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Letter From Former Resident of Palermo

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part played by "The Hollow" in the civilization of the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

In "The Hollow" lived Mr. George Chalmers, who came with the mill and established here a grist mill, with a water wheel and mill run, which some of this gathering will remember. It was the last historic building there to survive. He built also a windmill. We may picture the white oak and elm of the forest round about having been felled and floated here to be manufactured into lumber. A brewery, a distillery and a historic store belonged to this enterprising Scottish settler. He also farmed a large tract of land called "the plantation" near Omagh. He represented the district in the local legislature. After defeat at the polls he imbibed too freely of "Hallow brew." It is said, and the community was shocked to learn he had shot himself. In his store clerked for several years a ruddy Scottish youth, Adam Wilson, who, when nineteen years of age, left for Toronto and worked and studied and finally rose to the highest position in the military—Sir Adam Wilson.

Another prominent Scotsman was Wm. Proudfoot, who had a general store, and whose farm and beautiful frame colonial residence on the top of the east bank was razed to the ground last September (1934)—the work of vandals. It was well over one hundred years old.

Then there was the blacksmith shop, the local weaver, tailor and shoe maker, all carried on. The school seems always to have been in the woods, on the top of the west hill. The passing through of the stage coach, which was daily, was its touch to the busy life of "The Hollow."

POSTVILLE

The official capital of Trafalgar is Postville—six miles from here. It was called after the Post family, United Empire Loyalists. Here the municipal council has met each month since its organization in 1820. Postville is the historic place along the great Dundas Street highway between Toronto and London today. In 1820 the first post office was established, with Mr. P. Judoff as postmaster. Long before the little red brick hall was built, the first public hall, and the colonial frame house opposite was built by James Appleby, the first treasurer of the municipality. Here was born and married his charming daughter, who was the wife of Sir Charles Hanson, the Lord Mayor of London in 1914, the year of the Great War.

Within one hundred yards of the brick hall, on the fourth line, is a small cement bridge, submerged six feet in the raised highway. It is the precursor of all the cement bridges in Canada, and will become a historical shrine of the Dominion, built in 1905 by an old boy of Palermo school. It is within two and a half miles of the great cement bridge of the Dundas Street highway.

OAKVILLE

Eight miles away, where the Sixteen Mile creek empties into Lake Ontario, was the settlement of the Mississauga Indians, under Chief Col. Joseph Brant, until the 16th day of August, 1827. Then it was sold by the government at public auction at Crooks Mill, on the west side of the Twelve Mile creek, Nelson (now St. Anne's). It was bought by Col. William Chisholm, of Nelson, who surveyed it and opened it up for settlement. No doubt he renamed it. The beautiful, white Oakville, which was suggested by the volume of trade in white oak staves which for nearly a quarter of a century had been carried on by the pioneer settlers who were clearing their lands. This became their chief industry, and their main source of living. These barrel staves were rafted down the Sixteen Mile creek to the lake port and there shipped by sailing vessels via Montreal to England, where it found a ready market. There was one white man, Hingston by name, living there in 1827.

WELINGTON SQUARE

Col. William Chisholm doubtless removed at once from Nelson to Oakville, and he and his descendants were public spirited citizens and some are still living there.

Having been postmaster at Nelson, and knowing the benefits of postal service, he lost no time in getting the third post office in Halton established there, the same year, 1835. He was the first postmaster at Oakville.

WELINGTON SQUARE

Further up the lake shore, and eleven miles from here is Burlington. Until 1810 it was the settlement of Six Nations Indians, which land was granted by the Crown to Col. Joseph Brant, one of the chiefs, in token of his services and loyalty to the British Crown, subsequent to and during the American War of Independence. It is described in Gage's deed as the "North West Angle of Brant's Military Tract." James P. Gage bought the 338½ acres from the Estate of Brant. He surveyed it and opened it up for settlement, being a large red brick residence which still stands. He called the town site Wellington Square, after the great British soldier, and the second name was suggested by the shape of the land. In 1823, this historically named town was lost to our county, when the more euphonious one of Burlington was substituted.

HALTON

James P. Gage was a public spirited man and a leader. He built the red brick mill at Bronte, and great brick stores at Oakville, which still stand with their backs to the "creek." He was married first to Mary, daughter of Freeman, and second to Helen Buck, 1828-1900, one of the early pupils of our school.

