

Miltonians attend dinner for Sir Wilfrid Laurier

'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.

February 1906

Milton was represented by W.N. Scott at the great banquet given by the Liberals of Ontario to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Massey Hall, Toronto, last night. About 800 people sat down to the banquet tables, then there were about 1,500 in the galleries. Also there: John Readhead, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Readhead and Mrs. G.J. Cudmore of Lowville. Also there: Major Beattie, D. Wheelihan, Murray Crawford and J. McFarlane of Campbellville.

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At the invitation of the executive committee a large number of friends assembled in the reading room of the town hall on Saturday evening to take part in the opening of the Milton Men's Club. The first hour was spent in recreation, while some of the ladies discoursed sweet music; after which all the guests gathered in the reading room to listen with pleasure to the program. This was an impromptu one but was very much appreciated. Mrs. Zimmerman, Miss Dewar and Miss Pearl Ramshaw gave several instrumental selections while Miss Rose Lewis delighted the audience with her rendering of the beautiful song, "Spring is Coming." E. Syer, who officiated as chairman for the evening, opened with an address of welcome to those present. Interesting speeches were also given by some of our most prominent townsmen among whom must be mentioned the Rev. A.J. Belt, Mayor Higginbotham, Dr. Robertson and J.S. Deacon.

Dr. Robertson, who has been treasurer of the Library Board for over 30 years, has had over \$16,000 of library funds pass through his hands during that time. After the foregoing program an exceedingly dainty luncheon was served which had been provided by the ladies committee, Mesdames Robertson, Syer, Panton, Belt, Barnett, Parks and Irving. The reading room, which has been quite recently refloored and decorated by the town council, will be thrown open every evening to anyone who wishes to take advantage of it; but the reading room in the rear is reserved for members of the Men's Club only. In this room games of different kinds are provided. Mr. Landsborough will be in charge every evening from 7:30 until 11 p.m. and any member wishing to exchange books

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may do so at any time between those hours. Ladies are invited to make use of the reading room whenever they feel disposed to while away a short time with the daily papers or one of the many magazines with which the reading room is so well provided. Everyone is welcome, so please come and do your share towards making our Men's Club and Public Library a complete success.

March 1906

The hockey game at Berlin last week finished the season for Milton's intermediate team. Berlin won the senior championship of the O.H.A. and the John Ross Robertson cup by defeating the Toronto Argonauts at Berlin on Monday evening by a score of 4 to 3 in Berlin's favour on the round. Four thousand people saw the match. Up to Tuesday evening neither the senior nor the intermediate Berlin team had lost a game.

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A new reed organ is to be purchased for All Saints' Church, at the brick works (Milton Heights). Envelopes for special collections have been given out and on last Sunday a sum of \$24.50 was brought in. This is only the first instalment.

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Rev. George Brown of Belleville, will preach missionary sermons at the Methodist Church next Sunday. Mr. Brown was born in Milton. He is a son of the late Geo. Brown, who was a prominent citizen of the town, its first postmaster and first mayor in its early days and was Halton's first County Treasurer.

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Halton roads are seldom as bad as they have been for the last week. On Sunday the mud was so deep that Rev. A.J. Belt had to give up an attempt to drive to Palermo to hold services. Next day the mud was frozen hard and the roads extremely rough. They are far from smooth now and are an object lesson to those who have opposed a good roads scheme for Halton.

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OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Thanks to everyone who has helped to make Marauders football club the success that it is

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Milton Marauders football team, I'd like to thank the town for its support during the 2005 season.

Although we fell short of our goal of achieving back-to-back national titles, I'm proud of the accomplishments of this team. I feel we represented Milton well in 2005, and during every season prior to this one.

I want to thank the wonderful people down at Town Hall — including Joy Anderson, Karen McKinnon, Dee Watts and Jennifer Reynolds — for all of their assis-

tance during the last three years. A special thanks also goes out to Mayor Gord Krantz and councillors Ron Furik and Mark Curtis for all of their support.

The Marauders organization wouldn't have been successful without the great media coverage we received, so thanks also goes out to Murray Townsend and Graham Paine of *The Champion* and COGECO 14's Mike Hancock and Sandy French.

Finally, as I move on to other challenges in my coaching career, I want to thank the fans, sponsors, players and volunteers who over

the last three years have worked so hard and supported the team in so many ways.

Without you none of our accomplishments would have happened. It has been an absolute pleasure to be associated with such a dynamic group of individuals mentioned above, and with a town that showed the rest of Canada what heart, determination and hard work could do.

To the future Marauders — 'Raise the bar.'

Barry Emo,
former head coach
Milton Marauders

Recent decision on arenas' concession contract inconsistent with other moves by town council

Dear Editor:

I believe Town council's decision to award the arena concession contract to a North York firm rather than to renew it with Milton-based Scooter's Snacks Service is inconsistent with the decisions made by this and previous councils.

Miltonians have seen millions of their tax dollars spent on revitalizing the downtown core and on programs aimed at having Milton residents shop in Milton and support local businesses. Despite having spent all those millions on such programs, Milton council decides to shop out of town.

Is that hypocrisy or what?

It would be interesting to hear what the Milton Chamber of Commerce thinks of this decision.

The explanation offered by Director of Corporate

Services Jim McQueen that the Town can't discriminate in favour of local businesses is correct. However, council does have the discretionary power to award the contract on criteria other than price alone, such as previous service history and availability of service, to name just a couple.

The few dollars saved by awarding the contract to a North York company is nothing compared to the money that will be lost to Milton's economy by not only the loss of local jobs but also the fact that the profits from the concession sales will now be going to North York rather than remaining here in Milton.

Congratulations, Milton council, on another wise decision.

Rick Malboeuf
Woodward Avenue

Organizers did a terrific job with basketball tourney

Dear Editor:

No words can express my gratitude and pride after taking part in the recent Shooting For Angels 3-on-3 charity basketball tournament.

Ryan Eacrett, Tom Gallinger and Adam Scott are three incredible young men who put their hearts and hard work into this idea — to turn their sadness over lost friends

Mike Maynard and Doug Burns into something worthwhile and positive. They created an atmosphere of celebration and healing. Doug and Mike would be so proud.

There are so many people who gave of their time and energy — including Bryden's, Kevin Houldcroft, Lawson Ministries and many more.

I'd also like to send out a huge

round of applause for all the basketball players who participated. Milton should be very proud of all these young men and women. Without them the tournament wouldn't have been the huge success it was.

Many thanks and God bless you all.

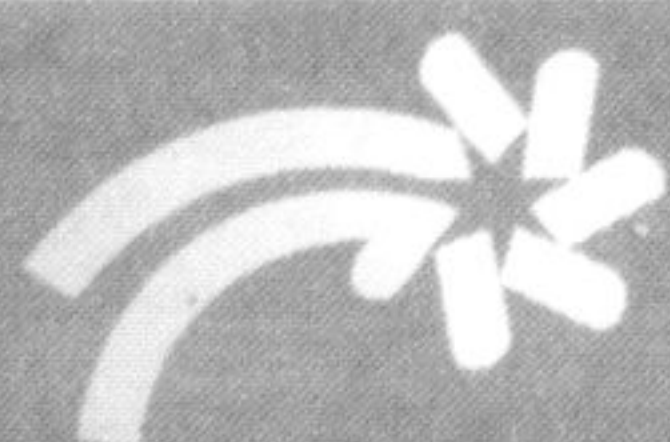
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