milton ladies' hockey teams was played at the rink on Tuesday evening. On account of the impassible state of the roads no livery rigs were obtainable at Acton and few of their friends accompanied the visitors who came by the evening G.T.R. train. The Actonians say that about 300 people would have come with them had the match come off at the date originally fixed. As it was there was a large turnout at the rink, the receipts amounting to between \$56 and

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\$57. There was plenty of excitement, but it was pleasing to see that good plays made by the visitors were cheered as loudly as those of the locals.

The game was pretty strenuous and some spectators were startled at times by what looked a little like slashing. The play was clean and no one was hurt. The Miltonians won by a score of 8 to 6. The visitors depended more on individual play, and the Misses Mason put up a great game. Miss Lottie was by long odds the star player of the match.

April 1905

Dr. A. W. Nixon, M.P.P. for Halton, made his maiden speech in the Legislature last week, and according to the Toronto newspapers, it was vigorous and straight to the point. He denounced the school book monopoly and said that he hoped to see it go. He vouched for the honesty of Halton Government officials, said that he was no hide-bound politician and that he saw no occasion for any changes among those officials. The people of Halton were honest and were not looking for graft.

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A plaintiff, Jane C, widow, of Erin Village, claimed \$2,000 damages from a defendant, a farmer of Erin township, for the seduction of her daughter, Edith C., by the defendant. Judgment for the plaintiff by consent of parties for \$225 and \$150 costs, to be paid within one month.

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W.C. King of Peru has sold out his property, including his tannery, to Geo. Pearson. Mr. King will leave Peru soon to live with his son, who is in the United States.

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Milton teamsters have agreed to raise the rate to be charged for the services of a team of horses and a man from \$3.50, as at present, to \$4 per day and have requested the publication of this notice.

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

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

D. Simpkins' comments on traffic right on

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to D. Simpkins' recent letter regarding traffic flow and traffic light problems in this town.

As a delivery man in Milton for a very busy pizza place in town, I have to whole-heartedly agree with Mr. Simpkins.

The traffic lights in this town are brutal. They often make no sense as to their actions. For example, I deliver pizza late at night, and I've seen traffic lights give advance greens to traffic on the opposing side that isn't there. Meanwhile, I'm forced to sit and wait until I get a green light.

At least two lights in town are guilty of this — the ones at Steeles Avenue and Ontario Street and at Pine and Ontario streets.

Regarding the issue of traffic flow outside the realm of traffic lights, I believe there's a growing

problem in Milton concerning right turn lanes at lighted intersections. I'm speaking directly about the inability to turn right at intersections at many places in this town because there's no extra space afforded to vehicles.

People wanting to turn right are usually forced to sit behind traffic, often behind that one person in a two-lane road who stopped at the light in the right lane.

Several places need a right-hand turn lane, including at Thompson Road and Main Street.

And how about turning right from going southbound on Fourth Line to westbound on Derry Road? Well, if you don't mind having your suspension torn up on that so-called shoulder, then go right ahead.

The problem that bothers me the most is the new lights put up at the Milton Sports Centre at Derry

Road and Commercial Street. If you're going westbound on Derry Road and that light turns red, good luck getting around even one car to turn right.

As a pizza driver who delivers out of the north side of town, it takes almost an extra four minutes round trip to deliver anywhere south of Main Street due to the issues mentioned above.

Now four minutes round trip may not seem like a lot to you, but I do at least 10 deliveries a night. So factor all that in and I'm spending an extra 40 minutes on the road longer than I have to.

Not only does that affect my bottom line, but that means longer delivery times — mostly because I'm sitting in traffic while a pizza is waiting at the store to be delivered.

Martin Kay
Yates Drive

MP's decision on same-sex marriage appreciated

(The following letter was addressed to Halton MP Gary Carr, and a copy was filed with *The Champion*.)

Dear Editor:

I just received a reply from Halton MP Gary Carr regarding my recent letter about the same-sex marriage issue. I have to offer my thanks to Mr. Carr for his response.

My family and I were very gratified to hear of his decision to vote against Bill C-38. Quite frankly we just assumed as a Liberal backbencher that he would be under tremendous pressure to agree with the prime minister.

I'm sure Mr. Carr and I won't agree on everything,

but I have to thank him for listening to his constituents and taking a strong, courageous and principled stand so early in his federal tenure.

His obviously the kind of man I want representing me and my family in Ottawa.

I'm a pastor in Hamilton, and because marriage is an essential part of God's plan for our health and well-being as a society, I can say unequivocally that He will bless Mr. Carr and his family and enable him to continue to serve in truth, justice, righteousness and integrity on behalf of all his constituents.

David Cummings
Milton

MDHS students' Grenada trip deserved one more story

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to see nothing in the last two issues of *The Champion* regarding the 32 students and 10 teachers from Milton District High School who departed from Pearson International Airport March 12 for their two-week humanitarian trip to Grenada.

These kids have worked hard to raise money for this venture and

even though they were still short of their fundraising goal upon departure, they left with a happy heart, knowing that they were helping others.

The fact that they would probably have to continue raising funds when they returned home didn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm for this adventure.

Please Milton, reach into your

pocket one more time and send a cheque to the Milton District High School's Grenada Project, and show these kids that the people of Milton care. Contributions can be made by visiting <http://www.mdshelpsgrenada.org>.

And for those who've already made a donation, thank you.

J. Alzner
Millside Drive

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