

# Milton experiencing severe shortage of fuel, many coal bins now empty

'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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The fuel shortage is severe in Milton. Many coal bins are empty, or nearly so, and the coal dealers cannot say when they will get supplies. Some wood is coming in, at \$10 a cord for the best. Many coal oil heaters are being used. Mayor Earl and James Houston went to Buffalo last Friday to try to buy a supply of coal for the town, the corporation to pay for it and distribute it. They got little encouragement. They were told that Canada had been given all that could be spared and none should be shipped to Canada without the sanction of the U.S. authorities.

John Appleyard of Georgetown, formerly of Milton Heights, was in town. He said his son, Pte. Wilfred Appleyard, 76<sup>th</sup> Batt. who lost a leg at the battle of the Somme had been fitted with an artificial one and had gone to work on munitions at Galt.

Owing to the continued demand for (knitted) socks the Red Cross has decided to repeat the whirlwind sock campaign which was so successful last spring. It is hoped that the number of socks turned in will equal if not exceed that of last year, 528 pairs.

Gordon Ford was the first Milton draftee to be notified to report for service. He did not apply for exemption. He went to Hamilton last Friday and reported for duty. His chum, Harvey Whitmer, who was not a draftee, being less than twenty years of age, went with him and enlisted. Alf Metcalfe reported at Toronto on Monday. Edward Sherwood goes to Toronto today.

Dr. Howard Harrison, an old Milton schoolboy and son of the late Daniel Harrison, has lately returned from England. He was in Europe when war broke out, enlisted at once, was promoted to the rank of major and has had charge of a military hospital ever since. On Tuesday evening, in the court room, Dr.

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Harrison will give a talk in connection with his hospital work. A silver collection will be taken to aid the I.O.D.E. in sending comforts to the trenches.

Our public school has been closed ever since the holidays. Before they ended the boiler of the steam heating plant was burst by frost. An expert had to be sent for to repair it. The school will open next Monday. Adv: No child from any of the families having had diphtheria in the home shall attend school without permission from the Medical Officer of health. Families under quarantine are warned to keep strictly to their own premises. Parents are cautioned to have the doctor examine any child suffering from even a slight sore throat. If it should be diphtheria every hour's delay is serious for the child and the public. Antitoxin is furnished free by the Board of Health. Teachers are requested to refuse admission to children who have been ill from any cause, except on a certificate from their doctor.

The annual match, President vs. Vice-President was played by Milton curlers on New Year's Day. President J.F. Robinson won from Vice-President A. McGibbon. President's team: R. Merrett, Judge Elliot, J.W. Blain, J.F. Robinson skip. W.I. Lott, Bert Buck, C.D. McGregor, J. Maxted skip. W.J. Agar, L.J. Maude, W. Panton, D.S. Robertson skip. W.E. McCready, F. Dewar, Jacob tuck, R.L. Hemstreet skip. Total 46.

Vice President teams: W.J. McClenahan, E.F. Earl, Ches Earl, A. McGibbon skip. J.W. Crozier, E.B. Graham, J.E. Bell, C.H. Earl skip. J.C. Bell, H. Earl, R. Wilson, W. Chisholm skip. R.B. Galbraith, D. Menzies, H. Bowman, J.J. Peacock skip. Total 29

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**TEAM EFFORT:** Milton-area Scotiabank branches combined to raise more than \$5,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life Milton sponsorship program, as part of their continued support of the event. Here, Maggie Irving (third from right) and Sheryl Bates (second from right) of the local Canadian Cancer Society unit accept the cheque from Scotiabank branch managers (from left) Lori Dunn, Sean Merritt, Rosa Martins and Joan Siversky.

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