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**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL**

At this our last issue in the year 1929 we pause to thank our readers and patrons for their splendid co-operation and patronage during the year which will soon close.

We are planning to make The Liberal of greater interest to all during 1930 and trust that our endeavours meet with the same spirit of support and co-operation which have characterized our efforts in the past.

We wish all our readers a Happy New Year and trust that the year 1930 may bring to all a full measure of prosperity, contentment and joy.

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**A COMMUNITY NURSE IS NEEDED**

Those few people who may contend that a Community Nursing Service is not needed should refer to the report made by Nurse Vrooman at the conclusion of the demonstration conducted last year. The report showed that out of 1186 children who received a complete physical examination only 35 were found to be without apparent physical defect. We all agree that every child is entitled to a good education and in fact it is made compulsory by law. It is equally important that every child should face the struggle of life with a sound body as well as a trained mind.

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**A USEFUL SERVICE AND A STEPPING STONE TO HIGHER CALLING**

The date of Municipal elections is here once more and it is hoped that citizens generally will show an interest in the affairs of the community by attending the nomination meeting.

Public business is really the business of every ratepayer. The Reeve, councillors and elected representatives are merely the men chosen by the community to direct the affairs for the year. The elected representatives are the "board of directors;" the ratepayers are the shareholders. The nomination meeting is the shareholders' meeting when the directors give an account of their administration.

It is an honor and a privilege to render a public service on any public body. Not only therefore should the nomination meetings be largely attended but there should be no scarcity of candidates seeking election. It is a sphere of public service which should appeal to young men possessed of a broad outlook on life and of a sense of public service. In many instances men who have risen to the high places in the government of our province and Dominion have started in the local municipal council or school board.

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**ENDORSE THE DEBENTURE BY-LAW IN MARKHAM TOWNSHIP**

Electors of Markham Township will be asked to express their opinion on election day on a By-law which provides for the issuing of debentures for \$25,000. to cover the cost of construction of certain bridges in the municipality this year. The electors would be well advised to vote for the by-law. It provides a safe and sensible means of financing the overdraft on the year's work caused by the unusually heavy damage of the early spring floods.

The only alternative if the By-Law should be turned down would appear to be increased taxation for the future years and an overhanging deficit on future councils which would hinder the progress of necessary construction and maintenance work.

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**JUST BY WAY OF SUGGESTION**

There is no dearth of subject matter for discussion of Richmond Hill councillors and aspiring candidates who will have the platform at the annual nominations next Monday. We would be interested to hear the candidates discuss any or all of the following topics:  
Transportation on Yonge Street.  
Park Improvement.  
Industrial Development.  
Attraction of New Residents  
Encouraging of Building.  
A Public Utility Commission for Richmond Hill.  
A Municipal Building for Richmond Hill.  
A Public Health Nursing Service  
Street Lighting.  
Revision of the Assessment.  
Civic Beautification.

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The changing year-date on the calendar reminds us again that we are incurable optimists, as we eagerly imagine that bigger and better things lie just beyond the next milestone of life's journey. In the opening days of the New Year good wishes are being universally exchanged. Like comrades in some great adventure we cheerfully greet one another with wishes for future happiness and prosperity. In hope and expectancy it would seem that the year we are just entering is to be the most successful of all our years. It is our earnest desire that all our kind friends may equally share with us in those material and spiritual blessings which are a goodly part of our Canadian heritage.

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Richmond Hill has no Town Planning Plan to excite the electors at this election. Richmond Hill has, however, many examples of the need of town planning.

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This is the season when ratepayers start grooming "dark horses" for the annual municipal handicap.

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Markham township nominations will be held at the township hall, Unionville on Monday afternoon. There is always plenty of fireworks at a Markham nomination.

**GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS****A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

The weather-man who predicted a real old fashioned winter for December sure hit the mark.

But now that he's shown us he can do it why "rub it in."

Municipal nominations next Monday.

May the meetings be featured by a large attendance of ratepayers.

Your presence at the meeting will be evidence of your interest in YOUR OWN business.

The Midland Argus reports the recent snowfall the greatest in twenty years so early in the season and states that it is lying on the countryside to a depth of from 18 inches to five feet.

If you have something to sell, don't expect people to know about it without telling. The cheapest and easiest way to tell the town and district about it is through The Liberal Ads.

Fearing that the practice of plowing the snow from the Main Street pavement is having a detrimental effect upon the foundation, owing to frost penetration, Huntsville Council is passing a by-law, prohibiting the use of snow-plows on the main thoroughfare this winter.

