

New Advertisements.

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Jan. 28, '97

In this week's issue of THE LIBERAL will be found the first of a short series of sketches—a continuation of those published a few years ago in our columns, by the author of Richmond Hill and vicinity. We are pleased to notice that his sketch on the Origin and subsequent history of our Public and High schools has been copied in full by Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Historiographer for the Educational Department, in his new and extensive work on the Documentary History of Education in Canada, the first volume of which has just been published.

Our Rink.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL
SIR,—It is now some years since our Rink was built and yet the interest in it has never flagged but instead there has been a growth in its popularity which fact is evidenced by the annual increase of income accruing from it. Now, why is it, that the rink not only sustains but also increases its popularity year after year, simply because there is no rink in Canada where order is better preserved; because its appearance is unsurpassed and its capacity sufficient while, at the same time, the comfort of its patrons is considered by the commodious and suitable waiting-room provided. Yet, though this is the case, an improvement might be made. Better seating accommodation might be made for the skaters. The benches at the sides were all right for last year but owing to the raising of the ice by the laying of asphalt floor, they have become too low and the ladies (for they are the ones who suffer most from this defect) are forced to sit in a crouched position from which it is difficult to rise, with their dresses and feet continually upon the ice, from which, especially on a mild night, there is danger of catching cold, for the dress and boots become thoroughly saturated from constant contact with the wet snow.
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A SKATER.

Richmond Hill, Jan'y 28, 1897.

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Richmond Hill and Vicinity
No. 46.

A RETIRED SOLDIER.

By WM. HARRISON.

Military associations have always hung around our village. In sketches of Richmond Hill and Vicinity published in THE LIBERAL a few years ago, we found that when at the beginning of the present century, Yonge Street was merging from a devious Indian trail to the straight line of the surveyor's compass anxious to become a public highway, in this locality on either side of it peeping out from between the gigantic pines of the primeval forest were rude log shanties that sheltered stalwart United Empire Loyalists from the revolted colonies of America in 1776, and gallant officers of aristocratic rank, fugitives from the Reign of Terror in the French Revolution of 1789. Later on in its history our village was represented at the front by those who did their share in resisting the ill-starred invasion of 1812, and others who were mixed up on both sides of the cause celebre of the exciting scenes of 1836. For many years we had among us a veteran bugler who had sounded for the charge on the bloody field of Waterloo, and we have more recently contributed officers and men to repel the Fenians' rash attempt, and to assist in quelling the rebellion in the North West. As in the past so in the present we have still among us those who represent the rude alarms of war.

On a gentle rise in our village's West End in a neat and comfortable brick cottage, surrounded by shade trees and overlooking a small sheet of water known to us as Wilson's Pond, there resides a retired soldier who, though he has never been called upon to engage in any of the great battles that go to make up a nation's history, yet in a humble way has discharged his duties in the service of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen

of Great Britain.

The subject of our sketch was born in the year 1846, in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland. Losing his father early in life and having nothing to engage his attention, and possessed of an irresistible desire to see life outside of his own home, at the age of eighteen years he went to the barracks of Inniskillen, an old military post, and offered himself as a recruit in Her Majesty's service, thus entering on a life which proved to him one of constant change. With him were associated a large number of other recruits, to whom experience in hardship was a necessary qualification to fit them for a soldier's life. Ten days after his name was enrolled the regiment was ordered to England, crossing the channel on a most tempestuous night, arriving at Preston on the 20th of Sept., 1864. Here they were subjected to a thorough drilling, and on the 5th of Feb'y of the following year went to Fleetwood for rifle practice. On the 18th of Feb'y they left Fleetwood for Liverpool, returning the same night to Ireland. On Feb'y 19th, 1865, our young recruit's name was enrolled as a "regular" in the 29th regiment of foot at Newry, where he remained until the month of May of that year. His next experience was in Dublin, remaining in that historic city until the 20th of June, doing hard garrison duty, with many field days in Phoenix Park. Here the regiment was inspected by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and ordered to embark for Malta, on a soldier's first long journey from the land of his birth.

