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## That Franchise

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL.

SIR,—THE LIBERAL ought to appreciate the courtesy of its lively cotem, The Recorder, in giving it the benefit of its circulation by inserting its editorial on the above subject in full in its issue of last week, and it also should admire the prudence of its editor in carefully advertising in italics that "It should be distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our correspondents," for in the same column appears a communication from a correspondent, "Hard Facts," so full of vituperation and misrepresentations that no editor possessed of a modicum of common sense could endorse it.

"Hard Facts" makes a det. ed yet a very futile effort to ignore the influence of the Metropolitan railway in the building up of the towns and villages north of Toronto. He says that the writer in THE LIBERAL states that North Toronto had no existence until the Metropolitan was built. If North Toronto was in existence previous to the building of the Metropolitan, we never happened to have heard of it. If the town was nearly as populous before the railway was built, what accounts for the assessment of North Toronto increasing in the last few years seven hundred per cent. If the electric has been of no advantage, why did the people of Davisville never cease to agitate until they obtained it? A short time ago Ballal and Merton streets were farms. What inducements were held out to investors who built up those streets but short and rapid transit to Toronto afforded by the Metropolitan Co. Why is Deer Park assessed at nearly a million dollars to day when a few years ago all that was known as Deer Park was those few scattered pines, suggestive of its recent outgrowth from the primeval forest. A writer's sanity is to be doubted who says that this improvement is "in spite" of the Metropolitan Railway. It would be just as sensible to argue that the Metropolitan has succeeded in spite of Deer Park. There is a reciprocity of interests, both are benefited, and the railway has much to do in obtaining for its residents their "proximity" to Toronto in quicker transit and reduced fares. He says that had it not been for the Metropolitan they might have had the Toronto Street Railway at their doors. Does he not know that Toronto has never evinced an inclination to operate beyond the city limits, and have even tried to legislate against it. "Hard Facts" had better be thankful for what he has.

The writer goes on to say that North Toronto and York Township pay every year enormous sums to High Schools, and that THE LIBERAL would not go in for removing Deer Park toll-gate. What have these things to do with these questions? Richmond Hill has done its part in the support of a High School nearly half a century before the foundations of recent ones were laid. By the way where are the High Schools in North Toronto and York Township? THE LIBERAL has been in favor of abolishing all the toll gates in the county—that includes Deer Park. The versatile correspondent states that the stone road passing through Richmond Hill is kept up by the Deer Park toll gate. As a village our traveling people contributed towards two of the gates on the way to the city, and we thought all the gates helped. Remarkable gate! remarkable receipts! remarkable financier!!

"Hard Facts" anxiety in reference to the improbability of freight being carried over a couple of difficulties on the way to Richmond Hill does not ruffle our equanimity an atom. We just leave that matter in the hands of the company who build the road, and have no doubt of their being successfully overcome by engineering skill, and as to the narrowness of the gauge I apprehend that the widening thereof will prove much less difficult operation than a similar attempt on the mental calibre of the Recorder's correspondent. The said correspondent's honesty may be inferred from the following wilful misstatement: "This great financier further informs us that it has cost \$100,000 to construct four miles of the Metropolitan and that the rest of the nine and a half or ten miles could be built for an additional \$100,000." The statement in THE LIBERAL, and properly copied by the Recorder, was that "a probable cost of \$150,000." A writer who tries to deceive his readers by deliberate misrepresentation should have signed himself "Hard Case," instead of "Hard Facts." If "Hard Facts" would display less excitability of temper and give the readers of the Recorder a few good reasons why the electric railway should not come further north along Yonge Street, what injury it would be to the municipalities on either side, to the county present or future, or why a company who will build the road should not have a long lease to maintain it, he would confer a favor on those interested.

The question of giving an electric railway company an valuable franchise is

an important one. It merits calm consideration and deliberate opinions, but tirades of vituperation, emanations of spleen, exclamations of "ridiculous," and charges of insanity show a want of argumentative ability, a lack of common sense, and create a suspicion of imbecility.

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## Village Nominations

The following nominations were made in the Council Chamber on Monday, Dec. 26th, 1892, for the offices of Reeve, Municipal Councillors and Public School Trustees, M. Teeffy, Esq., acting as Clerk and Returning Officer:

Moved by William Atkinson, seconded by John Palmer, that William H. Pugsley be Reeve for the ensuing year.

Moved by William Atkinson, seconded by Dr. W. J. Wilson, that Jeremiah Morton be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by Dr. W. J. Wilson, seconded by William Storey, that John Palmer be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by William Atkinson, seconded by W. T. Hards, that Peter G. Savage be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by W. H. Glass, seconded by Will D. Atkinson, that John Brydon be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year. Mr. Brydon declined nomination for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by B. Redditt, seconded by T. F. McMahon, that William Atkinson, sr., be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by W. H. Pugsley, seconded by William Storey, that David Lynet be re-nominated for the office of Public School Trustee.

Moved by William Storey, seconded by John Palmer, that Dr. W. J. Wilson be re-nominated for the office of Public School Trustee.

Moved by William Atkinson, seconded by John Brydon, that Robert Marsh be re-nominated for the office of Public School Trustee.

All declared elected by acclamation.

