

February 1894

Detective Murray arrived in Toronto on Saturday evening after a fruitless chase of about 20,000 miles after Chas. Henry Aitken, the Tottenham forger. Murray tracked his man through Peru, Chili and Buenos Aryes, and gave up the chase in the latter country.. He was doubtful he could be extradited

Aitken was at one time in the Bank of Hamilton and had charge of the Milton agency for a short time as relieving agent. Then he established himself at Tottenham as a private banker and in that capacity he swindled the Bank of Hamilton of about \$50,000 in forged notes.

March 1894

Last Friday an able bodied tramp struck Milton and managed to get a pint of pure alcohol somewhere, drank it, and in short time became almost crazy. He made things so lively on Main Street that Chief Constable Bradley was summoned. The tramp did not take kindly at being arrested, but fought like a demon, scratching the chief’s face and throat so that they looked decidedly sanguinary. Finding it impossible to get the man to jail while he had the use of his limbs, the chief got a stout rope and lassoed him, wound him up as a Texas cowboy would a refractory steer and dragged him off to Castle Van. Next morning Mayor McCollom fined the tramp \$1 and cost, or 30 days in jail, giving him a couple of hours to raise the money, but he disappeared very soon after he left the court and has not been seen since.

April 1894

On Friday night Milton was invaded by a detachment of seven from the Canadian army of tramps. Some who saw them lurking in the west end directed Chief Constable Bradley. Chief got assistance of a number of specials and charged on the tramps, whom he located close to the G.T.R. station (Bronte Street) and captured four of them, the other three escaping in the darkness, Nex morning Mayor McCollom sentenced two to twenty days in jail at hard labor and gave the other two ten days each.

November 1894

There was considerable excitement created in Brampton by the arrest of Andrew Vanwick one of the most popular young men in town. He was charged with attempting a criminal operation. It is alleged that Vanwick has been keeping company with a young girl at the Royal Hotel, and finding that she was in trouble he wrote a letter to a Dr. Graham in Toronto asking if he would undertake to help the girl out of her trouble. Dr. Graham turned the letter over to Detective Thomas Wasson of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and he lost no time in placing the young man under arrest. Before the trial on Monday, both met in the sheriff’s office. Rev. Mr. Pearson married them, the bride cried a little, and the husband’s wedding tour consisted of a trip to Police Court, when he was sent up for trial and released on a \$2,000 bail.

From Ross Wark.....

Industry: Trafalgar Township 1862

- 4 grist mills
- 2 steam saw mills
- 16 water saw mills
- 3 foundries – Milton, Palermo, Oakville
- 1 woolen factory
- 1 brewery- Oakville
- 1 Tannery- Oakville
- Source: R Warnack: A Sketch of Halton County 1862

Religions, Denominations: Trafalgar Township 1840

Church of England	876
Church of Scotland	257
Scot Dissert?	791
Wesley Methodist	1084
Am. Episcopal Methodist	264
Roman Catholic	305
O.D.?	407

(Who can fill in the blanks on the short forms?)
Source: Population Returns 1840