

# ReadersWrite

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## Mayor's comments tough to swallow

DEAR EDITOR:

I was dismayed after reading Mayor Gord Krantz's comments in the May 4 *Champion* with respect to potential wage freezes for non-unionized Town employees.

Specifically, I'm referring to a direct quote that appeared as follows:

"If you start to freeze the (compensation of) non-union people, I can pretty much guarantee you what will happen in a quick hurry — they'll unionize quite likely. And at least in my opinion you really don't want that, so they have to be treated fairly."

Without question there's a

need to treat Town staff fairly. However, I certainly can't agree with the mayor's belief that it's not in the Town's interest to have its employees unionized.

Milton is one of the country's fastest-growing communities. Demeaning the important role that labour unions play in our municipal institutions isn't the way of a progressive leader.

Labour unions have always brought the principles of safety and progressive employment practices to the workplace.

Why should the Town's employees not collectively bargain a fair share of the bountiful growth Milton is experiencing?

If Milton is treating its work-

ers fairly, why should the mayor be opposed to the collective bargaining process for the Town's workers?

Ensuring that working women and men have every opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to unionize and negotiate a collective agreement is of fundamental importance in any truly democratic society.

For the workers in our rapidly-growing town, it's not something to be disparaged or held in low regard.

**JOHN HAYWARD,  
CONTROLLER  
CAW LOCAL 414**

## Thanks to all who helped with rural clean-up

DEAR EDITOR:

On May 1, a large group of residents turned out to clean up the roads around Campbellville, Brookville and Moffat.

Once again, the support was overwhelming. So many people donated their time, and it made such a difference to the neighbourhood.

We removed five tons of garbage, not including the hazardous waste and tires we collected.

Thank you to all who participated, got into the ditches and provided trucks to get the garbage to the bins. This year our clean-up was interrupted by thunderstorms so it was a damp crew who gathered for the barbecue afterward.

This year water bottles seem to have taken over from beer bottles and coffee cups as the main small polluter. Among the larger items found were

the usual tires as well as the biggest television set one of our truck drivers has ever seen and a large water softener.

Thank you to our supporters, including Mohawk Racetrack, which provided a large crew and took garbage to their own bins and provided water for the thirsty crews. Heritage Safety Products provided extra vests, gloves and waders, Gordon Foods and Cristello's Village Market supplied the food for the barbecue and Tim Hortons supplied coffee and Timbits as well as a much-needed tent during the thunderstorm.

And thank you to the local media for promoting this and other clean-up events.

**JEAN WOODS  
CAMPBELLVILLE**

## Please don't be so quick to criticize other parents

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remarkably different personalities, I use a leash so that my energetic daughter can run and play while maintaining safety and control.

My daughter is also naturally the filthiest kid I know, and we often draw looks or comments

for that as well. However, if she had to be clean every time we went out, we'd never go anywhere. We go to kid-friendly restaurants, so if I have a particularly grumpy little one it's to be expected. That's life.

Parents, if you're doing your best and love your kids, don't

worry about those glares and comments.

And if you see a filthy kid with a leash on and a beaming smile, offer those parents words of encouragement because they're doing a great job.

**KIM PYEFINCH  
MILTON**

## Prohibitionists successful in second bid to bring Scott Act to vote in town

'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.

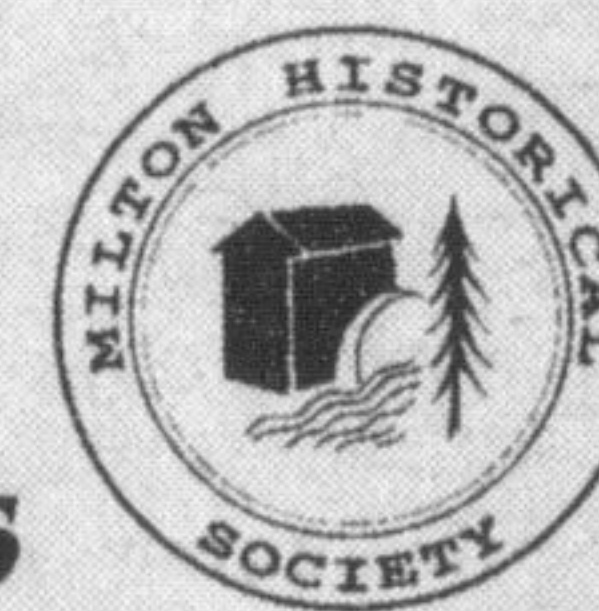
October 1915

There was a meeting of prohibitionists in Milton last Monday to consider the question of submitting the Scott Act to a vote in this county, so that it should, if carried, go into effect on May 1, 1916. A meeting of the same kind was held here more than a year ago, but the outside organizers who had it called received no encouragement and the idea of a vote was dropped. Last Monday, it is understood the organizers were more successful and it was decided to take the steps necessary to bring on the vote.

In the 1880s, there was a "wave" as there is said to be now, and the act was carried in a number of Ontario counties and several cities. The act proved to be a wretched failure as a promoter of temperance, the "wave" receded in the later '80s and the act was repealed in every constituency. Halton, which had been the first to carry it, was the first to reject it, which it did by a majority of about 200. After the sweep of repeals many of those who had supported the act admitted its failure.

This may account for the fact that the old style "Scott Act" now appears to be taboo among prohibitionists, who speak of the measure as the Canada Temperance Act, but they are quite correct in doing so. It is so styled in the Dominion Statutes, but as it was introduced by the late Senator Scott, it became generally known as the Scott Act. As the older people of Halton have a vivid recollection of it under that name, we now use it, so that all may understand what they are about to be asked to support.

## Milton Time Capsules



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A safe weighting 4,500 pounds was taken into the new post office on Tuesday.

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Clements & Co. are building a garage next to their warehouse on Martin Street

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Mrs. Currie, who lives with her son James on Pearl St., is 98. At the exhibition she won first prize of \$5 for a knit pair of socks.

November 1915

Many Miltonians have motored to Bronte to see the soldiers go through since the big trek, Niagara to Toronto, began.

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Sportsmen from the neighbourhood have gone north deer hunting.

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Dr. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Smith of Milton, is in charge of a hospital on a small island near the Dardanelles. In writing to his parents he reported extremely hot weather, often considerably over 100 degrees.

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L/Cpl. Fred White visited with his parents Sunday. His Battalion will leave Niagara to march to Hamilton whence it will go by GTR to Barrie to spend the winter there. Pts. Fred Walsh and Cedric Harrop were here too. On Monday the Epworth League presented Walsh with a Bible and Harrop with a fountain pen.

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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