Hanover town councillors have voted to pay themselves \$2.50 a meeting or \$32.50 per year.

Bracebridge had 44 inches of snow in November and on one day the mercury dropped to 17 below.

Owing to increase in value of prizes offered and a falling off in attendance Orillia Fair Association were able to pay only 75 cents on the dollar owing to prize winners. Cheques were mailed out last week.

In Newmarket an attempt will be made to lower electric power costs by having manufacturers cut down on the peak load which sets the rate.

Early in the new year the joint Conservative associations for the federal and provincial ridings of York county are planning to tender a monster banquet to their representatives in the House of Commons and the provincial legislature.

It is generally understood that Whitechurch council, from the reeve down, are willing to remain in their respective offices for another year, should the ratepayers so agree at the coming nomination meeting at Vardorf.

The first four cows brought into the ring at the auction sale of William J. Thomas, in Markham township, were knocked down at prices which averaged \$195 each. 20 breeding ewes sold for \$16.50 each.

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**LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE****Mr. Rolfe Discusses Metropolitan Issue**

Richmond Hill, Ont.  
R. R. No. 1,  
December 21st, 1929

The Editor Liberal,  
Dear Sir—

Your editorial in The Liberal, dated 12th instant is forceful to the point, and was needed, to bring to the public eye the seriousness of the situation in regard to the projected cessation of the radial and the substitution of a bus service.

The T. T. C. have evidently made up their minds that they know what is best for our transportation needs. The T.T.C. is an organization of highly efficient men SUPPOSEDLY capable of handling traffic problems and solving them in a most thorough and expeditious manner. This highly efficient body give daily, in the City, a display of their efficiency. An evening paper tells us of this efficiency. The travelling public have something to say about this efficiency, and it doesn't require an expert to stand at any intersection in the city, morning or evening, or both, to watch the T. T. C. tackling the traffic problem, and showing the extent of their efficiency. Its the most spectacular display of incompetence that anyone ever witnessed, and offers a fine example of toleration on the part of the Board of Control and the City Council. The T. T. C. have never shown, since acquiring the right, that they understood anything about dealing with the travelling public.

General Manager Harvey, the head of this wonderful efficient body, in his egoism, has turned his attention to the rural district of North York, and is anxious to strut his stuff to our admiring gaze. He expects the residents of North York to be quite as plastic and impressionable, if not more so, than the City folks. He would tell us how to get to the City cheaply?, safely, and quickly. He would tell us that our transportation needs are better understood by him than by ourselves. He would tell us that the City is unable to operate the radial further owing to its being financially non-productive. He fails to produce proof of this, even on request. Should not this give rise to suspicion, that things are not altogether as they should be? Apparently it doesn't. The Board of Control, and the City Council believe this. They also believe that a bus service in his district will be a successful venture. He must have the Board of Control and the City Council hypnotised. They appear to concur in all he does. It must be so, hasn't General Manager Harvey said so.

Here we have another example of his ability to solve traffic problems, and the opinion, generally expressed, is, that too much is taken for granted. General Manager Harvey has no come back if his activities, as regards the buses, causes your readers to question his motives. He turns the spot light on himself. Is it solicitude for our comfort, and safety, or is it for his own material benefit, that he's so eager to inflict busses upon us.

General Manager Harvey is a public servant, but evidently he desires to

reverse this. He would make the travelling public of North York contribute, if he could, to his glorification and his insufferable ego. I think he will fail. The population of North York are not as plastic, or impressionable as he believes.

