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Our Schools.

PAST AND PRESENT.

A few days ago, the trustees of the
School Board received a circular from Dr.
J. G. Hodgins, historiographer for the
Education Department, requesting infor-
mation in connection with the develop-
ment of education in the village of Rich-
mond Hill, to be embodied in a docu-
mentary history of education in Upper
Canada from the year 1791, under the in-
structions of the Minister of Education.
One of our correspondents by request has
written the following paper for the read-
ers of THE LIBERAL:—

Education began in Richmond Hill
under very primitive circumstances. Pre-
vious to the introduction of the common
school system, our boys and girls stood
but a slim chance of obtaining even the
rudiments of education. If "ignorance
is bliss" the majority of the juveniles of
that day must have been a happy lot.

There were, however, in the early his-
tory of our village, a few families who
did not believe with the poet that "a lit-
tle learning is a dangerous thing," but a
little knowledge, if it was not profound,
was better than none; so, if there hap-
pened to be among them a man who could
read and write, with time on his hands,
his services were secured and his abilities
utilized for the benefit of the rising gen-
eration.

The term generally lasted through the
winter months until "sugar making
time," when all the youngsters were
wanted to carry sap and sticks to keep
the "kettle bilin." After that, there was
always something to do at home, so the
rest of the year was "vacation."

Our first school first held in a "de-
serted settlement duty house," with earth
floor and pine blocks for seats. The mas-
ter's desk was a hewn pine log slab, with
legs of the same material. The books—all
sorts and sizes—(home supplies), were few
and far between, and were shoved along
the class until each scholar got his share
of the lesson. The first passable supply of
books of instruction that arrived in our
village was imported from England by
James Miles, Esq., and reached here two
months from the date of the order. They
were supplied by the British and Foreign
Bible Society. Any danger arising from
the use of the Bible, as a text book, in the
common school, had not then occurred to
the unsophisticated mind of those early
days.

Our village, with a very indifferent
knowledge of management and discipline,
adopted the public school system of 1816
the germ of what has become one of the
noblest institutions in our Dominion, and
the admiration of visitors from many
lands.

The school, being an infant industry of
those days, received its share of govern-
ment assistance from the legislative grant
of £6,000 for the payment of teachers
and the purchase of school supplies, which
was afterwards greatly increased. This
was an inducement for our people to
build their first school house. It was the
second hewed log building erected in the
village, showing our advancement in
architecture and public spirit. Its founda-
tion was laid in 1820, in a small clear-
ing, a couple of rods south of the present
school site, which was then covered with
forest. Like all large public undertak-
ings, it took some time in its erection, but
when built was a substantial structure,
doing duty as a school house, place of
worship, and Town Hall, for nearly thirty
years, when it gave way in the march of
improvement to its brick successor built
in 1847.

Mr. Benjamin Barnard, a gentleman
from Surry, England, was our first
schoolmaster. He "taught the young
idea how to shoot" intellectually, on
what was then considered a liberal stip-
end of twelve dollars a quarter, and
board around—two weeks in a family.
Tradition informs us that he really
earned the whole of his magnificent sal-
ary, for he was intensely interested in
the education of the young, and hunted
up every child old enough to get there.
He put the "Truant Act" in operation
long before the Legislature launched it.
For after four o'clock the parents of an
absentee would see the master coming
round the corner of the bush, or striding
across the clearing to know the reason
why.

"Well had the boding tremblers learned to trace
The day's disasters in his morning face."
Under the successive revisions and im-
provements of the School Act, by the
Legislature in 1860, 1865 and especially
in 1871, the school continued to advance
in efficiency, and many who are in good
positions to day are grateful for the edu-
cational privileges they then enjoyed.

Up to 1866, the public school was sus-
tained by the Rate bill, with all its ob-
jectionable features, but with its ar-
gument that property should be assessed
for education, as well as for protection,
early prevailed. In 1867, its doors were
thrown open to all who choose to enter.

When the village set up municipal
house-keeping for itself in 1873, our share
of the Clergy Reserve fund was \$1,450.