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## Nominations and Elections.

The following are among the nominations made on Monday:

Toronto—For Mayor—R. Fleming, E. E. Sheppard.

Vaughan Township—Reeve, A. S. Russell; 1st Deputy Reeve, G. W. High; 2nd Deputy Reeve, S. J. Arnold; Councillors, Alex. Bryson, J. A. Stevenson. All re-elected by acclamation.

Markham Township—Reeve, J. Slater; 1st Deputy Reeve, W. Scott; 2nd Deputy Reeve, F. K. Reesor; 3rd Deputy Reeve, J. Lawrie; Councillors, Arthur Quantz, G. Wilkinson, Jacob Horner, D. Eakin. Reeve and Deputy Reeves elected by acclamation.

York Township—Reeve, H. R. Frankland, S. T. Humberstone; 1st Deputy Reeve, H. Welsh, John Morgan; 2nd Deputy Reeve, Wm. Sylvester, John A. Macdonald; 3rd Deputy Reeve, John McGee, C. Peterman, J. Paxton; 4th Deputy Reeve, Wm. Clark, John Fogg.

East Toronto—D. G. Stephenson elected by acclamation for Reeve.

Markham Village—Reeve, John German, F. Ash, Jas. Robinson.

Scarboro Township—Reeve, John Richardson, elected by acclamation.

Woodbridge—Reeve, T. F. Wallace, by acclamation.

Aurora—Mayor, H. W. Fleury; Reeve, A. Yule; Deputy Reeve, J. H. Ross, all by acclamation.

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## Vaughan Nomination.

All the members of the Council of the Township of Vaughan were re-elected by acclamation on Monday. The following are the nominations with the movers and seconders:—

Moved by Archibald Cameron, seconded by John McKinnon, that Andrew S. Russell be Reeve of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Moved by Robert Rumble, seconded by John McKinnon, that George W. High, be 1st Deputy Reeve of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Moved by Geo. F. Wallace, seconded by Samuel McClure, that Alexander Bryson be 2nd Deputy Reeve of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Moved by Sydney Smith, seconded by Peter Devins, that Samuel J. Arnold be 2nd Deputy Reeve of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Moved by Frank Smith, seconded by R. O. Harvey, that James A. Stevenson be Councillor of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Moved by Alex. Cameron, seconded by Michael Fisher, that Alexander Bryson be Councillor of the Township of Vaughan for 1893.

Mr. Bryson being nominated for two offices elected to stand as Councillor.

## Springhill

The closing exercises of S. S. No. 2, King, took place on Thursday, Dec. 22nd. The chair was occupied by Rev. F. Heathcote, and an entertainment consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues was given by the children. In the extempore speeches given by the visiting gentlemen the children were highly praised for the very interesting programme. Before closing the pupils presented their teacher, Mr. H. J. Saigeon, with a handsome hanging lamp accompanied with the following address:

DEAR TEACHER,—It is with unfeigned regret that we are about to sever our connection with you as our teacher, knowing as we do the trouble and attention coupled with kindness that you have bestowed upon us, and we feel that it would be ingrateful on our part to let the present opportunity pass without some expression of our appreciation and some slight token of the same. We therefore beg to present you with this lamp and beg your acceptance of it, not on account of its intrinsic value, but as a slight token of our respect and esteem. In taking our farewell of you for the present we wish you a pleasant Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, and trust that both yourself and Mrs. Saigeon may be spared many years of health and happiness. Signed on behalf of the school by

EUPHEMIA TAYLOR,  
GERTIE BUTT.

The teacher, very deeply impressed, and much surprised, replied by thanking the pupils very heartily for this very beautiful present feeling that he did not merit such kind treatment from their hands, and that this was the third occasion in which he had been thus honored during his four years among them, and hoped that their future prosperity would far exceed that of the past. The proceedings were brought to a close by the teacher treating all present to candies, and all went home feeling that they had had a very enjoyable time.

The Sunday School Anniversary in the Methodist Church on Dec. 23rd was a decided success notwithstanding the very cold night. After a very sumptuous tea had been taken the entertainment began and on account of the unavoidable absence of E. J. Davis, M. P. P., chairman, the meeting was presided over by Dr. Norman, who filled the position very creditably. The recitations given by the ladies whose names appeared on the bills, were well received and were heartily enjoyed. The solos given by W. L. Brown, of Strange, were highly appreciated. Before closing the members of the S. School presented their Superintendent, Mr. H. J. Saigeon, with a very beautiful clock, along with the following address:—

DEAR SIR,—It is with much pleasure that I comply with the request of the Sabbath School to present you with this clock, as a token of our appreciation of your work and christian efforts among us. As Superintendent of the school you have filled your office most satisfactorily, and it is with much regret that we have to make this a parting presentation. Signed on behalf of the S. S. by  
E. J. DAVIS, M. P. P.,  
JNO. A. McDONALD,  
A. J. FEREN.

Mr. Saigeon replied by thanking the members of the School for their appreciation of his feeble efforts among them in the Sunday School, and for giving him such a magnificent present, and that he would ever remember their kindness and the many warm friends he would have to leave behind. He hoped that their School would continue to prosper. The meeting was closed by singing "What a glorious gift of love and grace," by