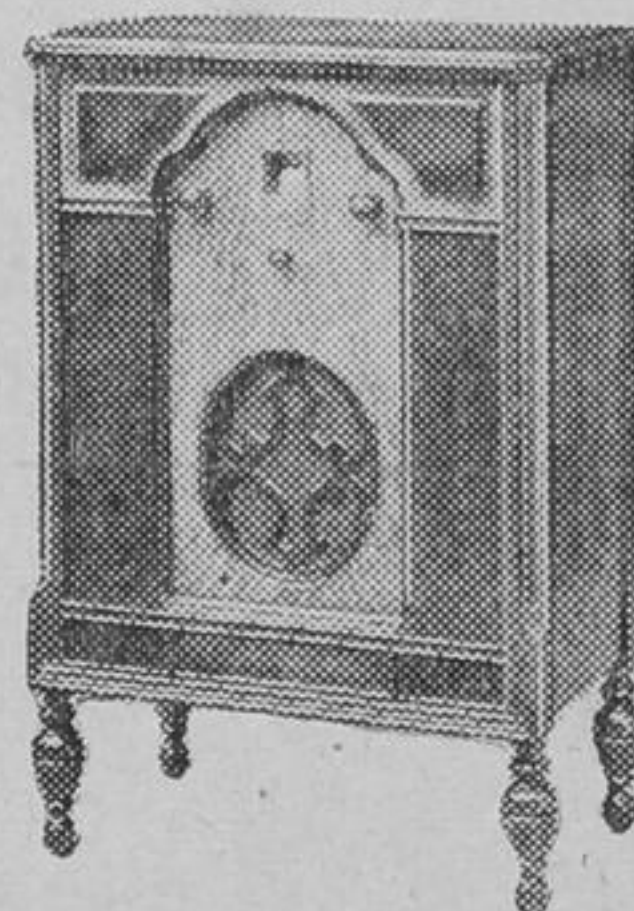
And now, Mr. Editor, we, your readers, are very hopeful that the York County Council will have something convincing to impart to us in the very early part of the New Year. There is a rumour that the C. N. R. want to run the radial. Another possibility is that York County take it over. Whoever operates the line should introduce a quicker service locally, and a reduced fare generally.

The compliments of the season to you Mr. Editor, and thank you.

Your truly,  
A. ROLFE.

