

# Town needs to push for a major spruce up in the Fourth Line area

DEAR EDITOR:

Prior to development, the land on either side of Fourth Line between Derry and Britannia roads was used for farming.

Each of the farms had an adjacent woodlot. Trees lined the creek that ran parallel to the road on the east side.

During development of this area as a housing subdivision, the builder was required to construct a pathway alongside the creek from the Union Gas easement up to the overflow ponds at the end of Trudeau Drive. The banks of the creek, the pathway and ponds were to be lined with trees and shrubs to maintain the wildlife habitat.

Some work was done by the

builders three years ago. However, many of the trees and shrubs that were planted have died. These haven't been replaced. There are dead stumps and gaping gaps in what was supposed to be a restoration of nature.

Also, the creek's flow is restricted in places due to an accumulation of debris.

That often causes a back-up of water, which overruns the banks.

Because of the underlying clay soil, it takes more than five years for any landscaping to be effective. The Town would do well to review the original plans and get the builder to replace all dead trees and shrubs.

That would be a great step

toward beautifying the creek and restoring the wildlife habitat that previously used this space.

That includes more than 20 different birds and a host of butterflies that yearn to establish a summer home here.

Old Milton has a lot of paths lined with greenery. The Fourth Line creek is the only one of its kind in the new developments south of Derry Road. The very least that the Town can do is to insist that the builders meet their landscape obligations in full.

Is that asking too much?

**DOUG DEANS  
SOMERVILLE TERRACE**

# It may be time to ask some members of Milton council to please step aside

DEAR EDITOR:

Is there truth that a few terms in office potentially cause councillors and mayors to become more like professional politicians rather than being effective representatives of the people for whom they were elected?

I think that's about it for our town of Milton.

When was the last time your councillor asked you for your view on a matter?

Regarding effective consultation, when did your view or suggestions actually make a difference?

When it comes to effective democracy, might it be prudent to seek out and elect new councillors

who might want to hear more about what you have to say?

As the role of councillors is served on a part-time basis, are there not citizens out there who could and would be willing to run for elected office?

I suggest there are, and we just need to open the town's doors a bit wider to invite them in.

Many of our councillors — and even our mayor — have been in office for well over five terms, which is 15 or more years. Might now not be the right time to say thanks, please move on?

**BOB BEYETTE  
MILTON**

# Situation in Caledonia is very disturbing

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a letter to the politicians of our country.

Why do we have our national television stations showing that certain people in this country don't have to go by the laws of this country?

They make a mockery of our laws. What happened to everyone being treated equal and fair in our society? The people of

the First Nations seem to be able to do what they wish without any action taken by the law. This is a great thing to show our children and new Canadians.

I don't know who's right or wrong in the land dispute in Caledonia, but I do know it should be settled in a court of law and not on the street by blocking roads, forcing their will on others and ignoring the

law and law force.

If we acted this way, we would end up in jail. Why do we put up with this?

I'm all for fair play, but done in a legal manner and within our society's rules. Anything else is unacceptable and leaves a very bad taste in my mouth as to the quality of our government.

**AL LISK  
MILTON**

# Milton farmers sell most crops at higher-than-expected prices

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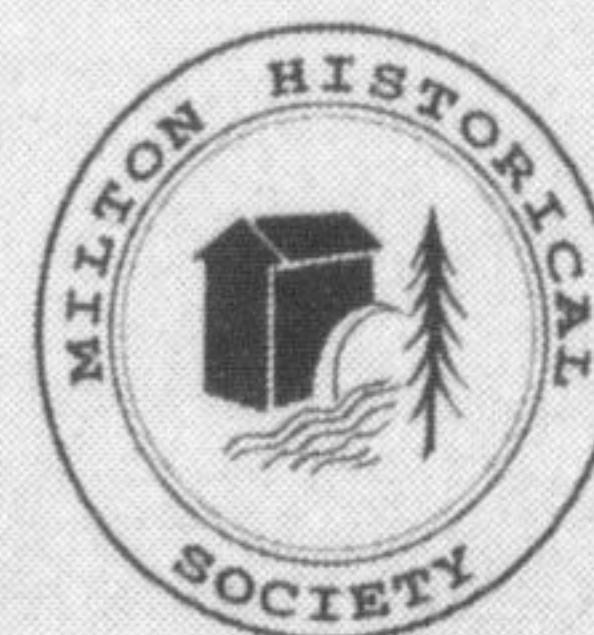
Mr. Andrew reports a most successful season of farm sales this fall...stock of all kinds selling very much higher than was expected early in the fall, considering the high price of feed of all kinds, pigs being the only thing in which there has been any noticeable depreciation in price, while horses, cattle and sheep wherever found in good condition have invariably sold well, showing conclusively that it makes no difference how high hay or grain may be there is always a good demand for a good animal in Halton. Halton and Peel are all right, notwithstanding the present financial situation.

Hon. A. G. Mackay, leader of the Ontario Opposition, addressed Halton Liberals at the town hall on Saturday evening. Major M. Beattie of Campbellville, President of the Halton Reform Association, was chairman and the hall was well filled. Dr. W.S. Harrison, Controller of Toronto, a Milton old boy, J.S. Deacon, Public School Inspector, Milton, D.O. Cameron, Oakville and R.D. Warren of the Georgetown Herald preceded Mr. Mackay with short addresses all complimenting him on his work as leader and expressing their confidence in him. Mr. Mackay spoke for about an hour touching on educational topics, the administration of the licence law and the power question. He expressed the belief that there would be a general provincial election not later than June, 1908.

Santa Claus will arrive at his headquarters, E.C. Featherstone's store, next Saturday at 2 o'clock and will run all mechanical toys in the window for exhibition to children.

It is expected that nearly 6,000 rural schools in Ontario will be in possession of the union jacks fur-

## Milton Time Capsules



nished by the Education Department before Christmas. Six feet by three is the measurement.

The Nelson Telephone Co.'s wires between Lowville and Milton are coming this way fast. They are well this side of Rattlesnake Point and it is expected that they will be in operation before Christmas. Many farmers have subscribed for phones.

Members of the County Council will go to Toronto next Tuesday to wait on the Hon. Minister of Public Works, who has fixed that day at 11 a.m. to receive them to discuss the claims of the townships, towns and villages of Halton for grants from the Government for work already done on county roads. The Warden requests the councillors to meet him at the Iroquois Hotel, corner King and York Streets at 10 a.m.

Negotiations are in progress for the removal of a manufactory from the United States to Milton to open up there next spring or summer with from 100 to 150 hands a large proportion of them skilled and highly paid mechanics from the United States with great possibilities for a rapid increase in their number. A large amount would be expended in the erection of a factory and from 40 to 50 new dwellings would be required. Citizens of Milton who have enquired into the matter are most favourably impressed.

The rink was opened yesterday for the first time this season and was well patronized by skaters. With favourable weather there will soon be ice for curling. At present the water supply is shut off.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached at [jdills@direct.com](mailto:jdills@direct.com).

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