

Social and Personal

Miss Annie Gibson, formerly of Richmond Hill, is making slow progress towards recovery in the Sanitarium at Muskoka, since her recent illness. Her many friends here hope she will soon be quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stephens and family leave to-day for Florida.

A clipping from the Chicago Tribune just to hand gives an account of the annual exhibition of the All-Illinois Society of the Fine Arts at which a painting by Carol Innes Proctor was among those chosen to be hung at the exhibition. The painting was in water-color and was entitled "Dolls in the Play Room." Carol Innes Proctor is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Innes formerly of Richmond Hill and her many friends here congratulate her on the honor she attained.

Christmas in the district was featured by the usual family reunions and celebrations. Mr. J. H. Dunlop and Mr. J. H. Sanderson gave evidence of the Christmas spirit by the placing of gaily decorated and brightly illuminated Christmas trees on their lawns.

Misses F. and E. Page spent Christmas day with their nephew in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill visited friends in Toronto on the holiday.

Mr. G. Moodie left Monday for St. Mary's where he will spend Christmas with friends there.

We are glad to report Mr. Cecil Tuck is making good progress toward recovery now, after being ill for about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Duncan and family, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Clara Mackie, nurse in New York, is holidaying at her home here.

Mr. A. Dickie, of the staff of the Bank of Commerce here is enjoying a week's holidays with his uncle in Woodstock.

Mr. Harold Smith, of Kitchener was home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wetherall spent the holiday with relatives in Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Battersby, of Peterboro, are spending a few holidays with relatives in the village.

Mr. Donald Tennyson, of Toronto, spent the holiday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Wright enjoyed Christmas day with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Plumridge, of Toronto, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Paris.

Rev. and Mrs. Wellwood and Mrs. Millen, spent the holiday with Mr. Wellwood's son Rev. Harold Wellwood, 253 Beach Ave., Toronto.

Rev. J. J. Coulter, of Danforth Ave. United Church, paid a brief visit to his brother, Rev. G. E. Coulter on Christmas Eve.

Rev. A. M. Partridge and family and Mrs. John Bower, of Queensville, were guests at the Parsonage on Christmas Day.

Mr. John Hart, of the Bell Telephone Co., is spending a few days with his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson, are spending this week visiting friends in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burr spent Christmas with Mrs. Burr's sister Mrs. Steeper, at Mount Forest.

Mrs. Alice Sanderson enjoyed Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Capell spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Freer in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, Maple.

Mrs. Dellinger and son George, of Arthur spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mylks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerswill, formerly of King, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home, Church Street, Richmond Hill, on December twenty-fourth. Their two children and six grand children were present and beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to them by the grand children, after which a dainty lunch was served. The Liberal joins with their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Beresford and baby Jean, and Mr. Jack McCrory spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Beresford, Arnold Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt and Jean are spending a few days in Parkhill.

Mr. E. Frisby, of New Liskeard visited this week with his brother Mr. William Frisby, Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride, of Toronto, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Austin.

Mrs. McGee, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas holiday with her sister Mrs. James Armstrong.

Mrs. Ludford, of Toronto, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Allison, Yonge Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hickson visited on Christmas in New Toronto, at the home of Mrs. Hickson's daughter Mrs. Hislop.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Dr. Bell in the death of her mother, Mrs. Brodie, of Aurora, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clement left on Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives in Clarkson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Chaffey, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. Chaffey's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Atkinson.

IN MEMORIAM

MCDONALD—In loving memory of Mina, wife of Norman McDonald, Thornhill, who went to sleep with Jesus, December 28th, 1928.

She bade no one a last farewell,
She said good-bye to none;
The heavenly gates were opened wide,
A loving voice said come,
Folks may think I have forgotten,
When they oft may see me smile,
But they little know the sorrow,
That the smile hides all the while.

Sadly missed by
—Husband and Children

BIRTHS

INGS—At the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Sunday, December 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ings, (nee Aileen Atkinson) a daughter, Joan Evans.

ASH—On December 18th at Lake Wilcox, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ash, a son (Kenneth).

Mounting County Expenditure Warrants Close Attention of the Ratepayers To County Affairs

Municipal nominations will be held throughout York County next Monday and ratepayers will no doubt hear a complete account of the year's activities from municipal legislators. In the discussion of matters municipal it would appear that County affairs should occupy considerable attention. To even the casual observer of municipal politics it is apparent that the obligations, undertakings, responsibilities, and finances of the County have reached a stage of large proportions. Ratepayers of the municipalities included in this great County which boasts the third largest legislative body in Canada have perhaps been prone to take County affairs too much for granted. Have County Councillors too long regarded it as good business to ask and support anything and everything as long as the County paid? Have the ratepayers too long placed merit marks to the credit of municipal representatives who succeeded in getting "plenty out of the County? Sooner or later the 'chickens must come home to roost' and no matter through what body the business is done, nothing is surer than that, "the people must pay."

