

# Hornby man seriously injured during evening jigger mishap

'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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Last Thursday evening the Milton and Hornby section gangs on their respective "jiggers" were returning from work which they had been doing on the C.P.R. west of Milton. The Hornby crew was leading and that of Milton was close behind. A Hornby man named Cook fell off and was run over by the Miltonians, who were unable to stop their machine. Cook had his collar bone broken, one leg hurt and his head cut. His wounds were dressed and he was sent to a Toronto hospital.

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At a meeting of the Mansewood Football Club held on Saturday evening the following officers were elected: President, G. R. Cottrelle; Manager and Treasurer, P. McGibbon; Captain, J. Elliot; Vice Captain, John Peddie; Secretary, A. McGibbon; Committee, F. Chisholm, A. Adamson, P. Peddie and officers of the team.

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A by-law to grant a loan of \$20,000 to Winn & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, of Milton, was carried at Perth on Monday by 473 to 25. Winn & Co. are to build a two-storey factory and employ not less than seventy-five hands, and to pay out not less than \$35,000 per year in wages. The corporation of Milton will oppose the bill to validate the debentures for the loan, which was introduced in the Legislature a short time ago.

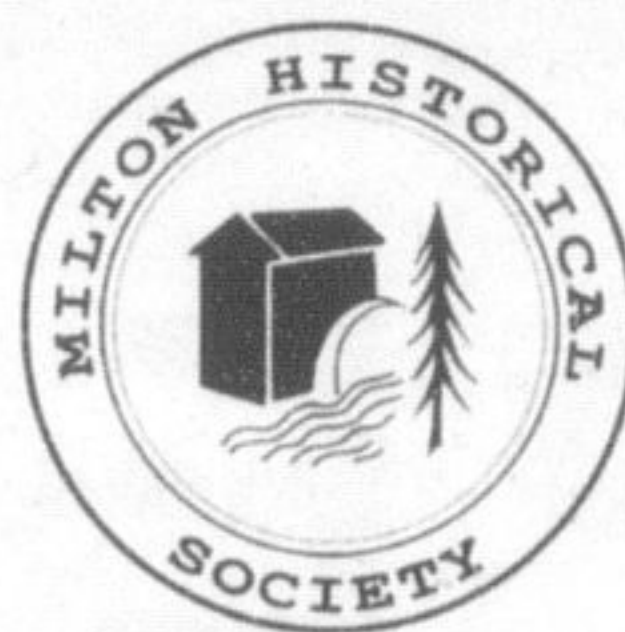
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(Oakville Star) Two enterprising fishermen visited our river early Monday morning and succeeded in pulling out a large wagon-load of suckers. So weighty was the load that the wagon broke down opposite the Oakville House. The fishermen themselves had also become pretty well loaded, and it was several hours before they managed to get out of their dilemma, and clear the road under the direction of Chief Walsh.

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About 600 people left Toronto on Tuesday on the home-seekers excursion to the Northwest. The party consisted mostly of Ontario farmers who are seeking to better their condition by taking up new farms

## Milton Time Capsules



on the prairie. Among them were quite a number of women and children.

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James Houston, owner of the old roller skating rink on Main St., opposite the Methodist Church, has had it torn down this week and will replace it shortly with a brick-veneered dwelling (McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home).

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The station building at Beaty, on the C.P.R. (Fourth Line) about two miles east of Milton, was burnt on Tuesday. It is said that the fire originated in the same manner as that at the terra cotta works and Peru yesterday, from a pile of discarded railway ties which had been ignited by section men.

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A stone tablet to the memory of Jasper Belt is being put up in Grace Church today. It was made by Mr. Hill of Brantford.

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The new steel safe, weighing 6,300 pounds, has arrived for the Bank of Hamilton (CIBC) and is now in position in the front room of the bank's premises where they will carry on their banking business during the building of their new bank (since demolished).

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A handsome Ionic Cross of terra cotta has been placed on All Saints' Church at the brick works (Milton Heights). The maker and donor was Wm. Lewis, who was assisted in placing it upon the church by several members of the congregation. The iron work was made by James Hamilton.

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

## Opposition to proposed development valid

Dear Editor:

Please indulge me the opportunity to respond to Martin Kay's recent letter criticizing the Hawthorne Village residents' petition to stop a nearby development.

Although focused on Cliff Bowers and myself — because of our obvious involvement in the petition — Mr. Kay actually calls into question the motives of an entire community, since 160 residents have signed the petition against the proposed apartment building at Fourth Line and Derry Road.

Mr. Kay has mistakenly made assumptions and generalizations with his comments. I would hope that in the future, he would do more homework before presenting his arguments, as well as attacking the motives and character of his neighbours in a public forum.

I learned this lesson myself regarding public comment. My environmental concerns were misrepresented due to the brief quotation, and have been misunderstood by readers. Information provided to me via e-mail, a recent letter to the editor and from discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources have proven some of my concerns somewhat naive.

Despite this new information, the remaining concerns of my fellow petitioners and I do not lack validity.

I'd like to respond to Mr. Kay's question, "How would these gentlemen feel if Milton residents had opposed the building of their

homes?"

We're sure there was opposition to this and we hope he voiced his opinion at council. We now choose to exercise our right to oppose something that we feel will affect the enjoyment of our homes. The perceived resentment toward us, Mr. Kay's new neighbours, is far more hurtful and personal than any opposition to a developer's proposal.

The concerns noted in the petition article that Mr. Kay commented on are not the only ones of the individuals who've signed our petition. To question the concerns noted in the article, as Mr. Kay has done is — I believe — uneducated.

It's true that we don't want an apartment building across the road from us. Although we all feel very passionately about our individual opinions, the varying reasons as to why we oppose the planned apartment block aren't necessarily viable arguments for councillors' concern.

The arguments presented with regard to what many of us see as to weak infrastructure are valid issues that affect the greater good of the town, not just an elite few.

Since Mr. Kay chose to provide his opinion with regard to property value and what he called elitism, I feel it necessary to share my own thoughts on the matter.

I was motivated to buy a new home in Milton due to a combination of things, including the fact that Halton is gorgeous because of its conservation practices, the

homes were affordable and Milton had maintained a small-town atmosphere.

I did buy into a so-called elitism — advertisers depend upon it.

My investment includes all of the charms that brought me to Milton — the escarpment, a meandering stream and old trees. I also hoped to enjoy the planned bike path that Mr. Kay has associated me with.

Fortunately, due to the wisdom of town council and the input of concerned residents, safety hazards were revealed and the plans for the boulevard bike path were cancelled. I wasn't immediately affected by the safety concerns, so the change of plan was undesirable to me.

With that said, I'm glad the concerned citizens stopped a potential hazard.

We petitioners, in opposition to a zoning bylaw amendment that would allow apartments to be built at the corner of Derry Road and Fourth Line, hope that our concerns are taken seriously.

We feel this badly-needed affordable housing development should be placed on a more suitable plot of land, closer to the downtown core, as acknowledged by Councillor Wendy Schau in a front page article in the March 25 Champion.

Perhaps Yates Drive would be a more suitable location, Mr Kay.

Chad Jackson  
Beaty Trail

## Residents' opposition to development rather ironic

Dear Editor:

I don't feel strongly either way about the proposed mixed-density development at Derry Road and Fourth Line, but I do find the situation ironic.

I don't think that the new Hawthorne Village residents who are complaining about this proposed devel-

opment — citing infrastructure problems and environment concerns — realize that these were the same arguments put forth by the people who opposed the Hawthorne Village development.

Simon Humphries  
Milton

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