

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Annual Meeting—J. Lahmer.
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Change—W. Atkinson.
Change—P. G. Savage.

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Dec. 17, '85

THE COUNCIL FOR 1886.

The local papers of this village can scarcely be charged with partisanship in advocating the claims of anyone to a municipal office. Indeed, for several years, we do not remember one instance in which either the *York Herald* or *THE LIBERAL* has endeavored to boom an individual. From a leader in last week's number, however, we gather that, in the opinion of our contemporary, the position of Reeve is admirably filled. We heartily endorse this view, and we would go further. We think that the whole of the present council should be re-elected. Its members have shown no little foresight and economy in the management of Richmond Hill's affairs. They have been at once careful and prudent. But there is another, and greater reason why they should all be again returned. They are strong railroad men. Let there be no misapprehension. When we say 'strong,' we do not mean strong in a determination to have our coveted switch built at the risk of any price and of any effects, but strong in the wish to carefully consider all the pros and cons of the scheme, strong in the resolve to come to no conclusion which could possibly prove detrimental to Richmond Hill's interests, and strong to push, on the work, firmly but cautiously, to its completion, if a broad, far-seeing policy should seem to them to demand it. If the members of the present council are willing to act for another year, the electors of this village will best consult their interests by again returning them to office.

VILLAGE ASSESSMENT.

We are by no means satisfied with our present mode of assessment. Our dissatisfaction arises from the fact that the mode (if that can be called mode which method has none) hitherto pursued lacks a well-defined basis. We are well aware that in arriving at the value of real property, it is utterly impossible to devise a plan which will insure absolute justice in every case. But it is quite within the range of the possible to reduce the anomalies which prevail in our assessment to a minimum. This we venture to state would almost entirely be effected by taking the rental, either actual or demanded, of property as a certain percentage of the amount for which the property ought to be assessed. We put this percentage at ten, not because it is correct, but only for the sake of example. A property which yields a rent of \$70, would be assessed for \$700; one which yields a rent of \$150, at \$1500.

It will at once be objected that in many cases, property is occupied by the owner. We reply that we have abundance of evidence to determine what would be the rental if the property were leased.

Again, it may be said that there would be collusion between landlord and tenant to understate the rent paid. Now one answer to this is, the well-known character of our property-holders. Another is that our assessor is far too well acquainted with the value of property and of rents in this village to be at all considerably deceived.

Another point in which we think that our mode of assessment is at fault is found in the do-nothing treatment of the income tax. We frankly admit the difficulties which here beset the assessor. One man will tell him that he really can't say what his income is; another, that his income fluctuates; a third, that he is not certain that he is in receipt of an income, and so on to the end. The result is that thousands of dollars are omitted from our assessment roll, and, what is especially exasperating, not a few of those who are most able to contribute to the support of our municipal burdens go exempt. Surely there must be some remedy for this. We confess ourselves at a loss what to do in these cases. But we cannot believe that in a village which can boast of many men who are alike honest and capable, this state of affairs has become a fixture.

We have written on this subject of taxation with no little diffidence. We attach no blame either to our

council or to its officers. They have only carried out a system which has been long in vogue, but which we, nevertheless, hold to be a defective system, a very unsatisfactory system, in fact, no system at all. We are anxious to get light on this matter, and accordingly will gladly give place in our columns to any communications thereon.

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LANGSTAFF.

From our own Correspondent.

It is not from the dullness of the times that news should be scarce that your correspondent has not written more often, but being such a poor writer it is quite a task to begin.

Several changes have taken place lately. Mrs. Lawrence, so long a resident in our midst, has removed to Toronto, her late residence being occupied by Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. Geo. Lane has returned from the North West after some years' residence there. He looks well and speaks in high terms of the country he left. He can't speak so highly of Sir John's colonization schemes, nor of the treatment which some of the settlers receives at the hands of the present government.

Mr. John Langstaff disposed of part of his farm at a very remunerative price. No doubt the N. P. did it.

Mr. Rose, who long and faithfully discharged the duties of teamster for the Pomona Mills, has removed to Whitchurch, where he has leased a large farm which he and his sons can work successfully, and where he will educate them as Liberals in politics.

Mr. Darling will occupy his late residence in April; in the meantime it is occupied by Mr. Harry Horne.

Mr. Mulock has removed from Sleepy Hollow to a neat residence near the school house. His reasons for removal: the educational and social advantages he would enjoy. He is more than delighted with the success of the election of Home Rulers in Ireland. He is likely to visit his old home for a time when Home Rule is attained. I hope he won't have very long to wait.

Mr. J. Flatt has been engaged as teacher for the ensuing year. Miss Bailey intends going to the Normal School.

The face that wears a yellowish hue, pimples appear upon it, sick headaches, vertigo, morning nausea, and pains in back, side and shoulder blade, are experienced when bile enters the system and poisons the blood. Expel it from the circulation, and direct it into its natural channel, the bowels, with Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Great Blood Purifier, which has widely superseded mineral drugs having a dangerous reaction. Indigestion, constipation, impurity of the blood, and kidney complaints are entirely overcome by its use.

BUTTONVILLE.

From our own Correspondent

Although this is a fairly strong Conservative village, yet lately the Liberals have been gaining in numbers and in strength of arguments; preparations are being made by both parties for the ensuing Commons Election.

The approaching Municipal Elections is the cause of just a little discussion in the shops and stores. The Tories think it not right that politics should have anything to do with a candidate for Municipal honors, the Grits think differently. Both parties might change their opinions were the circumstances somewhat changed in which they are now placed. Some say the old Council will be elected by acclamation, others that there will be opposition all through, if by that means one of the old Council can be removed, but your correspondent is unable to say which way it will be yet.

Rev. Mr. McGregor occupies the pulpit of the Methodist Church morning and evening, dtrring Rev. Mr. Philp's illness. He is a young man of promise.

The children are being drilled, exercised, trained and practised for the S. S. Anniversary on Xmas, which promises to be a success.

Our teacher has been re-engaged for 1886, thanks to the bachelors of the section under the leadership of Jonathan, for the name has always been known as the helper of the weak. We are glad to see such an interest taken in educational matters by our citizens; it speaks volumes for the future well-fare of our bachelors—children, I should say. Quite a contest for the trusteeship is expected at the next election.

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