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**Richmond Hill and Vicinity
No. 8.**
Col. Wilmot.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:
We now come to lot 47, comprising the
centre of our village, on the east and the
Sisley farm, once owned by Col. S. Wilmot,
whose possession dates back to the begin-
ning of the century. Like many others
who settled in Richmond Hill and vicin-
ity, he had done duty in the war of 1776,
and as a U. E. Loyalist came to Canada
among its first settlers. As Col. Wilmot's
name does not appear in "Doomsday
Book" we may suppose that he acquired the
farm by purchase. He married Mary,
the daughter of Mr. John Stegman, the
Surveyor, grand father of Mrs. Jenkins
and Mrs. O'Brien, of our village. After
Stegman lost his life in the ill-fated
steamer, "Speedy," Wilmot obtained his
position as Provincial Surveyor. In the
Gazette and Oracle, the first paper pub-
lished in York, in size 15 in. by 9½ in.,
was the following:—

York, April 25th, 1805,
That it may be known who are author-
ized to survey lands on the part of the
Crown, within the Province, the follow-
ing list is communicated to the public.
Signed, C. B. Wyat, Surveyor General.
In this list is the name of Samuel S.
Wilmot. Wilmot surveyed a large part
of Whitechurch, after Surveyor Stegman
had completed the laying out in 1802, and
parts of Vaughan and Markham. In his
day there was in York (Toronto) what
was called the "Park," near Castle Frank
on the Don. A portion of this was sur-
veyed by Wilmot into 80 lots, by order
of His Excellency, Gov. Gore, and called
the "Reserve for Government Buildings,"
valued by him at a rental of from one
dollar to twenty, now worth much more
than that a foot. This survey was made
in 1811. His company of assistants con-
sisted of forty or fifty Indians provided
by the Government who acted as guides,
porters and chain bearers. With these
Wilmot would be away from home many
weeks in succession. On their return the
Indians would camp around the village,
and spend the interval and their money
in drinking and carousing. We can fancy
the interest the "small boy" of our village
would take in their movements if that
lumber of Indians were now to loiter
around our village for a few days, with
their painted faces and feather-decorated
heads, varying the monotony by an oc-
casional whoop or a piercing yell. Our
boys in those days were quite familiar
with the sight of Indians, for every year
they came in droves from their villages
on the shores of the northern lakes along
the now straightened Indian trail to the
Indian Department at Toronto for their
supply of presents, blankets, ammunition,
&c., from the Government, and the 'Hill'
was a stopping place for many families
en route.

Col. Wilmot's house was of the usual
log architecture, and stood just behind
Mr Jordan's village lot, in the middle of
what was then a swamp. Along the front
the lots were rapidly taken up and cov-
ered with frame houses. Most of these
were swept away by fire, and have been
succeeded by substantial brick buildings,
to which have been added the Masonic
Hall in 1870, and the Methodist Church
in 1880, making it one of the most valu-
able fronts in the village.

In 1830 the land now owned by Messrs.
Sivers and Mason was laid out in a nurse-
ry by a couple of enterprising Americans,
named Hubbard and Adams, superin-
tended by another of our early settlers,
Nicholas Johnson, who came here in 1824.
From this nursery were transplanted
many of those ancient looking apple trees
here and there in the village. On the
Mason lot, deeded to the trustees by Mr.
Robert Campbell, was built the first
Methodist Church, the foundation being
laid in 1842, and the superstructure fin-
ished in 1847. The architect and builder
was the late Mr. Thomas Harris. It was
dedicated by the Rev. Anson Green, then
in the height of his popularity. In its
pulpit have stood the most prominent
ministers in the Methodist Conference,
among whom are the Ryersons, Punshon,
Gervase, Smith, Jeffers, Wilkinson,
Spenser, Potts, Enoch Wood and the
Taylors. The church was burned on
Sunday, Dec. 21st, 1879. The last ser-
mon preached in it was by the Rev. W.
McCallum, who remarked in the course
of his address on the accidents of life,
that none knew how soon fire may over-
take them. As the fire broke out as soon
as the congregation was dismissed, it
must have been burning within a dozen
feet behind him when he made the re-
mark.

