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Our Incorporation.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

Our village steadily grew in population
until its ratepayers became ambitious of
obtaining authority to manage its own
internal affairs, with power to levy rates,
&c. The first agitation towards securing
incorporation was made in 1853, but the
act governing such matters required 1,000
inhabitants, which put a sudden stop to
further proceedings. Conditions subse-
quently became more favorable, and a
large gathering of the villagers was made
in 1857 in the old court house. This
meeting was presided over by Amos
Wright, M. P., and M. Teeffy, J. P.,
acted as secretary. It was moved by G.
P. Dixon, Esq., seconded by Col. David
Bridgford. That, "Whereas the inhabi-
tants of Richmond Hill are contributing
annually to the townships without receiv-
ing adequate benefit, and conceiving that
the village would be the better for incor-
poration, be it, Resolved that the neces-
sary steps be taken, &c. Moved by Mr.
J. K. Falconbridge, seconded by Mr. J.
R. Arnold. That a notice be inserted in
the 'York Ridings Gazette' for one month
with a view to the incorporation of the
village as directed by Statute. The Com-
mittee to carry out the above were
Messrs. Dixon, Wright, Law, Warren
and Teeffy, secretary. At a subsequent
meeting it was moved by Mr. Dixon,
seconded by Mr. J. K. Falconbridge, That for
electoral purposes we belong to the East
Riding of York. In amendment it was
moved by Col. Bridgford, seconded by
Mr. E. Sheppard. That we belong to the
West Riding. The amendment carried,
but our time had not yet come.

Our efforts to obtain incorporation at
that time were not without a good share
of opposition, the most prominent leaders
of which were two of our most wealthy
ratepayers, Dr. Duncumb and Mr.
Richardson, watchmaker. But the in-
fluence of these gentlemen was not in
proportion to their wealth, the doctor es-
pecially, just at that time being some-
what unpopular among the boys, because
he retained the instruments belonging to
Richmond Hill's first brass band, for the
sum of four dollars unpaid. In the war
of words which sometimes ensued in
these meetings, the doctor once denounc-
ed Mr. Dixon, who was an ardent ad-
vocate for incorporation, with being brazen-
faced, drawing forth an immediate retort,
from his pugnacious opponent that it
became me who had swallowed a whole
set of brass instruments to twit anyone
else of being brazen-faced. (All our ef-
forts to obtain incorporation in 1857 failed,
because several of the advocates for
it, lead on by Mr. G. A. Bernard, insist-
ed in having its northern boundary limit
north of Elgin Mills, thus taking in more
territory than the law would allow. The
next attempt was made in 1872, when a
petition almost unanimously signed by
the ratepayers, was brought before the
county council by Mr. Erastus Jackson,
of Newmarket, on June 18th, 1872, pas-
sed through its several stages without
going into committee, and granted. Our
first election was in Jan. 1873, which
resulted in A. Law, Esq., J. P., being
chosen reeve, and Messrs. Warren, Pow-
ell, Hopkins and Brillinger, councillors.
At a special meeting, held April 30th,
1874, on motion of Councillor Brown,
seconded by Councillor Atkinson, a peti-
tion to the House of Commons was
drawn up asking for an Act to place us in
the West Riding of York, but by a redis-
tribution a few years ago our franchise
for the Ontario Legislature was transfer-
red to the East Riding.

Perhaps one of the best hits we made
when we set up municipal house-keeping
for ourselves, was in the selection of an
excellent clerk. All other members of a
council pass in and pass out annually, and
many an efficient representative is elected
to stay at home. The clerk and the
taxes are about the only two permanent
institutions in Municipal Government.
As long as a clerk does his duty and be-
haves himself he is in to stay. Mr.
Teeffy was one of the earliest promoters
of the incorporation of the village—the
most diligent in searching for informa-
tion thereon, and the most active in mak-
ing its preliminaries a success. Well-
read in municipal law—having access to
other sources of information, and obtain-
ing knowledge by subsequent years of
experience our clerk has been able and
willing to give valuable advice to many a
tyro in municipal matters, when doubtful
questions have come up in the council
chamber, advice, which has saved for us
money, which other municipalities have
had to pay for legal opinions. The most
important business transacted in the
second year of our incorporation was in re-
ference to the amount falling to us of the
assets of the townships, from which we
succeeded, and our share of the Muni-
cipal Loan Fund, from the Ontario Gov-
ernment.

The first was a portion of the Clergy
Reserves allotted in years past to the
municipalities. Markham had spent
theirs in roads, &c., but Vaughan had
wisely invested theirs, so that it yielded
an annual interest, which was divided
among the public schools in the Town-
ship. In the settlement we received the
sum of \$1,450, which was paid in debent-
ures, and cash to our treasury.

In Hon. Oliver Mowat's settlement of
the Municipal Loan question, all newly
formed municipalities came in for a share.
Our share was based on the census that
formed us into a municipality, as taken
by Commissioner Trench in 1872, 785 in-
habitants at \$2 per head, amounting to a
sum of \$1,570, with accrued interest.
Following the excellent example set us
by the Township of Vaughan, we invest-
ed this money in securities, for educa-
tional purposes, part of the interest of
which lessened our school rate annually,
and part was used for village purposes.
As the Statute governing our High
schools demanded that high school ac-
commodation which includes buildings,
&c., should be supplied by the munic-
ipality in which such school may be situ-
ated, our reeve and council of that year
thought that we should be so unfortu-
nate as to lose ours by fire, the principal
and the insurance would replace it with
but little pressure on the ratepayers. Sub-
sequent councils however have thought it
more advisable to spend the money as
we go, and the most of the amount now
lies in an excellent set of appliances for
fire protection, and in a beautiful lot for
park purposes, both good investments,
but the time may yet come when we will
feel the pinch.

That we, as a village, did not make a
mistake when we set up for ourselves,
and undertook to manage our own
Municipal household affairs, is evident
from the many improvements which have
been proposed and adopted since our in-
corporation. Our condition to-day with
our excellent sidewalks, well organized
fire company and vigilant caretaker of
perambulating nuisances is vastly super-
ior to the old style, when as part of two
municipalities we contributed largely to
each and received comparatively nothing
in return. Since the incorporation much
of our taxes have been so utilized, that
they have much improved the appearance
of our streets, contributed a great deal
towards making our sidewalks passable at
all seasons of the year, so that a general
neatness pervades the village, making it
more pleasant for ourselves, and attrac-
tive to outsiders, a very satisfactory proof
of which is the settling amongst us of
those who retiring from the activities of
business life were desirous of locating
within easy access to our many institu-
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