

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, August 12, 1897.

BE FAIR TO OPPONENTS.

A LIBERAL representative witnessed the last Stouffville-Markham lacrosse match played at Stouffville, and left the grounds with the feeling that it was one of the fairest, most interesting and best expositions of the national game that he has seen for many a year. We felt inclined to compliment both teams on their very excellent play, and on the good temper displayed throughout the match. We thought that the umpires acted with coolness, and that they gave their decisions impartially. And we were also tempted to pat referee Craig on the back for his courage in sending to the fence players on both sides, whom he considered were acting unnecessarily roughly with their opponents. It is true there was some heavy checking and violent throwing on both sides, and, as is always the case, some of the supporters showed at times more enthusiasm than good judgment. But admitting these little drawbacks we still maintain it was a match that the sister villages should have been proud of.

But what do we find? Instead of the newspapers of the respective villages congratulating each other on their fine lacrosse teams, they are pelting each other with mud, and saying things that will irritate and stir up ill-feeling between them.

The Markham Sun compares the match to "A Donnybrook at the hands of Stouffville," and excuses the defeat on the plea of "dirty hard checking," "rough grounds," "interference on the part of spectators," &c., &c., and broadly hints that the referee was bought by the Stouffville men.

On the other hand the Stouffville Free Press, while admitting splendid work on both sides, accuses a Markham player of deliberately striking his opponent across the head, and also expresses want of confidence in the referee as the follow quotation will show:—

"It was feared by our local twelve that they would not receive the fairest of treatment at the hands of the referee, as they opposed his election to the Presidency in the spring, and he ruled off—unfairly as many believed—two of our players and compelled Stouffville to play 10 against 12 in the latter part of the match, not a few thought it was done for a purpose and naturally hard feelings existed against him for the time being."

The affair may seem to be none of ours, but for the sake of our national game we claim it our privilege to speak plainly. Lacrosse contests between rival athletes should not only test the abilities of each club, but should create a more kindly feeling among the contestants. This will not be done so long as people insist on magnifying the shortcomings of their opponents while shutting their eyes to their own imperfections.

The English Parliament was progressed on Friday. In the Queen's speech it was shown that Canada's fiscal legislation recently passed at Ottawa was an evidence of the attachment of the colonies to the mother country. The Queen's speech proposing parliament contained the following paragraph bearing upon the denounced treaties:—

"I have given notice to the King of the Belgians and the German Emperor to terminate the treaties of 1862 and 1865, whereby I am prevented from making with my colonies such fiscal arrangements within my empire as seem to me expedient."

Notwithstanding some damage done to the crops by the recent rains the prospects for a large yield throughout the province are exceedingly bright. Thomas Ballantyne, Ex-Speaker of the Assembly and one of Canada's largest exporters of cheese, said to The World Saturday: "Ontario will have the largest hay crop in twenty years and the yield of wheat and oats will be away above the average of late years. The weather is suitable for spring grains. Some damage was caused to fall wheat by late heavy rains, but they have done an immense good to root crops. I look for a great improvement in trade; in fact, prospects are exceedingly bright. Exports of cheese from Canada are much larger than last season, and prices are good."

Everybody is now satisfied that gold in immense quantities is to be found in the Klondike district. This being the case the Dominion Government will be commended for the decision they have come to, to inaugurate a bold and vigorous policy in order that law and order may be maintained. Civil and criminal courts will be instituted there immediately, the Mounted Police will be strengthened, and an administrator for the district will be appointed who will have entire charge of all the officials and be the chief executive officer of the government. Gold diggers from the United States are going to the district in large numbers, therefore the sooner that Canada establishes her supremacy there the better it may be.

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King Township Council

King Council met at Schomberg on July 31st. Members all present. The revee in the chair.

The following accounts were passed: J. Ballard, repairs to scrapers, \$2; J. Campbell, repairs south townline, \$1; A. Bostwick, culvert Oak Ridges, \$22.75; Wm. McMinn, culvert 11th con., \$39.60; Geo. Brown, repairs 10th con., \$9.75; Henry Grey, culvert 9th con., \$5.78; Wm. Hamlin, gravel, \$9.84; Robt. Stewart, operating road machine, \$4.50; M. J. Kehoe, repairs 11th con., \$9; J. Plummer, hardware, \$3; John Mabley, repairs 2nd con., \$3; J. Billings, salary, \$25; A. Norton, tile, \$8; Geo. Harper, gravel, \$13.28; Geo. Clark, repairs 7th con., \$13; Jno. Beard, operating road machine, \$8.25; Jas. Sloan, grant to Schomberg, \$78; David Wells, ditch, Gillies' hill, \$13.36; W. Connor, repairs, Blaker's hill, \$67.10; J. Cook, gravel, \$2.64; R. Hughey, repairs to scraper, \$1.85; A. G. Nicol, gravel, \$8.10; J. Shropshire, labor, \$1.50; Jos. Welsh, cedar, \$10; C. Stephenson, culvert 4th con., \$7.37; John Rae, repairs con. 9, \$40.45; W. E. Fox, cedar, \$2; O. J. Hutt, gravel, \$8.20; Morgan Jones, balance for pile-driving, \$74.50; Brown & Mills, sledge, \$3.25; Joseph Kitchen, b. s. bill \$12.20; Jos. Kitchen, hardware, \$2.39; J. M. Davis, repairs, 11th con., \$102; Chas. Lloyd, repairs 4th con., \$7.25; Joseph Street, gravel, \$3.68; M. F. Doyle, road repairs, \$29.83; H. Williams, b. s. bill, \$1.45; Alex. McMurphy, culvert 5th con., \$34.50; Thos. Davis, labor in gravel pit, \$15.15; David Rogers, work north townline, \$76.25; Geo. Norman, lumber, \$45.60; S. Machell, gravel, \$17.68; R. E. Gallagher, repairs 9th con., \$56.50; W. Stewart, burying sheep, 50 cents; E. O. Chappell, grant 3rd con., \$58.25; J. C. Lundy, half cost re Yonge street agreement, \$2.18; W. H. Tew, repairs 6th con., \$4.20; W. Taylor, wood for lock-up, Schomberg, \$2.10; A. Wood, team on road machine, \$5; S. Harman, damage to buggy, \$1.77; Robt. Smith, sheep claim, \$4.

Mrs. Shelton of Schomberg, was appointed at \$7 a month to take charge of a certain founding infant supposed to be the offspring of one Eliza Lester. John Sutton of Schomberg was appointed pound-keeper in Div. No. 6 in place of John Nixon resigned.

A special meeting of King Council was held at Schomberg on Aug. 3rd. Members all present.

A petition from Major Armstrong and 120 other freeholders of the township of King was presented praying that a by-law be submitted to the freehold electors of Polling Divs. Nos. 4, 6 and 8 in the township of King to grant the sum of \$12,000 in aid of the Schomberg and Aurora Railway Co., and in accordance with said petition a by-law

was introduced by Mr. Armitage. It received a first and second reading, and a vote will be taken in said Polling Sub-Divisions on the 9th day of Sept. next.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with the town of Newmarket to the effect that the municipalities of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury have intimated willingness to assist in the circulation of a petition to the Ontario Legislature asking for the lowering of the waters of Lake Simcoe with the object of reclaiming the waste lands along the shores of the Holland River.

Next meeting of council at Bond's Lake Hotel on August 25th.

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