

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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Until further notice, Mails will be closed at the above Office as follows:—

MORNING.

Going North, South, East, and West, at..... 7.40

EVENING.

Going South, East, and West, at..... 5.30

Mail for the North, via Railway, leaves once a day, in the morning, as above stated.

ARRIVALS.

Morning Mail from South, West and East, by Railway, arrives at 10.30

Evening Mail from Toronto by Yonge-street Stage, arrives at 7.00

Night Mail from North, by Railway, arrives at..... 7.45

OFFICE HOURS— 7 a. m. to 7.30 p. m.

M. TEEFY, Postmaster.

Richmond Hill, Dec. 6th, 1886.

TRAIN TIME.

Table with columns for stations (Toronto, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, King, Aurora, Newmarket, Holland Landing) and times for GOING NORTH and GOING SOUTH.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mails—Miss F. McE. Coulter. Sheep Dip—Robt's Marsh.



The York Herald.

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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THIS PAPER may be found on file at Geo. P. Rowell & Co's Newspaper Advertising Bureau

100 Spruce St., where advertising contracts may be made for in NEW YORK.

The Public Schools of Ontario.

We lately reviewed a lecture by Sir Wm. Dawson on educational matters in the Province of Quebec; and we have now to notice a pamphlet on Religious Instruction in the Schools of Ontario by a writer who assumes the nom de plume of R. I. S. O.

The fault we find with our pamphlet is that in his proposed reform he is not half radical enough. We have a notion or two about public school system, and those notions may be behind the age, or they may be half a century or so in advance.

In the first division the writer notices the deplorable ignorance which prevails concerning the School Law, especially as regards Separate Schools, except amongst teachers and others directly interested.

In the second section we have an historical sketch of religious instruction in the Public Schools of Ontario; and from this we learn that the Bible was regularly used as a class-book, and certain Christian Catechisms were taught in the schools up to the introduction of our present system in 1850.

A FEW Pocket Diaries for sale at the HERALD Store.

ered the days of their non-sectarian system of education. The writer next refers to the agitation made by the Presbyterians, Methodists, and Church of England people some fifteen years ago in favor of religious instruction, the altogether inadequate and unsatisfactory result of which was that the schools should be opened and closed with prayers, that a passage should be read each day from the now notorious Book of Selections, and that the Ten Commandments should be repeated if the trustees made such a requirement.

In the third division the author makes some sensational revelations as to the way in which the Book of Selections was originated by a Methodist lawyer, emancipated by a Roman C. Archbishop, and foisted on the people by a Presbyterian Minister of Education.

In the fourth section the writer refers to the duty of the state in the matter under consideration, which duty he indicates by giving reasons for believing that the large majority of the people regard the Bible as the best book which can be had for purposes of religious instruction.

In section five the School Law, especially in its reference to separate schools, is considered, and it is frankly acknowledged that many improvements have recently been made; but it is also shown "how adroitly, and systematically, and noiselessly everything had been done towards making the Roman C. Separate Schools more efficient."

In the last division of this little pamphlet the writer asks for "a simple, intelligible law, free from onerous and useless detail," he desires "no change in the statute," but he does desire "that the general regulations be framed in the spirit of the statute, and shall be such as will secure for our children systematic instruction in Scripture truth and Christian morality."

The annual meeting of the West Riding of York Liberal Conservative Association was held in Walker's Hall on Monday the 23rd inst., and was a good representative meeting, there being representatives from every municipality in the riding.

The following officers were elected for the present year:—President, W. J. Smithson; Secretary, W. J. Bull, Downview; Treasurer, A. J. Griffiths; Vice-Presidents—Parkdale, R. Carey; Brockton, Jas. Armstrong; Woodbridge, D. McKenzie; Weston, Wm. Tyrrell; Richmond Hill, J. W. Elliott; East Vaughan, D. Kinzie; West Vaughan, R. H. Wingham; North Etobicoke, Geo. Lyons; South Etobicoke, A. Jackson; York, No. 1 Div., Frank Turner; York, No. 2 Div., Robt Clarke; York, No. 3 Div., J. R. Hall; York, No. 4 Div., John Goulding; West Toronto Junction, D. W. Clendenan; Toronto, Wm. Cook, A. St. John.