Richmond Hill High School was estab-
lished Dec. 2, 1851. Its first accommodation
for the dispensing of superior education
was in the house now occupied by Mrs.
James Jenkins. It was afterwards located
in a new building erected by A. Law,
Esq. Meantime arrangements were made
for a more suitable accommodation. A
committee composed of the Rev. James
Dick, chairman; G. P. Dickson Esq.,
secretary; and Messrs. Teefy, Col. Bridg-
ford and Dr. Langstaff, with money
raised by subscription, and some assist-
ance from the Government, obtained by
Amos Wright, M. P., erected a commodi-
ous building for the sum of \$640 on the
school site donated by Squire James
Miles. Builder Mr. James Newton, sen.
With one exception, all these active pro-
moters of education in our village have
passed over to the majority beyond.

In 1853 the trustees of the Public and
High schools became a united Board. The
following gentlemen were the earliest
members of the joint Trustee Board: The
Rev. D. E. Blake, Amos Wright, M. P.,
G. P. Dickson, J. P., Rev. James Dick.
The secretaries were G. P. Dickson, Rev.
James Dick, M. Teefy, J. P.; treasurers,
J. K. Falconbridge, Esq., J. P. Mr. Wm.
Clark was the first head master, at a sal-
ary of \$320 and three-fourths of the
school fees.

No school building is complete with-
out a bell, and no respectable bell with
high aspirations is at home unless it is
suspended in a cupola. In 1851, Mr. M.
Teefy, trustee, was appointed a commit-
tee to obtain the required indispensable.
Applying to T. D. Harris, hardware mer-
chant, Toronto; he was shown a row of
bells to select from. The dealer lauded
them all, but pointing to one of superior
tone and finish, said, in an undertone, that
he would sell that one for less, because
there was on it a cross, which depreciated
its value. Mr. Teefy quietly remarked
that he did not think that the cross was
any very serious objection, and said that
he would take the bell. It now swings
aloft, above the assembled wisdom that
gathers below. This bell has a history.
Over fifty years ago, the revolutionary
government of Spain, pressed for money,
and animated with a spirit of reform,
confiscated a large number of church and
convent bells. These bells were sent to
the city of New York to be disposed of to
the best advantage. Some of them were
restored to the use for which they were
consecrated, but by far the greater num-
ber were scattered abroad among schools,
railways, steamboats and factories. There
is no doubt that the one that has called
the past and present generation of Rich-
mond Hill juveniles to obtain scholastic
attainments, in years gone by, has rung
out its peals over hills and valleys of
sunny Spain, calling the faithful to the
devotions of the hour, for on it is the
cross, and the inscription "† MARIA Y
JOSE. 1817."

The old High school outlived its useful-
ness, and a new High school building was
erected in 1873, at a cost of \$5,000. Mr.
John Harris, architect; Messrs. Newton
and Davis builders. The trustees were
the Rev. James Dick, chairman; Robert
Marsh, Esq., secretary; and Messrs.
David Boyle, N. C. Wallace, Wells, Mc-
Nair, Sheppard, Trench, Teefy, Lang-
staff, Lume and William Patterson.
Headmaster, James Crozier, B. A.

In 1877, in order to stimulate study, the
trustees offered a prize in books to each
pupil who passed the intermediate exam-
ination. The first winners of the prize
offered were Master Fred Lawrence and
Master James Stewart.

The muster roll of headmasters, who
for nearly half a century have endeav-
ored to "form the common mind" in our
village, is as follows: Wm. Clark, James
Forrest, Rev. James Boyd, Rev. Samuel
Johnson, M. A., Rev. Robt. Rodgers,
Arthur Cole Verner, Louis H. Evans, B.
A., James M. Dunn, Wm. Bond, James
Wudeat, A. M. Lafferty, B. A., J. W.
Jolly, R. A. Robertson, M. A., James
Crozier, B. A., James McMurchy, B. A.,
Thos. Carscadden, B. A., W. McBride, B. A.,
J. McBride, B. A., T. H. Redditt, B. A.,
H. McCuaig, B. A., and J. A. Monroe, B. A.

The present teaching staff of our High
and Public schools consist of the follow-
ing: Neil Robertson, B. A., principal;
Mr. Alex. McLean, assistant; Mr. J. E.
Clubine and Miss E. Newton, intermedi-
ate; and Mrs. M. Wiley, who has been over
the primary department sixteen years.

As a contrast to the rustic accommoda-
tions and simple appliances of early days,
we have now good High and Public
school buildings, with all the necessary
modern machinery for the infusion of
knowledge into the heads of the rising
generation, enabling our children to ac-
quire the mental calibre that will not
only fit them for good citizenship, but
help them to reach advanced positions in
the higher walks of life.