On the 1st of July, 1865, the regiment disembarked at Grand Harbour, Malta, and were quartered at the Casserly Barracks, and here they met with a most formidable enemy. Malta has commercial relations with all the world. Her harbor is filled at all times with the ships of all nations, and over her quarantine hospital the yellow flag is always floating. In spite of all the precautions of the authorities the merciless cholera gained access to the island, and proved a dreadful scourge, especially among the newest arrivals. In two short months the 29th regiment lost seventy of its most stalwart and ablest men. Fruit of all kinds, in abundance everywhere to be had almost without cost, and few run at a single cent a glass, were forbidden by the physicians, but the soldiers, reckless as the majority of them are, would drink. Strong and healthy men in the day would carouse in the evening, take the fatal spasms, and be in the dead house in the morning. The extreme heat of the atmosphere increased the spread of the scourge, citizen and soldier alike died by hundreds, until it became dangerous to bury the dead. Our soldier, sick in the barrack room, surrounded by those who were in terror for their own safety, to his extreme disgust was placed in a bed just vacated by a cholera victim, but who, fortunately, escaped the horrors of so terrible a death.

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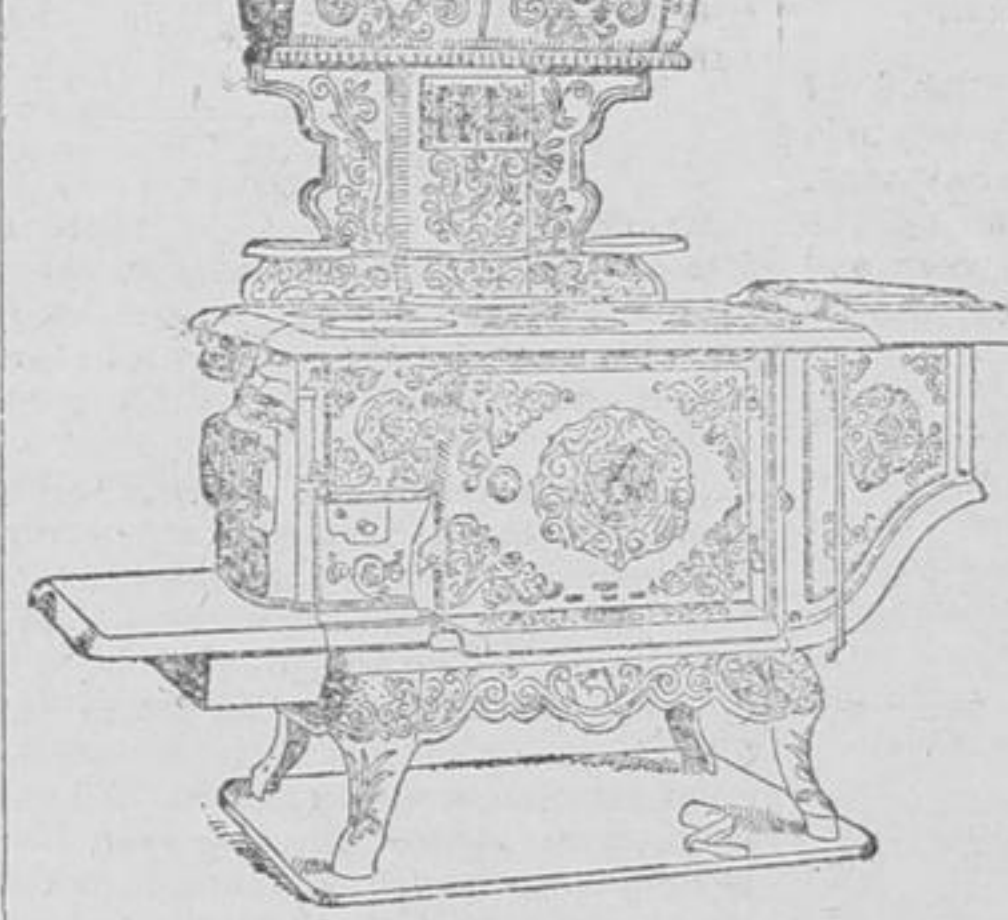
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