It struck us rather forcibly that a Citizens' League in one of the southern townships should advertise this week in support of annexation to the City of Toronto that one of the advantages would be "No County rate to pay." County taxation has generally been regarded as attractive in comparison with city taxation rather than unattractive.

The County rate has steadily increased in recent years from 6 mills in 1923 to 9 mills in 1929. During that period the equalized assessment has increased from \$73,826,822. to \$102,026,387. The total levy has increased from \$442,960.93 to \$918,239.28.

The amount charged by the County for the cost of Municipal Government has increased from \$2,551.90 in 1900 to an estimated expenditure in 1929 of over \$20,500.

The cost of Mothers' Allowance to the County for the year 1929 is estimated at \$54,000, as compared with \$15,533.50 in 1921, and the 1929 estimate is likely to be exceeded. The net charge to the County for schools advanced from \$7,437.60 in 1900 to \$241,510.75 in 1928 and is estimated at \$300,000 for 1929. Debentures for various municipalities guaranteed by the County of York re the erection and equipment of High schools total \$1,927,500. The town of Mimico, the township of York and the township of East York are responsible for \$1,444,500. of this amount.

The County debenture debt shows a net total of \$793,361.59 beside \$35,000 re Industrial Home Building and \$45,000. re County's share of Bathurst Street bridge both authorized in 1929 but not issued. Debentures issued in 1929 included \$194,000. for provincial road construction and \$50,000. for Mimico and New Toronto street widening.

The following items are among those which show increases over 1928 to the extent of \$107,700 and the total increase is made up as follows, Schools \$57,500., Debentures \$19,200., Criminal Justice \$10,000., Municipal Relief \$10,000., Roads (Toronto and York) \$11,000.

The expenditure for Municipal Relief, one half of which is charged back directly to the municipalities, increased from \$42,263.34 in 1926 to \$94,713.34 in 1928. The estimate for 1929 was \$100,000. and the expenditure will probably be in excess of this estimate.

The County's share of construction expenditure on provincial roads, which is twenty per cent of the total, for the period 1920 to 1928 amounted to \$795,474.46. Of this amount \$143,474.46 has been paid and the balance of \$652,000 was placed on debentures. The County's share of maintenance expenditure on provincial roads has been \$56,128.01 which has been paid.

The construction and maintenance expenditure of the Toronto and York Roads Commission for the years 1911 to 1928 amounted to \$7,871,581.43. The provincial government paid \$3,477,512.13, the City of Toronto \$2,069,849.59 leaving \$2,324,219.71 to the County which was provided by special levies and sundry receipts from the various municipalities. The total levy for the Commission increased from \$158,000. in 1919 to \$247,500. in 1929.

From the foregoing figures the average taxpayer can glean that this County of York deals in figures of large proportion. The comparisons which have been made show clearly the trend which as far as the tax rate is concerned is expressed in the small word "up." If space permitted comparisons would show that the increases have been decidedly marked in recent years. All present indications point to still further increase in 1930.

The administration of the affairs of such a County as we are proud to

boast demands the best administrative and legislative ability of our municipal representatives. The best guarantee of good government has proven to be the interest of the people. That the best administration of County affairs may be attained a keen interest on the part of all the ratepayers of every municipality is essential. The annual nomination meeting provides the logical and best medium for discussion of Municipal matters and at the meetings next Monday we hope that County affairs will be given the prominence which the rising expenditure and increasing responsibilities of this body justifies.

Ever a casual survey of the foregoing should be efficient to impress on the electors the necessity of care and discretion in choosing municipal representatives. To occupy a seat in the County Council and measure up to the responsibilities is no sinecure of a task. The qualification of "a good fellow" is not sufficient to warrant election to the "directorship" of such a business as represented by the municipal affairs of York County.

OBITUARY

LATE WALTER E. WILEY

Walter E. Wiley a former well known and highly regarded citizen, of Richmond Hill, passed away at the home of his son Howard, 224 Manor Road, East, Toronto on Thursday, December 19th. The late Mr. Wiley was born in Vaughan Township on August 6th, 1864 and when quite young moved with his parents to Richmond Hill. Early in life he entered the printing trade and was on the staff of The Liberal at its inception some fifty-two years ago and remained here for nearly thirty years. About twenty years ago he moved to Newmarket and for a time was editor and publisher of the Express-Herald. During the years spent in Richmond Hill, Walter Wiley was active in many spheres of the community life. He was well known in sporting circles having been a member of the famous Young Canadians, lacrosse champions of the province of Ontario in 1884. He was also a member of the town band and was very popular with a wide circle of friends throughout this district who sincerely mourn his death.

