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Monday's federal election not based on opportunism

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Joan MacKenzie's letter in the April 19 *Champion*.

I agree with Ms MacKenzie that we do need to have fixed election dates at the federal level with Parliament respecting these dates.

We're all fed up with having elections and the expense of them.

But how quickly we forget. On November 6, 2006, Parliament did pass a law fixing federal election dates every four years and scheduling the next election date as October 19, 2009.

Despite this law, Stephen Harper triggered the unneces-

sary federal election of October 2008. May I also mention that Harper (together with the Bloc and the NDP) triggered the 2006 election.

Yes, this is the fourth election within seven years, but let us remember that Harper triggered the last two elections.

I believe that actions speak louder than words. Harper says he doesn't want this election, however before this election was called, Harper had his attack ads running.

I remember cringing and thinking why are we having these attack ads when there was no election called at that time.

I would like to urge everyone to look up contempt of

Parliament so that we may all learn more about our Parliamentary system and how it works.

With respect to MacKenzie's comment that this election is "based on opportunism," I disagree.

If a CEO of a company is found in contempt of not following the company rules, should the board of directors turn a blind eye and let that person continue as the CEO?

Parliament should work together. This requires discussion and compromise at times, not a hard-line attitude.

MARLENE LUE
MILTON

Term in question was first listed in Webster's Dictionary in 1848

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the *Champion's* April 12 editorial, 'Term used by board official inappropriate.'

Isn't it appalling that a school board official should use such an inappropriate term?

I'm disgusted at the reckless language used by our elected officials, even though the term in question is listed in Webster's Dictionary first in 1848.

It's time we purged all inappropriate words from our dictionaries.

Yes, and all our books. We need to re-write any publication that has inappropriate words inside.

We can't stop with just Huckleberry Finn; all offensive words must be eliminated. A com-

mittee must be formed with the purpose of finding all books in our libraries, schools and homes that contain such words and burn them immediately.

And shame on you, *Canadian Champion*, for printing such offensive language on your front page. A simple In... Gi... would have sufficed; lest we expose the populace of Milton to such a base phrase.

What a great atmosphere we have created with political correctness. Issues to be solved, persons to be castigated, offences to be created.

Does anyone agree?

PROF. THOMAS BROWN
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Local merchants charged with not putting war tax stamp on goods

'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.

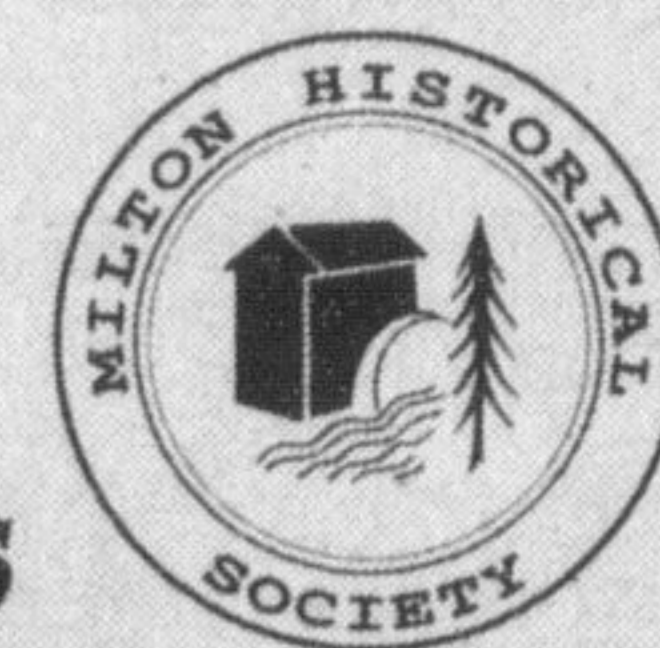
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Two cases were in Police Court charging local merchants with selling goods without affixing war tax stamp. One against T.J. Brown, druggist charged his clerk, Miss Little, who had sold a tin of health salts and another against E. Syer, of Syer & Co. Grocers for the same offense by his clerk Miss Wilson. Judgment was reserved.

C.W. Norton, of Brampton, Inspector Children's Aid Society, was in town on Tuesday in connection with a proposal to give him charge of four children of Milton Heights which is likely to be carried out.

Last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ptolemy, about seventy of the ladies of the Milton Red Cross Society listened to a most interesting lecture delivered by Captain D.E. Robertson, of the 3rd Field Ambulance C.A.M.C. who was recalled for duty in Toronto about two months ago after being mentioned in dispatches. Captain Robertson outlined the movements and operations of the first Canadian contingent from Valcartier to the Somme, when he came home. He gave particulars of the second battle of Ypres, where the Canadians halted the Huns in their attempt to break through to Calais, without enlarging on his own doings, though it is known that he particularly distinguished himself there as the M.O. of the first battalion, in charge of the advanced dressing station, which he had to move several times on account of shell fire. He described the work of the field ambulances,

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dressing stations and field hospitals. With a soldier's emergency field dressing he demonstrated its use for first aid. He showed three gas masks and how they were worn. Among other exhibits were a French steel helmet and a hand grenade.

Fred Garbutt removed to Toronto yesterday and the Hotel Royal, which had not been open for business for some time, is now vacant, with no apparent prospect of being leased. (Attempts to operate it as a temperance hotel had not been successful.)

At the monthly patriotic entertainment at Palermo Earl Breckon, of the Transportation Corps, was presented with a wrist watch. Pte. Fred Wilkinson of the 164th Batt., got a signet ring and Pte. Geo. Beacham, same corps, a fountain pen. The door receipts were \$48.

Within the last week the Red Cross got \$300 worth of wool to be knitted into socks by March 3. The following are the measurements of finished socks, to which, knitters must adhere to: length from top of sock to bottom of heel, 14 1/2"; length of foot, 11 1/2"; length of ribbing, 4 1/4", length of leg to commencement of heel, 12". As large socks are greatly in demand, the Red Cross asks for loose knitting, on coarse needles. Wool can be had from any of the committee and at the Red Cross rooms on Thursday afternoons

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached through the society at (905) 875-4156.

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