The old church was sacred in the hearts
of many because of tender memories and
old associations. Within its walls many
of our villagers have been baptized and
many others united in wedlock. From
its old fashioned pulpit many had received
their first religious impressions and to
the majority of the members it had been
their spiritual birth-place. Before its
altar had rested the remains of many a

departed loved one, and from its sacred
desk the consolation of the gospel had
been conveyed to many a stricken family.
Along with the church went a noble old
willow, planted by the hand of Abraham
Wright, who opened his house for wor-
ship when there was no church accommo-
dation, the little twig held by his son
Amos, who afterwards represented the
East and West Ridings of York in Par-
liament for nearly twenty years.

The Wilmots purchased a Shaw lot, the
present vacant one south of the 'Central,'
opened out the first store, and were the
victims of the first fire in Richmond Hill.
The house was rebuilt, and again consum-
ed. Here originated the British Flag
Staff, afterwards transplanted to the front
of Mr. Moodie's, where, for a quarter of
a century, it has stood the battle and the
breeze. Col. Wilmot surveyed the town-
ship of Clark, secured for himself a thou-
sand acres of land near what is now New
Castle and went there to reside.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Did you ever plant the silver eyed
Indian Corn? If you have it be sure and
do it next year, but if by chance you
should have had a pair of boots which
caused a corn, which is the plague of
your life, just call at Dilworth's Drug
Store, 170 King St. East, Toronto, where
you can get a box of Chinese Corn Salve
for the small sum of ten cents, which
will take out your corns without pain in
less time than you can walk from here to
Hog's Hollow.

Civic Holiday.

Richmond Hill's Civic Holiday on Fri-
day last was well spent. A small num-
ber of the villagers went to visit their
friends in different places, some stayed at
home and enjoyed a quiet day, but the
great majority joined the Fire Brigade in
their picnic at Bonu's Lake. At about
11 a. m. people began to arrive at the
fire-hall with well-filled baskets when it
was plainly to be seen that provisions—
quite indispensable at such a time—
would be in abundance. Teams, which
had been voluntarily supplied, began to
arrive soon after the baskets, but it was
about noon before the procession, headed
by the Brigade Band, began to move lake-
ward. Some 8 or 9 vans and busses were
well loaded and all enjoyed a pleasant
drive. The trip being made the next
move was for dinner which the waiter
committee got ready in good style, and
which was much enjoyed after the drive.

Then came games of different kinds,
foot-racing &c. All of Mr. Bell's boats
were engaged, and during the entire
afternoon they were occupied by eager
little groups. Thanks to the boat com-
mittee the privilege of a ride around the
lake was extended to all. The picnic
would have lacked completeness had it
not been for the band, which kept the
crowd in good humor by their choice
music. The pic-nickers left the lake a-
bout dusk for their homeward trip feel-
ing much better after the day's enjoy-
ment.

The following is the prize list and suc-
cessful competitors in the various sports:
Free for all 100 yds. and return.—1st
prize, \$1.00 worth of goods at Atkinson's
A. Wright; 2nd 50 cts. worth of goods at
Crosby's, W. Shook.

Fireman's race to members of R. H.
Brigade only, 75 yards and return.—1st
prize Christy Hat, by Neville, \$1.75 A.
Wright; 2nd prize pair of Slippers by
Sivers, \$1.00 M. Gray.

Coupling contest to members of R. H.
Brigade only.—1st prize Rubber Coat by
Toronto R. Co. \$5.00, time 1.17½ Trench
& Gray; 2nd prize pair of Napkin Rings,
by Skeele \$1.00, time 1.21 Sanderson &
Gaby.