From the Richmond Hill school, have
gone many who have become teachers in
High and Public schools, medics, law-
yers, engineers and clergymen, many of
whom fill honorable positions in society.
Among them may be mentioned William
Glenholme Falconbridge, who is a Judge
of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice

and a member of the Senate of Toronto
University; John R. Teefy, B. A., Super-
ior and President of St. Michael's Col-
lege, Toronto, also member of the Sen-
ate of Toronto University, and editor of
the *Catholic Register*, and George Dick-
son, Esq., Principal and First English
Master of Upper Canada College.

These all reflect credit on their *alma
mater*.

Richmond Hill, May 24, 1894.

QUEEN'S BIRTH-DAY.

The Annual Fair and Evening
Concert.

"Given fair weather, our exhibition
is a pronounced success." The above
and similar expressions could be heard
ten days ago, when the directors of the
Richmond Hill & Yonge Street Agricul-
tural Society were completing arrange-
ments for their Annual Spring Fair to be
held on the 24th of May. But, as the
rain came down in torrents day after
day, until every field and park was like a
swamp, the prospects for a successful
time grew less and less. The directors,
however, did not feel justified in post-
poning the fair, knowing that even one
warm day, with the assistance of old sol
and his drying propensities, would be
sufficient to put the park and race track
in a reasonably good condition. Many
visitors came to town on the evening of
the 23rd, and we learn from the secre-
tary that up to that time the number of
entries for the next day's fair was larger
than any previous year's at a correspond-
ing date. But when the Queen's Birth-
day was ushered in cold and wet, the
most hopeful could only look forward to
a day of partial success. The gate re-
ceipts were smaller probably from the
fact that the officers announced early in
the day that the horse races and bicycle
races could not take place, owing to the
mry condition of the track.

There was some good stock on the
grounds, but many more noble animals
would have been on exhibition had the
weather been at all favorable.

Everything considered there was a
good display in the Agricultural Hall.
Mr. Wm. Trench had on exhibition a
number of fine carriages and waggon,
and those from the shops of Mr. James
Macdonald, Thornhill, also had many
admirers. Every rig on exhibition had
an excellent finish, and the workmanship
was a credit to their respective makers.
Mr. O. J. Brown's organs and sewing
machines occupied the south western
corner of the building, and opposite was
the display of last year's grain, roots,
&c., which was very creditable. Mr.
Geo. McDonald showed two sets of light
harness, which were neatly finished. A
wheel plow, manufactured by Fleury &
Sons, Stouffville, with Tinkler's patent
wheel attachment, was examined by
farmers, and was pronounced to be one
of the best kind of plows made. In the
ladies' department nearly every class was
filled. A good deal of the work was new,
and so keen was the competition that,
in some cases, the awarding of the prizes to
those best entitled to them was no easy
task for the fair judges. The writing
and drawing by pupils from Public
Schools was well executed, but it is to be
regretted that teachers in rural sections
do not stimulate the pupils by encourag-
ing them to enter in the competition.

The Richmond Hill Band were in their
best form, and played some very fine
selections during the afternoon. When
the rain came on, the Band continued
their sweet strains of music in the
hall. The only accident of the day oc-
curred about 5 p. m., when the concert
platform gave way, just as the band had
finished playing their last selection.
Fortunately no person was hurt, but one
or two pieces of furniture from Savage's
show rooms, which were on the platform
as an exhibit, were more or less damaged.

The following is the prize list:

HORSES—
IMPORTED DRAUGHT
Stallion aged—D C Steen. Sucking
colt by St. Leger—John Hart, T F
Boydton.

CANADIAN DRAUGHT
Brood mare aged—David Lynet, Geo
Padget. Filly or gelding 2 year old—
David Lynet, James McLean. Span of
horses—Peter Boydton, James McLean.

GENERAL PURPOSE
Brood mare aged—John Hart, T
Woolerton. Filly or gelding 2 year old
—Wm Watson, T Woolerton. Span of
horses—R B Elliott, T F Boydton.

JUDGES—Geo Gornley, Jas Torrance,
James Legge.

CARRIAGE HORSES
Stallion 2 year old—C Binn. Filly or
gelding 2 year old—Geo Padget, Geo
Forester. Filly or gelding 1 year old—
A Marsh & Son.

ROADSTERS
Stallion aged—Graham Bros., L Line.
Stallion 3 year old—John McBrie, W

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