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Whose ruler her Gracious Majesty,
Our much beloved Queen,
Her banners wave o'er land and sea,
Proclaiming christian liberty,
Where'er her flag is seen.

While thrones and dynasties have reeled,
In doubtful strength their power to wield,
Her throne has stood secure,
No tyrant act her throne disgraced,
No cruel deed her fame defaced,
Our Empress Queen so pure.

Her court the purest 'neath the sun,
Where'er his daily course may run,
Since e'er her reign began,
Her throne established on God's Word,
His attributed divine, adored,
Her laws, God's laws to man.

We're proud to own her gentle sway,
The greatest monarch of the day,
And all preceding reigns;
The joy and pride of British hearts,
Whose wisdom, anarchy avoits,
And Britain's peace sustains.

Her christian graces brightly shine,
Sued up a radiance to renne,
Diffusing far and wide;
In every land her christian fame,
Proclaims Victoria's Queenly name,
Worthy the nations' pride.

Her daily acts of charity,
Unostentatious though they be,
Show forth the christian true;
Whose gracious presence oft has been
The centre of a lowly scene,
God's message to revive.

Dispensing in the cottage homes,
The bread of life to listening ones
An angel ministry;
Imparting comfort in their need,
Their bodies and their souls to feed;
Christ-like humanity.

A deep and world-wide sympathy,
Surrounds Her Gracious Majesty
In widowed sorrow great,
God in His love her life preserves,
For future joys her soul reserves,
Her loved to reinstate.

Fair Canada the brightest gem,
That sparkles in her crown,
Though as a nation young;
Her sons are noble, true and brave,
Keen to the last rights to save,
By early conflicts won.

Her vast resources unexplored,
With gems of rarest beauty stored,
Surpassing India's yield;
Her hills upheaved must prostrate lie,
Revealing to the dazzled eye,
Her diamond beds concealed.

Her bosom swells with stores of gold,
Waiting for science to assay,
Her limitless supply;
Till enterprise her wealth reveals,
And breaks her mountain cavern seals,
Where hidden treasures lie.

Her silver ore of richest grade,
Has long by science been assayed,
Its riches rich compared;
Her mines of gold and copper ore,
In great abundance lie in store,
A kingdom's wealth in store.

Her scenery sublime and rare,
Whose rivers, falls and lakes declare
Our Canada supreme;
Her mountains with her vales between,
Unique in many-varied scene,
Majestic in extreme.

On mountain crests where loudly pines,
O'erlook ravines where seldom rains,
The monarch of the day;
Where murmuring streams meandering flow,
And living freight of fish below,
Their silent gambols play.

And wide-extended prairie plains,
Where the wild buffalo retains
His undisputed roam;
Within whose boundary line of space
Is room for millions of our race
To find a settled home.

And over all Victoria reigns,
Her virtuous rule in love maintains,
In loyal hearts revered;
Long may she live our joy to be,
With glory stamp our destiny,
For greater fame prepared.

And when her earthly reign is o'er,
With angel escorts glad to cheer
In Eden's bowers to rest;
Where Jesus Christ the glory-king
Will crown her brow while seraphs sing
Her welcome with the blest.

Richmond Hill, July 30th, 1887.

P. L. G.

NEWS ITEMS.

Frank A. Robins' circus, menagerie
and museum will exhibit in Newmarket
on Monday, August 15th.

At the South Renfrew election held on
Tuesday Mr. Ferguson, the Ministerial
candidate, was elected over Mr. McIn-
tyre, by a majority of about 140.

On Tuesday last Toronto carried three
by laws. One was to raise \$100,000 for
a drill-shed site, one to raise \$100,000
to be applied in building works to protect
the island and one to raise \$190,000 for
the laying of new water mains.

Articles of agreement have been signed
by Mr. Wm. B. Long, of Markham Vil-
lage, and Mr. L. E. Keny, of Winnipeg,
for a match at checkers for \$100 a side
and the championship of Canada. The
match is to consist of three games, and
will be played at Markham, commencing
on the 15th of August.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy
Council have given judgment against the
Town of Parkdale in reference to the
sub-way suit. It will be remembered
that one West and others sued Parkdale
for injury to their property caused by
the sub-way having been built in that
town.

School Board Meeting.

The Richmond Hill School Board held
its monthly meeting in the High School
Room, on Monday, August 1st, 1887.

Members present: Messrs. Trench,
McConaghy, Savage, Naughton, Russell,
Glass and Dr. Wilson.

In the absence of Messrs. Brown and
Switzer, Mr. Trench was appointed chair-
man and Dr. Wilson Secretary.

The minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Accounts were read as follows:—
From J. E. Dickson, for presiding at
the Departmental Examinations, travel-
ling expenses, postage, express, &c.,
\$40.20.

From T. F. McMahon, supplies for
Departmental Examinations, \$12.29.

The above accounts having been certi-
fied as correct by Mr. A. B. Davidson,
P. S. I. it was moved by P. G. Savage,
seconded by F. McConaghy, that they be
paid.—Carried.

The chairman read statements in refer-
ence to the number of children of school
age residing in the Markham and Vaughn-
an parts of the school section, outside
the village.

