

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Horses for Sale—W. J. Morton.
Notice—Jacob Baker.
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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Sept. 25, '84

RICHMOND HILL.

We trust we will not be considered in the light of a braggart or be accused of assuming too much importance, when we say that Richmond Hill, in many respects, and for various reasons, is one of the handsomest villages in our fair province. Situated, as it is, on a rising piece of ground, sloping gradually in all directions, with its elegant buildings erected in the most modern styles, and surrounded on all sides by a rich soil which cannot be beaten for agricultural purposes, is it at all to be wondered at, that strangers passing through, and people visiting us, should pronounce it one of the most favored spots on earth. To persons of limited means, who are desirous of securing for their children a good education, Richmond Hill furnishes the best of advantages in its High and Public Schools, the former being under the management of three and the latter under four efficient teachers. In regard to its churches, three are handsome structures, and one especially, cannot be equalled by any north of the city of Toronto. Not the less can we say of their Sabbath Schools, which are under the supervision of earnest superintendents, who are doing a noble work; and it is a noticeable fact that its moral tone compares more than favorably with the surrounding villages.

Taking into consideration its high location, its good drainage, and its abundant supply of water, it is needless to say that, as a rule, it is free from epidemics. Its fire protection is such, that insurance companies are enabled to accept lower rates from their policy-holders than in many other places. It is true, its situation is not immediately on a line of railway, but it possesses the advantage of two first-class stage lines, one of which connects with the Northern Railway, meeting all trains, and the other runs daily direct to Toronto.

But with all its advantages spoken of above, and numerous others that might be mentioned, our village is not making strides as rapidly as might be desired. To say that the village has not greatly improved in appearance, and that real estate has not increased in value during the last few years, would be altogether untrue, but the improvements, to a great extent, have been confined to business places and houses occupied by their real owners. We think a little more enterprise might be shown in another direction, which would be a source of profit to those who embarked in it, and a boon to our village generally. We refer to the building of commodious houses, either to rent or to sell. This want has long been felt, and we wonder some of our business men who have means, do not take the matter under consideration. As a place of residence for aged people, and those wishing to retire from the fatigues of business, and spend the remainder of their days in a quiet way, a more suitable place could not be found. Frequently do we hear such people making inquiries for a comfortable residence, but to no effect, and it is no uncommon thing for mechanics to give up their situations, not being able to obtain fitting accommodations for their wives and families.

There are good sites on some of the main streets where nice dwellings could be built, and we have no doubt that houses which would rent for seven, eight, or nine dollars per month would pay good interest for the money invested. This is a matter worthy of consideration, and we earnestly hope for the good of the village, and for those who wish to make their homes among us, our suggestion will be acted upon.

THE MOWAT DEMONSTRATION

In all communities of men, it has ever been a custom to publicly testify their approbation of any extraordinary services rendered to the state by one of their number. It may be generally accepted that the custom is good, in so far as it serves as an incitement both to legitimate personal ambition and to arduous labor for the common weal. At times, it is true, the expression of approval is marred, and becomes

dangerous to political honesty and morality, from the choice of means made to manifest it. Thus, in spite of exceptions, more apparent than real, no man should be encouraged by a gift of house, land or money. If the cares of office be great, so also are its honors and emoluments. Far too much rubbish has been talked on the sacrifices made by those who enter the public arena. Men are not forced to compete in the loud-roaring lists of life. The course, indeed, may be dusty even to suffocation, but they are, in the very outset, as fully cognizant of the disagreeable as of the pleasant. If, then, the plaudits of the people, and the excitement of the race, with all the attendant glory and reward, be no sufficient compensation, consolation and satisfaction must be sought for in the pure, disinterested commendation of Duty, 'stern daughter of the voice of God.' And, after all, hers is the only praise worth striving for, although we seldom think so, until the great ocean of Eternity begins to boom on our ears.

In the manner selected to recognize the masterly ability, and the indefatigable zeal and industry, displayed by the Hon. Oliver Mowat in the now celebrated Boundary Award dispute, crowned, as they were, by victory, a public demonstration, provincial in its comprehensiveness, was unexceptionable in itself, and the very best that could have been adopted. Its success was in proportion to the merits of its subject. And, indeed, it stands unique in its kind, from its numerical strength, from its enthusiasm, from the purity of its purpose, and from the completeness with which it represented the province specially concerned—Ontario. At the sight of that splendid, far-reaching procession, the voice, which has so long been vomiting forth the vilest garbage and ribaldry, received a check so violent that already it has begun to whine out apologies. Time-servers, too, and political tricksters were made to stingingly feel that Country is to be preferred to Party, and common honesty to a blind and even idiotic devotion to a leader.

We congratulate the Hon. Oliver Mowat on the unprecedented testimony which he has received of Ontario's appreciation of his services in fighting a battle which but for the sinister, scheming of the Ottawa Government would never have taken place. We congratulate our Province that the exigencies of mad partisanship have not yet rotted out all probity and all patriotism. And if the spirit in which this struggle has been carried on, if the spirit in which our triumph has been acknowledged, be an earnest of future political life in Canada, we foresee the speedy approach of the day when a blow struck at our country's honor will be ruin to the striker, and an attempt to rob it of its rights will be regarded as the act of a scoundrel and a traitor.

Jacob H. Bloomer, of Virgil, N. Y. writes: 'Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil cured a badly swelled neck and sore throat on my son in forty-eight hours, one application also removed the pain from a sore toe; my wife's foot was also much inflamed—so much so that she could not walk about the house; she applied the Oil, and in twenty-four hours was entirely cured.'

VELLORE.

From our own Correspondent.

How is it you have not heard from the Vellore correspondent for some time. Do you think it was because he was fired at through the columns of the Herald? No that could not be, as he did not receive the slightest injury. Harvesting may be said to be over in this neighborhood, and the farmers are busy seeding again. The old settled farmers say they never know harvesting to be much later than it is this year in this locality; in general it is pretty early.

Mr. Alexander McNaughton, who resides a little to the south of this village has leased a part of his farm. As he intends living on the farm, himself, he is busy preparing to build a house for his tenant, and as B. Harvey is to do the work it is expected to be completed in a short time.

Those of our villagers who were up in time on Saturday morning might have seen a little man going northward with a tool basket on his back. He had not gone far north when he turned to the west and began erecting a new gate. We are glad to see improvements being made.

Building side-walks is the chief topic of conversation around here. Do not lay them lengthways as they are not suitable for baby carriages.

Mr. Henry Franks has an exhibition at the P. O. a potato weighing one pound and a half. Where is Maple now? If Dr. Orr wishes to compete with us he will have to change his gardener.

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