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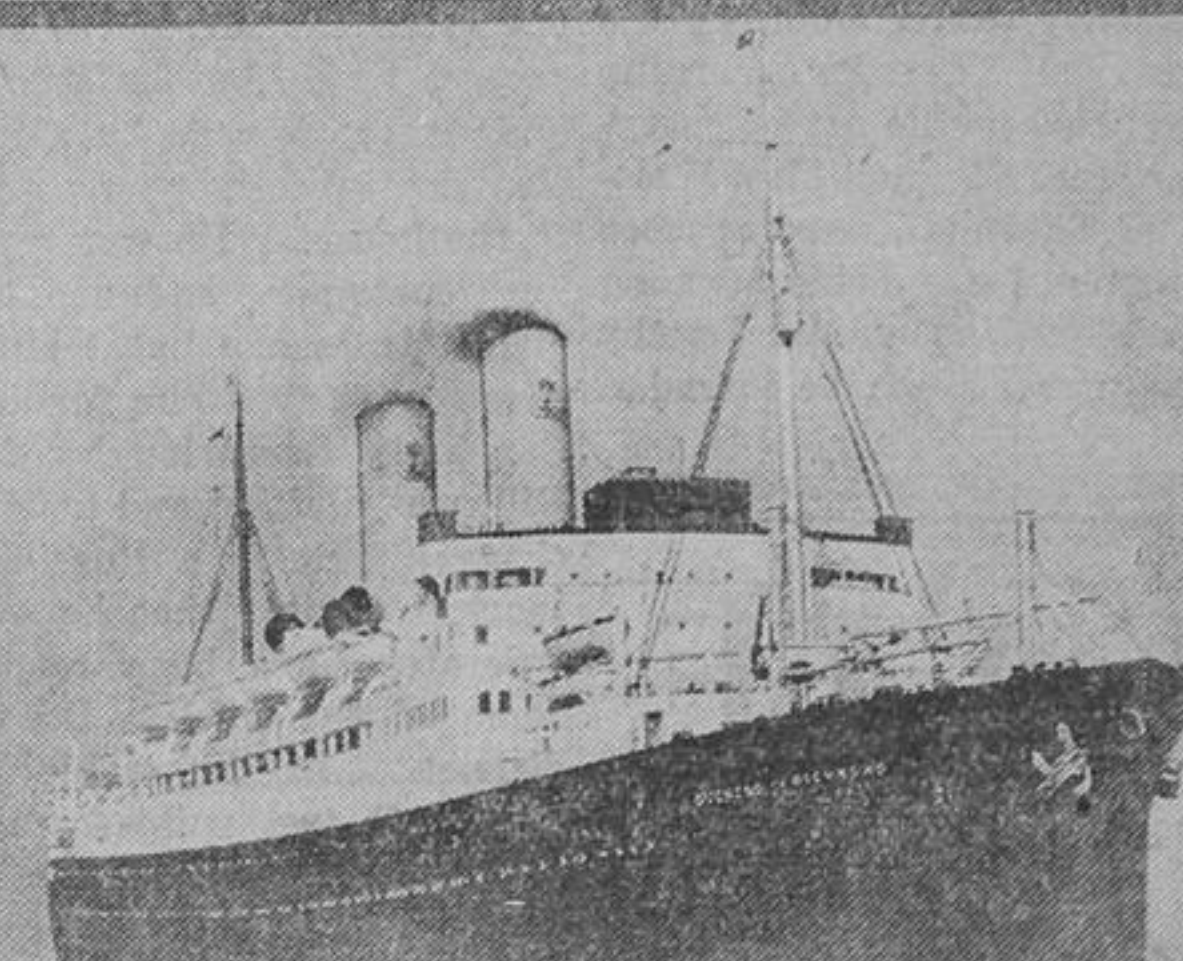
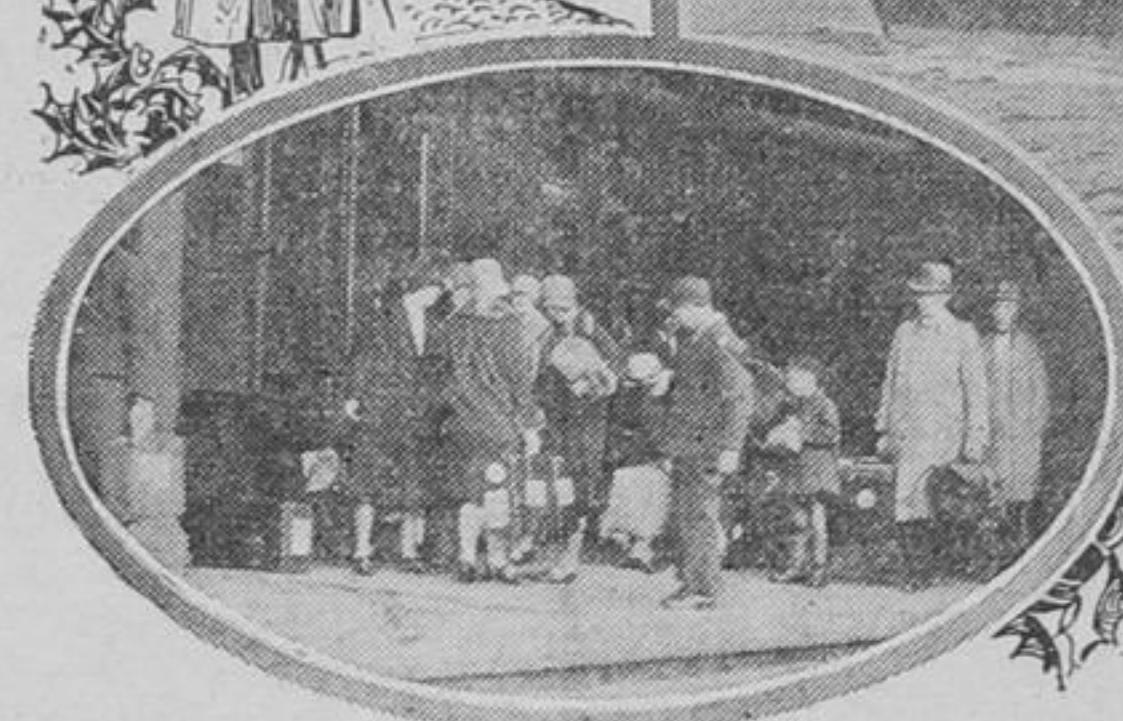
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**Home for Christmas**

Mulled ale, roasted chestnuts, real English plum pudding, Tom Smith's crackers, the 'waits', the piping treble of young carol singers, the joyous Christmas peel of the 'Bells of St. Martins', poulterer's shops with their rows of be-ribboned turkeys, the home-y foggy atmosphere of England on a slightly frosty Christmas morning—and the myriad other recollections of Dickens' conception of Christmas at home are the beacons that guide many Britishers homeward in late November and early December.

From prairie farmstead, British Columbia fruit farm, the peach orchards of the Niagara Peninsula, the apple districts of Northumberland and Durham, and from the lovely country of Evangeline a steady

stream heads towards Saint John, N.B. whence the Christmas ships sail.

This year five Canadian Pacific ships have been detailed for the Christmas movement—"Minnedosa" November 26, "Duchess of Atholl" Dec. 6, "Montcalm" Dec. 12, "Duchess of Richmond" Dec. 14, and "Duchess of York" Dec. 18th. The last four sail from Saint John, but the "Minnedosa" as usual, closes the Montreal season.

A large number of Canadians from the British Isles and European countries are planning on travelling to their former homes for Christmas, and already the Canadian Pacific is arranging special train services from inland points to the Christmas ships.

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