

# ReadersWrite

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## Extreme unfairness, hypocrisy by Conservatives sickening

(The following letter was addressed to Halton MP Lisa Raitt, and a copy was filed with the *Champion*.)

**DEAR MS. RAITT:**

It was with great disappointment that I read the news about ex-Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer.

I don't begrudge his second chance to smarten up in the future. Decent people can and do make serious mistakes, and I believe in forgiving them if they're truly remorseful.

However, Mr. Jaffer and the Conservative Party are propo-

nents of mandatory minimum sentencing for drug possession offences. Mr. Jaffer voted for Bill C-26 (reintroduced as Bill C-15), which essentially espoused the view that those who commit such crimes aren't worthy of a second chance.

How can you demand harsh sentencing for drug offenders, yet look the other way when one of your own slips up?

I'm a non-partisan centrist, which means that I rarely vote Conservative. Because of that, you probably won't take my words to heart.

However, I urge you to reflect on your party's 'tough-on-crime' rhetoric.

If you and those in your party agree that decent people like Mr. Jaffer can make mistakes and deserve forgiveness, how can you support mandatory minimum sentences?

I'm sickened by what I perceive as extreme unfairness and hypocrisy.

As you are my MP, I would appreciate a reply. Thank you and all the best.

**SEAN KELLY  
MILTON**

## New school name well-deserved

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I'm writing in response to Chris Greenfield's March 11 letter entitled, 'Not a good name for new school.'

Perhaps my opinion doesn't hold much clout because I don't have any children. However, I do have some common sense and the belief that children are not destined to become fighters because their school is named after a former wrestler.

I suppose if people didn't have anything to complain about there would be no need for the 'Readers Write' section of the *Champion*.

Not only is Tiger Jeet Singh a former entertain-

er, he's a long-standing, active member of the community, and also happens to be on the short list of truly notable Miltonians of this generation.

I personally feel that the name of a school is solely that, a name. It doesn't have to represent Mr. Singh's former profession.

I think we should celebrate this new school for what it is — another education facility to accommodate our ever-growing town.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Singh on this great honour.

**TRACY TONNA  
MILTON**

## Can't help but sympathize with long-time residents

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What old-time Miltonians have been saying for years in letters to the editor is they feel they're being passed over, despite having paid their dues — in many cases for decades.

They feel like they're being treated as lesser priorities when it comes to planning for the

future. Having moved to "old Milton" somewhat recently — three years ago — from Brampton, I can see both sides of the issue. And I sympathize with long-time residents.

Is a healthy balance between "old" and "new" possible? I'd like to think so.

And it's true that tension can

sometimes be a healthy thing.

It means two sides are sticking up for themselves and helps ensure neither is taken advantage of.

But pull hard enough in the tug-of-war, and the rope might just snap, creating an irreparable break.

Nobody wants that.

## Town hit with measles outbreak; many homes now quarantined

*'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.*

June 1915

A good many Milton houses are quarantined with measles.

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The machinery for making shells for the British army is being installed in the P.L. Robertson Co.'s factory and will be put into operation as soon as possible. It comes from the United States.

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The tag system for dog tax is working well in Milton, better than the old way of collecting the tax with other rates. Town Clerk Hemstreet says he has been paid \$90, that nearly all dogs have been tagged and that those which have not will be decorated within a few days.

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Walls of Mayor Blair's house, corner Main and Court, are up. Others by Gordon McNabb, King St., Geo. Morley, south end of Commercial; Jas. Weir, Pine St. Sam Henson bought the CPR station and will erect it on Commercial between J.T. Hannant and Chas. Yates.

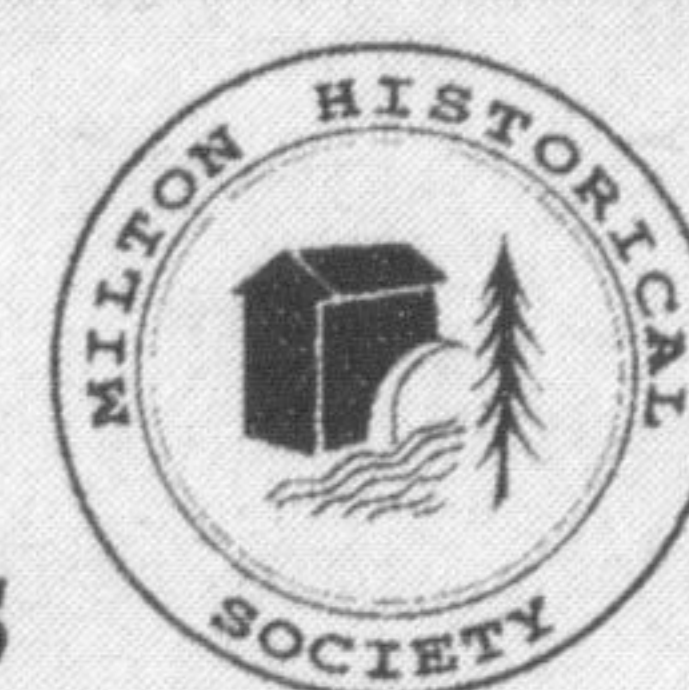
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Harry Crowe, late superintendent of the plant of the screw factory, wrote on 17th from Clovelly Road, Ongar, Essex, England, his home. He said he had a pleasant voyage. A part of the second Canadian Contingent including all its staff, was on the same steamer.

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In a letter home from L/Cpl. Frank Sloan May 22, Roseneath Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London, N. he wrote: "...I am getting on as well as can be expected. My leg is

## Milton Time Capsules



practically well now. It will be some time before I shall be able to do my own writing. I am getting the best of care and many kind friends come to see me. I have now been in bed one month and expect to be in this hospital for another two months."

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We understand that the Milton Shoe Co. Ltd. has sold out to reliable parties, who will soon reopen the factory.

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An order-in-council was passed at Toronto on Tuesday which will ensure the legalization of the \$21,000 Halton debenture bylaw for the building of a new Registry Office and a Jailer's residence and for certain alterations in the court house. It is expected that building operations will begin very soon.

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The Milton Musical Association, which looks after the interests of the band, has been reorganized with the following officers: Judge Elliot, Hon. Pres; E.F. Earl, Pres; R.L.O. Hemstreet, Sec. Treas. Executive: W. Panton, Geo. Andrew, W.J. McClenahan, Geo. Gowling, R.E. Harrison. There is work for the Association, raising funds, providing necessary equipment etc, which no doubt will now be attended to. The band gave its first concert in Victoria Park last Thursday evening and played a fine programme.

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