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County Chippings.

Mr. Thos. Jackson, warden of Christ Church, Scarborough, has been presented by the members with a fur coat. The stable of Mr. Doyle, Kettleby, was broken open recently and a set of harness stolen therefrom. Two youths, sons of Mr. Bailly, Newark, have met with accidents lately while coasting on the street.

THE musical vespers held on Sunday night last in the R. C. Church, Thornhill, were a decided success. A FINE lot of Melton Dress Goods from 7 cents per yard up, at Crosby's.

MANTLES, Mantles, Mantles at Atkinson's, Concrete House, will be sold off very cheap. Children's Will Mantles from \$1.25 up with 20 per cent, discount off.

VIGILANCE.—York Township Vigilance Committee held a meeting on the 11th inst., and appointed the following officers:—President, John Hyslop, Yorkville; Vice-President, Andrew Armour, Lansing; Secretary, David G. Holmes, Willowdale; Treasurer, Alexander Gibb, Yorkville.

HEAVY all wool Canadian Tweeds at the low price of 35 cents per yd., splendid value, at the Fire Proof. SPECIAL SERMONS.—On Sunday last anniversary sermons in connection with the Sunday School were preached in the Methodist church; in the morning by Rev. Mr. Davey, of Newton Brook, and in the evening by Rev. Mr. Percival, of the Presbyterian Church in this place.

ATKINSON, the Direct Importer, will give to all cash purchasers of Winter Dry Goods a straight discount of 10 per cent, and to all cash purchasers of Furs a straight discount of 20 per cent. See new advertisement.

OBITUARY.—Died, in Richmond Hill, of chronic inertia, on or about 15th Nov'r, the Literary Society in connection with the Mechanics' Institute. Deceased had a short but brilliant career, and its early death is mourned by a large circle of friends.

A LARGE assortment of Teas from 15 to 70 cents per lb at the Fire Proof. RACES.—Aurora sports were said to have intended having a winter meeting on the Bond Lake track this season.

LADIES and Gentlemen give Wm Atkinson a call and see his fur caps at \$1.38 with 20 per cent. discount off, also those at \$2.00 with the 20 per cent. discount off, or \$1.60 net, and those at \$2.65 with discount off or \$2.10 net, and so on up to our best caps, all with the discount.

LECTURE.—Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was announced to lecture in the Presbyterian church last evening, failed to appear. In lieu of the lecture, Rev. Mr. Percival kindly favored the audience with a description of British Columbia, Vancouver, and the people that dwell therein.

Remarkable Restoration. Mathew Sullivan, of Westover, Ont., was ill with dyspepsia for four years. Finding doctors did little good he tried Burdock Blood Bitters; six bottles cured him, and he gained in weight to 178 pounds.

Circuit Convention.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18th, a circuit convention was held in the Methodist Church, Richmond Hill. The attendance was large, and a deep interest was taken in the subjects under discussion.

Resolved.—That this convention, recognizing the importance of the class-meeting as a stimulus in christian life, and as a help in acknowledging Christ before the world, and having deliberated upon the best method of conducting the same, recommends all leaders and persons in that capacity to carry themselves without reproach before the world.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the East York Agricultural Society was held in the town hall, Markham Village, on Wednesday last. The Secretary read the annual report and after reading adopted the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, John Miller; Vice-Presidents, Thomas Graham and William Milliken; Directors, Alfred Mason, Jno. Little, S. Rennie, R. Sellers, W. H. Hall, H. Megill, Wm. McDonald, Adam Hood, and Philip Button; Auditors, A. McLean and F. A. Resor.

LADIES, call at Atkinson's and see the Dress goods he is offering at 7, 10 and 12 1/2 cents with 10 per cent. discount off, and you will not fail to get a Dress.

ANNIVERSARY.—There was a fair attendance at the anniversary tea and entertainment, held in the Methodist church on Monday evening, and the whole affair was conducted in a manner that secured the comfort and enjoyment of all present.

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