He was twice married, his first wife being Ada Soules, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Soules, who predeceased him about thirty-three years ago, leaving five children, four of whom survive. They are Mrs. Clarence Robson, Toronto; Charles G. of New York, Ellis of Wainwright, Alta. and Howard of Toronto. He also leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. M. J. Berry, Mrs. Helena McMahon, both of Toronto, and Charles P., of Richmond Hill. His second wife was Mrs. Annie Soules, who predeceased him six years ago. A stepson Gordon Soules, of Toronto, also survives.

The funeral was held on Saturday last and was conducted by Rev. Clugston, of Toronto. Interment took place at Richmond Hill cemetery and a large number of Richmond Hill and Newmarket people met the cortege at the cemetery to pay their last respects to one who was so well respected by all and who in life claimed the friendship of so many in this district. The pallbearers were Clarence Robinson, Douglas Derry, J. H. Wiley, H. E. Wiley, E. Mason, and M. Travis, all of Toronto. To the bereaved family The Liberal extends sincere sympathy.

SCHOOL REPORT

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Room VII

Class A., (high grade)—Don Fitch, Joyce Brandon, Jim Butler, Harry Pope, Mary Froud, Ruth Brown, Marion Barker, Lionel Hastings, Alice Donald, Erle Cook, Mary Cowie, Lloyd Robb, George Monkman, Margaret Hunt, Amy Kozak, Bobbie Edmunds, Ruth Tyndall, Doris Woods, Robert Abbey, Ruth Richardson, Lorraine Woods, Arthur Abbey, June Colmer, Henry Richardson, Anna Robb, Kenneth Woods, Roy McLeod. Absent—Peggy Endean, Margaret Daniel, Ivy Belgrade, Jim Bales.

Class B.—Sidney Lepard, Douglas Manley, Florence Espey, Lily Wilson, Brock Cooper, Teddy Evelyn, Fred Allen, Clarence Espey, Archie Kerr, Gladys Chedzey, John Allen, Clarence Wade, Donald McMillen.

R. A. WEBB, teacher

NEW YEAR DANCE

AT MAPLE

A dance will be held in the Community Hall, Maple, on New Year's night, Wednesday, January 1st. Henderson's Five Piece Orchestra, "Dick" Harrison floor manager. Luncheon provided. Admission \$1.00 per couple. Under the management of the Community Hall Executive.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Suggests That Women Be Placed on Richmond Hill School Board.

To the Editor of The Liberal,

Dear Sir:—
At one time, not too long ago, a woman had the honour of being elected to serve on the school board of our village. But when her term of office expired or rather, circumstances made it necessary for her to leave the town, the vacancy was filled by appointing a man to act in her place.

It has been a wonder to some of the friends and patrons of our schools, why another woman was not appointed or elected as the case might be. Last year there proved to be two appointments by local and county councils, and though names of women were suggested to the council they, as a body, did not deem it wise or otherwise to name any suggested persons to act on the school board.

This is not a letter to complain of work done by the present board, no doubt they are doing very efficient work, however it only seems a fair

thing to have one or two women on the board—certainly there must be school questions come up for consideration where women have a right to be heard.

What attitude will the new members of council take toward this question? It is hoped the subject will not be evaded at the nomination meeting; also that women who are interested enough in town affairs to vote for council, will make it definitely understood how they stand on this question.

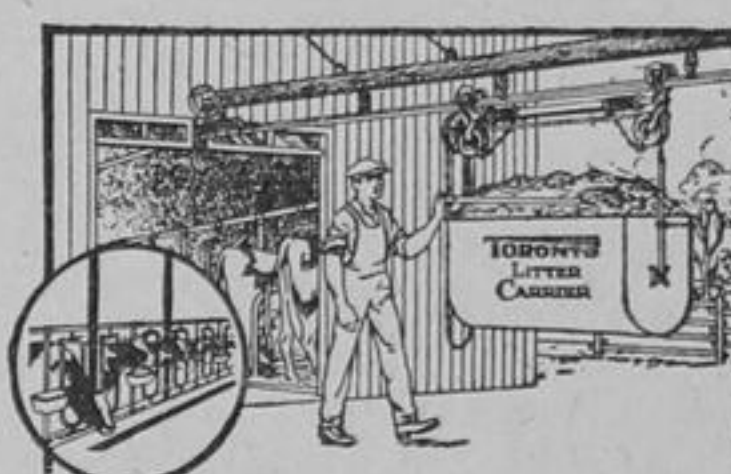
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Holiness Meeting 11 a. m.

Salvation Meeting 7 p. m.

Richmond Hill BEAUTY PARLOR

MISS VIOLET HAYNES

Announces that she has taken over the Hairdressing Parlor at Davies' Dry Goods Store, formerly operated by Miss Shackleton and solicits the patronage of the ladies of the district.

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