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## Tapping support

Country music star Gordie Tapp was one of several celebrities at the Halton Waldorf School auction Saturday. The event at **Brookville Community Centre netted about** \$19,000 to help cover operational expenses of the Campbellville school. Fund raising committee member Virginia Taylor looks over the auction list with Mr. Tapp.

### Wins by 484

# Aikins wins majority for Legislative Council

Mon. Oct. 6, 1862 - In the first election for the Home Division's seat in the Legislative Council, "the Canadian House of Lords", .C. Aikins has claimed a majority in both Peel and Halton County much to the chagrin of supporters of William Clay of Norval.

Mr. Clay, the Conservative candidate, had won approval at the nomination meeting but failed to accomplish the same feat at the

The Hamilton Spectator has suggested "Mr. Clay is the very soul of honour and was, therefore, no match for Mr. Aikins in a political contest, who brought into play all the trickery and device he had learned by long experience as an apology for a politician, for it would be madness to talk of such a man knowing even the first rudiments of statesmanship".

It has been suggested that Halton has been Radicalized by the election of Mr. Joh# White in 1858 and it would have required very strong effort to achieve the slightest change in the political complexion of the county. However, in Peel, where Aikins also achieved a majority, the county is represented by a Conservative member in the Legislative Assembly.

Voting in Halton showed the			Voting in Peel was as follows:		
following patter			Brampton	132	133
	Aikins	Clay	Streetsville	43	72
Milton	70		Chinguacousy	395	393
Oakville	61		Toronto Township	473	341

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Esquesing, always considered a Grit stronghold, provided surprising returns with a majority voting in favor of the Conservative candidate Clay. This might be explained by the fact this township is Mr. Clay's home area. In 1860 Mr. White, the Grit candidate for the Assembly had a majority of 156 in Esquesing.

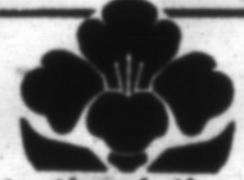
One of the causes of Mr. Clay's defeat may also have been the Methodist vote which was generally cast against him on account of his views on the University question.

It has been suggested the Grits do three things well. They have proper organization, the money to carry on a contest not expecting the candidate to pay his own expenses, and a spirit that does not allow apathy.

Sequel - J.C. Aikins subsequently joined the coalition cabinet of Sir John Macdonald and later became leader of the Opposition in the Senate. A fluent speaker, he was also a prominent layman in the Methodist Church.

☐ Fifty-ninth in a series of facts, sometimes sprinkled with imagination, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke

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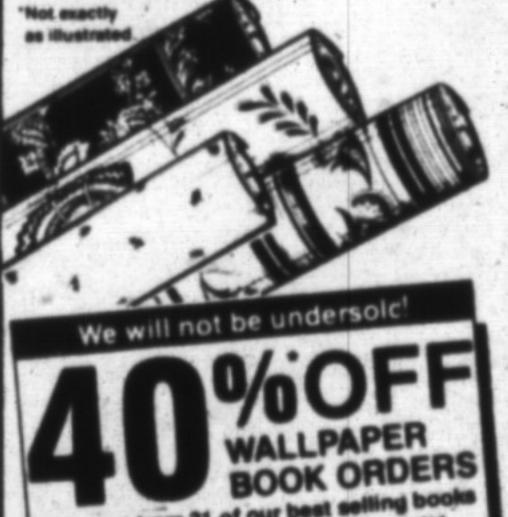
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