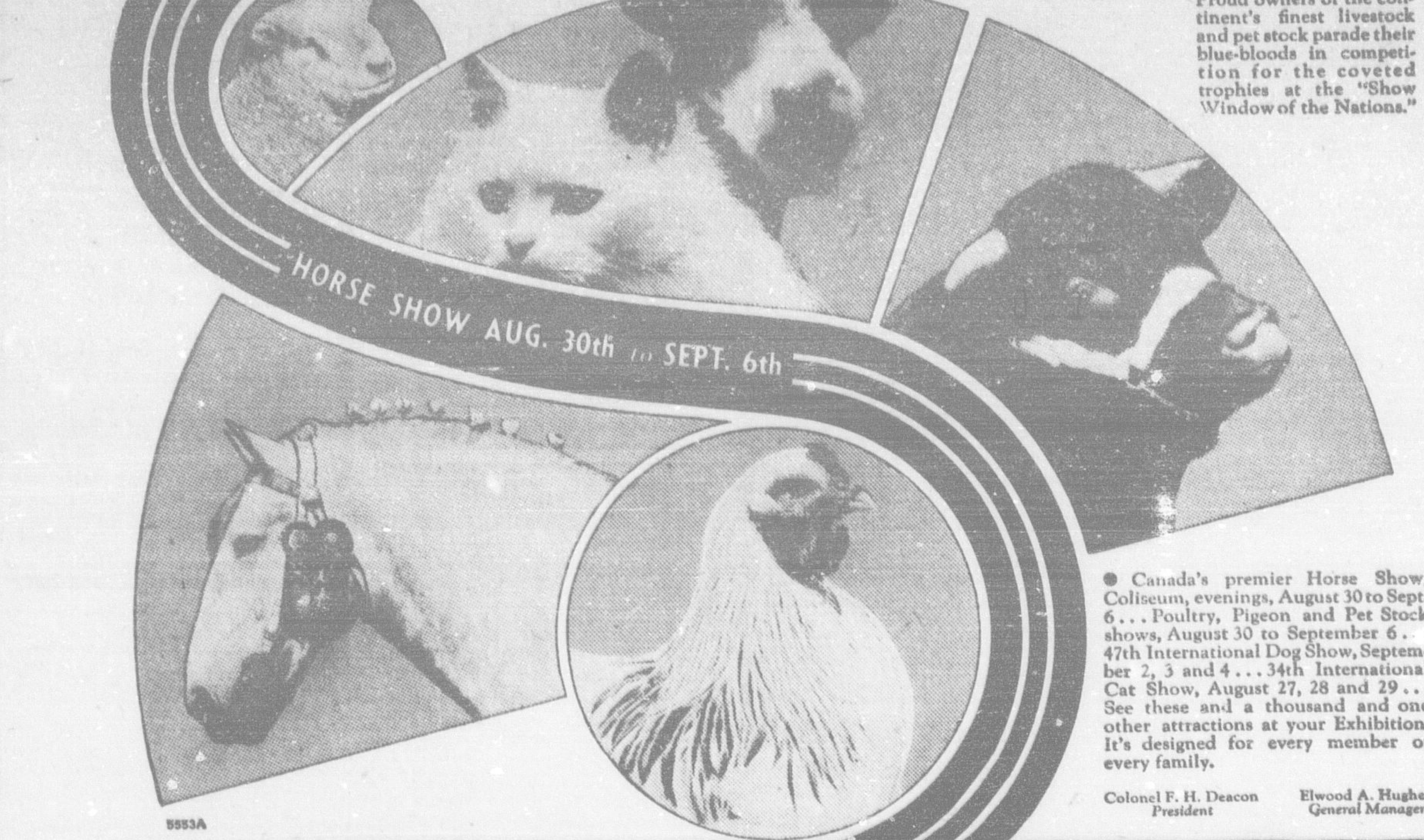
The county of Halton is one of the earliest settled parts of the Home Division, under the Provincial Act of 1792.

It formed the Gore district, with Westbury until 1817. In 1853 it separated and came into its own domain as a county. The townships, however, functioned under the Home Division prior to this date. In 1817 Trafalgar had a population of 300. The land sold at twenty-two shillings per acre.

The county is 25 miles long by fifteen miles wide. The oldest settlement was along Dundas Street. The lake shore rapidly developed after the Indian reservations were opened up. The "back part" of the county was later. Milford was only well begun in 1822. It is a farm site owned by Jasper Martin, who drew 100 acres of land from the Crown and bought another 100 from Joseph Whitefield and in the fall of the same year settled with his family on lot 14 in the Gore district of Trafalgar, where the farm now stands. He built a grist mill—the only one in the neighborhood. The early settlers called the place Martin's Mills. The mill was called Mill Town and later on his request, Milton, after the English poet.

It has been said every family has should produce one and animals made may be kept in school records. There are some missing links in my historic sketch which I hope may be

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