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# THE 24TH IN RICHMOND HILL.

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SUCCESS ON EVERY HAND.

More than any other day of the year, Lichmond Hill counts on a big day on the Queen's birthday, and, when favored with fine weather is never disappointed. This year was no exception. The day broke bright and beautiful not a cloud dimming the horizon during the day. King Sol, to an unusual extremt exercised his sovereign power, and his scorching rays added many a half dime to the till of the lemonade venders and tent keepers, which were to be found at every corner of the streets and show grounds. At a very early hour people began to flock into the village and by eight or nine o'clock the village presented quite a lively scene. The crowd continued to increase until the middle of the afternoon when every part of the village was a perfect The crowd was estimated at several thousand. There was plenty going on in the village to attract their attention and seldom in a village of its size, is so much crowded into one day and yet all were successful. The first thing of the day to attract the attention of the public was the Presbyterian .

CHURCH OPENING. which was to commence at ten o'clock. The new church now approaching completion is structed in front of the old one and is a beautiful structure, which does redit not onic to the enterprise of the Presbyterian congregation here, but to the entire village. Over the gateway leading to the cliurch was creeted a beautiful arch of evergreens suspended from the centre of which was a crown of ever-greens. A full description of the church will appear in our next issue. Shortly after 10 o'clock, at which time the church was crowded entered. Revs. D. J. McDonwas crowded entered the S. D. S. P. to the end and led the congregation in prayer Rev. D. J. McDonnell read 1st Corinthians III chap, and announced 96t for which there had been a special prize Psalm, after which he announced as his text, John X, latter clause of the 10th verse It would be unwise for us to follow the speaker through the discourse, as it would be impossible for us to do him justice; suffice it to say that it was a masterly, cloquent and impressive exposition of the passage. After the sermon an appeal was made for assistance to liquidate the debt still remaining on the On the road or left at some private there still remained a debt of \$2.500. house, some months ago, an unregiseered The appeal was heartily responded to. collection of about \$160 was t ken. The dersigned. Any person returning the ladies then served dinner in the basement of the church which was liberally patron ized; as was also the tea.

A PLATFORM MEETING Was held in the auditorium of the church in the evening, and excellent addresses were delivered were delivered by Revs. D.J. McDonuell, P. McLeod and J. Smith all of Toronto, which were listened to by a large and appreciative audience The next point of interest to the public was the annual

· LADIES AID DINNER. held in the lecture room of the Metodist Gharch. This was largely patronized and the ladies feel satisfied that it is a profitable enterprise. Lunch was served at all hours and tea in the evening. The

f one on the distribution of the Methodist Church was, like the other undertakings of the day, a brilliant success. The progranta was well sustained and the solecttons of a superior quality, almost every rendering being encored by the large and interested audience which filled the church. Miss Hettie MacCallum, whoes face is not unfamilar to a Richmond Hill andience, with her highly cultivated, and magnificient range of voice, drew forth repeated bursts of applause from the audience, as did also Miss Scott and Miss farris. We are sure that none feel dissapointed who took our prediction that it would be one of the best musical pro-Hill Audience. The next place of inter-Robes, Coffins, Caskets. &c., constant est was the Ladies' Aid

WRIGHT & SON, of the church. Here were displayed for the long drought.

sale a large number of fancy and useful articles many of which were disposed of. This department was also a success, though some of their articles yet remain to be sold The last and principal attraction of the day was the

ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the Richmond Hill and Yonge Street Agricultural Society, held on the fair ground on Arnold Street. The number of visitors was quite as large if not larger than usual. The show was, in its-self a grand success. Our space will only permit us to make reference to a few of its SPECIAL FFATURES,

but the entire prize list may be expected next week. Some very fine horses were shewn, and keen competition in some of the classes, was evident. As usual Mr. Palmer was to the fore with his new single driver who, though only young bids fair to make a first class trotter. The exhibition of stock was first-class, noticeable among which was Mr. Russeles herd of cattle, which were among the best we have ever seen; and Mr. R. Marsh's sheep which are noted through the province for their excellence. fu Carriages there was extensive and keen competition, the principal exhibitors being A. Wright and Son, W. Trench R. Wilson and Jos. McDonald. Perhaps the largest display in any one line was in machinery, such as agricultural implements &c. It was singly astemshing the number of firms that were represented there. The following are a few of them: Patterson and Bro, Patterson; A. and W. Wilson, Richmond Hall; Fleurys and Wilkisons works, Autora; A. Fleury Markham; J. Abell, Woodbridge; Toronto Reaper and Mower Co., Toronto; Massey Manufacturing Co., Toronto; Haggert & Co, Brampton; A. Hairis and Son, Brantford, and tothers. One line for which there was no provisions made in the classification of the vaias articles, and was consequently classed out, we noticed on exhibition. It was ice waggons, of which there were two on exhibition, one manufactured by Joseph McDonald of Newton Brook, for Mr. Burns of Toronzo, and the other by Mr. Wm. Trench, for the Grenadier Ice Company of Toronto. They were both used specimen of Workmanship and should at least be recommended by the Judges, they were both well worthy of a notice.

The fine arts department was held in the skating rink which washes a very

the skating rink, which made a very good hall for the purpose. The display was not very large in some of the classes, and yet some fine specimens of fancy w wk, pencil drawing de, were to be seen. A noticeable feature in this department was for which there had been a special priz offered. There was quite an extensive display in fowls, in which Messrs W. and A. Wright took the lead. There were vari us other features worthy of mention, but space will not permit. Suffice is to say that it was one of the most successful exhibitions held in Richmond Hill, being over two hundred entries in excess of last year and the receipts over \$100 above any previous show.

## Communications.

## WESTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) A public meeting of the inhabitants of this village was held on Friday last, the 13th inst. Mr. R. Wausworh, Esq. in the chair, to discuss the advirability of incorporation. Vim. Tyrrell, Esq., addressed, the meeting showing clearly the financial aspect of the change, the Township at present being the gainer by several kundred dollars. Notwithstanding an active and determined opposition, the prospect of the project being carried pout are very favorable. A committee was appointed to define the boundaries of the village and report to at adjourned meeting to be held on Monday the 23rd.

Yesterday, (Monday) a portion of the operatives at the woolen mills, struck work on account of wages. The girls, upwards of thirty, being the first to leave which they did in a hody, and marched through the village. Afterwayds a number of the men and boys turned out who were promptly paid and discharged by the proprietor, Mr. Wilby.

This morning, (Taesday) Mr. Wilby acceded to the demands of the girls and

The long wished for rame has come at which was held in the new building north and spring have suffered severely from