Mr. Naughton rose and said he felt it
his duty to refer to a paragraph which
appeared in the *York Herald* last week
as affecting our High School. He then
read as follows:—"At the last meeting
of the Board of Education it was stated
50 1/2 was the average attendance at the
School. It used to be as high as 70.

On reference to the printed minutes of
the County Council, we notice that the
total number of pupils that attended the
Richmond Hill High School is put down
at 98, at the same time the fees received
does not show nearly as many having at-
tended for 1886. The returns are not
full enough and are deceptive."

Mr. Naughton said it was a serious
charge for the proprietor of the paper to
make against the Head Master, and
would like to know if such could be sub-
stantiated. If the reports sent to the
County Council were falsified, he would
move for a dismissal. Otherwise it was
the duty of the Board to protect both the
school and the teachers from such insinua-
tions.

Mr. Savage concurred in the remarks
of the previous speaker, and felt surpris-
ed to hear of such revelations.

Mr. McConaghy said the minutes of
the County Council seemed to bear out
the remarks of the *Herald*.

Mr. Keefer, who was present, was
heard, and defended his remarks by read-
ing from the said minutes. He contended
that as the number on the school reg-
ister for the year 1886 was 98 and as the
report only showed \$493.75 as being col-
lected in fees, there was apparently a
deficiency. In answer to Mr. Trench he
said that the other High Schools of the
County sent in their returns in the same
way, but were not full enough.

Mr. Ridditt, Head Master of the High
School, was sent for, who explained that
the report from which Mr. Keefer copied
was not complete, and showed from the
Treasurer's book that the amount re-
ceived for fees in 1886 was \$533.75. He
showed the injustice of coupling 98, the
number on the roll in 1886, with 50 1/2,
the average attendance of the first half of
1887, which had no connection whatever.
The school register was the property of
the trustees, who had access to it at any
time, and it was easily seen if the report
had been falsified. He concluded by
saying that Mr. Keefer in his anxiety to
hit him, did not hesitate to sacrifice the
school.

Dr. Wilson said it would be well to
clear the matter up as the public would
get the impression that the fees had been
tampered with either by the teacher or
the trustees.

Mr. Trench thought if Mr. Keefer had
made a mistake he should acknowledge it,
as such reports through the press were
injurious to the school.

Mr. Keefer made no reply.

Messrs. McConaghy and Glass thought
it was a small matter and not worthy of
consideration.

Mr. Russell thought as a charge had
been preferred it would be well to have
it investigated. He therefore moved
that Messrs. Trench, Wilson and Savage
be a committee to investigate the matter,
and report at the next meeting. The
motion was carried.

Mr. McConaghy thought that a case in
reference to the Assistant in the High
School should be taken up. The other
trustees present said the matter com-
plained of had no connection with the
school, and the Board adjourned.

Fire! Fire!

Last Thursday evening, about five min-
utes to six o'clock, the village was thrown
into an excitement by the ringing of the
fire bell. Soon the streets were crowded
with people anxious to find the cause of
the alarm. The firemen made straight
for the fire hall, each member looking to
his own particular department. The fire-
men were the first to get away, and

were closely followed by the engine. The
hosemen halted at the tank in front of
Brown's bakery, having learned that the
element was raging on the back part of a
brick double dwelling of Messrs. Wm.
Storey and W. Hewison.

The hose was very soon laid, and in a
few seconds a large stream of water
was playing on the flames, which had
now covered a frame kitchen to the back
of the brickwork. In a few minutes
more the Hook and Ladder Company
were at work, and succeeded in tearing
the framework to pieces and dragging it
away. The men were drenched with
water, but this did not deter them from
finishing their work. The fire had man-
aged to get through the roof and sheeting
into an upper bedroom, but a hole having
been cut through the shingles, it was
quickly subdued.

Never did firemen and citizens work
better at a fire. Each department of the
Brigade kept in its place, and in less than
twenty minutes after the first alarm of
the bell every spark was extinguished.
Most of the furniture in both houses was
removed, but we believe very little was
damaged to any great extent. Nothing
was burned except some articles and fur-
niture in each frame kitchen and a few
things in one of the upper bedrooms.

The exact cause of the fire is not known,
but it must have originated from the
stove in Mr. Storey's part, where a fire
had been used during the whole after-
noon. Though the occupants were badly
frightened and put to considerable trouble
in replacing their goods, the loss is, com-
paratively speaking, light, and both fam-
ilies feel thankful that they escaped so
safely. For many years our village has
not been afflicted with a fire of any ser-
ious dimensions, and we hope it will be
a long time till we are again called out to
fight this devouring element.

NOTES.

Mr. Jas. Brownlee suffered an accident
at the fire on Thursday evening. When
the hooks and ladders were jerked off the
truck the whole combination came down
on his foot, and bruised it badly. Mr.
Brownlee managed to keep at his post,
but the next morning the member was
badly discolored and swollen. For sev-
eral days he was unable to wear a boot,
but hobbled around at his word in a loose
slipper.

As Mr. B. Ridditt, foreman of the hose
department, was making his way to the
fire, and dressing himself as he went, he
was attacked by Mr. Rupert's Scotch
terrier, which tore his fire-proof coat
and detained him on the road. Who
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