

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, January 6, 1898

Society and Fashion Gossip from the Queen City.

One of the grandest events ever known to Toronto society people was the Victorian Era Ball given by their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen on Tuesday evening of last week when the Armories was transformed into a veritable palace. It is now a thing of the past but will long be remembered by those who had the honor of being invited. The gowns worn by some of the ladies present had been worn by their great grandmothers and very quaint and pretty they were. It would be useless to attempt a description of the elegant costumes as space will not permit. The entrance of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen into the Ball-room representing royalty was a very interesting and novel spectacle for Canadians. The Court train of many yards in length and carried by pages was something which has not been seen before by many Torontonians, and the various dances in costume representing all periods. Also the various conditions of science, art, literature and music during the Victorian Era were conducted with such correctness and skill as to indicate numerous and laborious rehearsals by the five hundred young ladies and gentlemen of Toronto, Hamilton and London, who took part and made the exhibition on the dancing floor from a quarter past nine to a quarter to twelve one of the grandest sights ever presented in Toronto or perhaps in the Dominion of Canada before, and was highly appreciated by the two thousand ladies and gentlemen who were fortunate enough to receive invitations and who kept up the dancing from twelve to three after the exhibition dances were over. This ball is probably only one of the extraordinary functions that have taken place around the face of the earth wherever the Union Jack floats at the close of the Jubilee year and at this time it might be interesting to know that of all the extraordinary and novel presents which Her Majesty has received during this wonderful year was one from the late Empress of Brazil, a dress manufactured entirely of spiders webs, by the native silk workers.

On Wednesday afternoon Government House was once more the scene of gaiety when those who attended the Ball paid their respects to the Excellencies before their departure for Ottawa, which I am sure we will regret very much after the round of pleasure which has attended their visit here. I noticed some very pretty costumes particularly in velvet which is the proper up-to-date style of material for calling and teas, and makes an elegant gown when properly made. The new hat, The Napoleon, also appeared at the reception and is very stylish and pretty and to those who can wear them they are very becoming and readily single themselves out from among the more or less neutral mass of head gear in which they may be found. One I saw which was particularly becoming was of dark green velvet gaily ornamented with gold lace and was worn by one of the prettiest ladies in the room.

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The Christmas Tree and Entertainment of Christmas Eve was a great success, both financially and from a social standpoint. Rev. Mr. McCulloch occupied the chair. The drills of the boys and girls were remarkably well executed, and a dialogue by five boys was particularly interesting. But the great attraction for the visitors, especially the younger boys and girls, was the time-honored Santa Claus. As a rule this welcome personage makes his appearance through the chimney, but on the above occasion he came down a rope through the ceiling of the church, and as usual was well laden with toys and presents of all kinds, which he scattered with a lavish hand. The tree looked beautiful, and everybody went home well pleased that they had witnessed such a pleasant sight.

The rifle club of this place met for their semi-monthly shoot on New Year's Day, with scores as follows:

	100.	300.	Total
W. Mustard	41	39	80
Thos. Reid	42	35	77
Robt. Agar	45	30	75
L. G. Stoutenburgh	44	29	73
W. R. Capell	42	29	71

The church anniversary was also most satisfactory, and fully came up to the most sanguine expectations. Large congregations greeted our old and respected pastor, Rev. W. R. Barker, at the Sunday sermons, and all enjoyed his instructive and effective discourses. On Monday last the Dinner and entertainment eclipsed all previous efforts. The roast, fowl and delicacies were so much enjoyed that

very little was left for the usual social, which was therefore dispensed with. With the exception of Miss Donaldson—who missed the car—all the performers as formerly announced were present, and gave an excellent programme. Rev. Herbert Lee of Aurora, who was down for an address, by request gave two recitations instead, which were thoroughly appreciated. All the vocalists were good, but particular mention might be made of Mr. H. M. Fletcher, Miss Liddell, and the male quartette—all former pupils of Mr. Fletcher. It is estimated there were 500 people present. The proceeds amounted to \$130.

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Willow Vale

With pleasure we wish the editor and the many readers of THE LIBERAL a happy and prosperous new year. We will do our best to record all passing events, and hope THE LIBERAL find its way into a number of new homes.

Though the sleighing in this locality is thin, considerable teaming is being done.

The new Year dawned very cold, but did not prevent those intending to spend the day with relatives and friends from taking the intended drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiles and family spent New Year's Day with the latter's sister of Vaudorf.

F. Foster has gone to West Gwillimbury to spend an indefinite period of time among friends.

Ernest Wiles spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. McCarter of Carrville.

Miss Celia Shropshire spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Wiles.

Mrs. J. Dutcher was visiting on Friday last with her sister here.

Wilmott Rolland of Holland Landing, is visiting with his brother at Castle Beauty.

Xmas and New Years passed off very pleasantly. Although the sleighing was not as good as wished for, a goodly number of people took advantage of it to visit relatives and friends and enjoy the usual good dinners.

The Snow Ball S. S. intend having a sleigh ride and entertainment instead of the annual Xmas Tree.

When writing don't forget to mark 1898.

Thornhill.

A valuable ring was stolen from a lady whilst visiting at her father's. Suspicion fell on one of the domestics who was about leaving. A search warrant was obtained, and when the servant was about to take the electric car she was arrested and taken to a lady's house and searched, also her baggage, but the missing ring was not found.

Complaints are frequent and loud by passengers on the electric cars at this season of the want of proper heat in the Pullman cars plying to and from the C. P. R. crossing.

Mr. R. H. Bates, B. A., has been appointed to a Mastership in the Ashbury House School, Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. L. Shaw of Rosedale, have been spending New Years at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Francis.

Rev. Thos. Edwards, a former beloved pastor of Thornhill Methodist Church, came in from Allendale to attend and conduct the funeral of the late Mr. Geo. Routcliffe of Newton Brook.

The remains of the late Geo. A. Whiting, the Rosedale suicide, have been deposited in the Thornhill vault to await instructions from relatives in England.

Public School trustees, Messrs. Lane, Welch and John Dean, were re-elected by acclamation.

That New Bell.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

SIR.—Since the church bell has ceased to ring we are at a loss to know when we who live north of Centre St. should wake up each morning in time for breakfast. The music of the new town bell seldom penetrates the stillness of our northern latitude, and its tones are rarely ever heard by the denizens of this locality. Listening to the widening peals from the church's lofty tower that have so long reverberated over hill and valley for seven miles around us, our sense of hearing has perhaps been somewhat blunted to the softer clang of its more diminutive successor. If, however, instead of a few gentle pulls, a five minutes herculean effort to extract from this new acquisition its loudest capabilities, it may be that out of the series of melodious sounds that float in air around its centre, some wandering note may strike upon the ear of some disconsolate ratepayer who has invested in its institution, and elicit an ejaculation of gratitude.

A NORTH ENDER.

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On Tuesday evening the members of Miss L. Rumble's Sunday School class gathered at her home and spent a very pleasant time. During the evening the following address was read and a beautifully bound volume of Mrs. Heman's poems was presented to Miss Rumble. The address was read by Aggie Stewart and the presentation was made by Lelia Shunk. Refreshments were served during the evening after which games were indulged in for a few hours. All returned home much pleased with the pleasant evening.

MISS LIZZIE RUMBLE:

DEAR TEACHER.—We the members of your Sunday School class wish to express our appreciation for the kindness you have shown us during the past year, and also for the patience you have had with us Sunday after Sunday. We all join in wishing that the coming year may be one of benefit to us all. In order to express our affection we present you with this book as a small token of the love and esteem in which you are held by your class. Wishing you a happy New Year, we are lovingly yours,
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