Boys race under 12 years old 50 yards
and return.—1st prize Fancy Match Box,
by Mason, 75 cents H. Soules; 2nd prize
goods at Moodie's 50 cts., W. Bishop.

Girls race under 12 years old 50 yds.,
and return.—1st prize Plush hand satchel,
by McMahon, \$1.25 L. Jacques; 2nd
prize Book, by Harrison, 50 cents L.
Brown.

Boat race 50 yds. no running shoes
allowed.—1st prize Photo Album, by
Keefer, \$1.25 M. Gray.

Block race open to members of R. H.
Brigade only 50 yds.—1st prize Buggy
Duster, by Devlin, \$1.25 C. Powell; 2nd
pair of Slippers, by Kennerley, \$1.00,
T. Trench.

Quoit match 45 feet 21 points.—1st prize
1 lb. Tea, by Kirkby, 50 cts. J. Piper &
G. Kennerley.

Three leg race 50 yds. and return.—1st
Cash 50 cts. Wright & Wright; 2nd Cash
25 cts. Lyons & Boynton.

Boys race under 15 years old 50 yds. &
return.—1st Cash 50 cts., W. Savage; 2nd
Cash 25 cts. W. Burnham.

Dutchman's Wheelbarrow race 25 yds.
and return.—1st \$1.00, Wright & Wright;
2nd 50 cts., Boynton & Lyons.
Tug of war, open to members of Bri-
gade only. Best two out of three. Half
minute each draw.—1st Box of Cigars, J.
Brownlee

Woodbridge
Since my correspondence last appeared
in your valuable paper, quite a number
of events, &c., have occurred. Harvest
has come and gone; some who were then
alive, now sleep in the silent tomb; some
who were sick then, are sick yet, and
some who were well then are sick now.
One lass, who was then enjoying single-
blessedness, is now at the end of her
troubles, but which end it is, I know not,
but she will find.

There are several residences being
built. New side walks have been built,
and things generally improved.

There are a few burrs, &c., of the weed
vermin, that are hale and hearty, and are
quite an ornament to our village.

Our brass band had an excursion to
Niagara Falls last Wednesday (Civic
Holiday); it was a success.

Dr. Jug's caravan struck our village a
short time ago. The troupe sang songs,
&c., and the manager told a few stale
yarns, which were not much appreciated,
but he found some with mouth, ears, and
eyes wide open to catch them. It is a
strange village that has not some fool to
enjoy a silly yarn.

On Monday our schools were opened.
Some supposed there would be a change
in one room, as the teacher took to her-
self a husband; but it is generally under-
stood that she intends to remain a while
longer, while her husband, dearly beloved,
will go back to Uncle Sam's domains
and abide the time when his dear one can
come unto him.

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ground thoroughly, and yet another mat-
ter of as much importance is to cultivate
the memory so that it will direct you
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Aurora.

From our own Correspondent.
The Aurora High School opened on
Monday with an attendance of over
thirty, and more expected in a short
time. The promoters of this school are
jubilant over their success in establishing
it here, and we hope they may have no
cause to regret having worked so faith-
fully to accomplish their ends. The pub-
lic schools also opened on the same day.

A vote will be taken shortly to au-
thorize the council to extend the waterworks.
As it is now only residents of Yonge and
Wellington streets have access to the
water for domestic purposes.

Councillor Robinson created quite a
sensation in the council chamber the
other evening. We don't see what could
have been the matter with him, as he is
generally a pretty good little fellow.

Grain is yielding much more than
farmers expected before threshing. Little
or none has, as yet been marketed.

Considerable sickness has prevailed in
our town for the last two months, but no
disease of an infectious nature—summer
complaints mostly.

Oh! my corns are the plague of my
life. I don't intend to put in such an-
other week, if I know it. Thos. Johnson
says he got a box of Chinese Corn Salve
and it took them out in three applications
without pain, he says it can be got at
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