

Music Hath Charms.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: A sense of loneliness and uncertainty has fallen over Richmond Hill and vicinity. The familiar sound that reverberated over hills and valleys for miles around, is no longer heard. No longer can the suburban villages of Headford, Patterson, Victoria Square and even Gormley regulate their clocks to proper time, and be daily reminded of the existence of a place called Richmond Hill. The busy farmer who carries no watch, can no longer start his teams and horses by the morning bell. How welcome to the hungry plowmen who for the last hour has felt as if his interior was composed of vacant lots, was its 12 o'clock peal, while the pushing granger rejoiced, when an hour later it abruptly ended the noon spell and calls to further labor. But sweeter than all to the hired man's ears was its final ring at 6 p. m. With alacrity that would startle his boss under other circumstances he unhooks his team with the glad satisfaction that he has not worked a moment overtime. Alas we hear its welltimed tones no more, except on Sundays when its use is limited to a narrower sphere, and more sacred purposes. At rare intervals borne on some strong favoring breeze, we hear the sickly sound of its miserable successor. Involuntarily we shudder with disgust, at its brazen but futile efforts to fill the place of its dignified predecessor. Surely it was mistaken economy that snapped the tie that bound us to a centre the surrounding country to Richmond Hill, is the opinion of an OUTSIDER.

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Society and Fashion Gossip from the Queen City.

Through the kind invitation of a friend, I had the privilege of attending a concert on Friday evening last, at the Asylum for the Insane. Not only was the concert very enjoyable, but it was most interesting to see the poor demented creatures. While some seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, others paid no attention whatever to what was going on around them. It certainly was a very pitiable sight to see such numbers of people in an institution of that kind, a great many of them our own citizens, some of whom I recognized as being at one time influential business men, and who, no doubt, have gone there through business worries, possibly speculation of a kind which in a moment of excitement they had risked more than they should have, and as a consequence we see them where they are. The men, taken altogether, were a much better looking lot than the women, and their behavior on both sides was a great surprise to me, as I had pictured to myself all sorts of breaks at any moment. There were about 300 patients in the concert hall, and nothing that was an audience of lunatics, except once when all was quiet a noise was made as if a young rooster thought morning had come and it was his duty to make the usual salute. Out attention was directed to a little old woman with snow-white hair, who was quietly led from the hall by one of the nurses, and who made not the slightest resistance, but hopped out just as the bird she had succeeded so well in imitating would do. Poor creature, how my heart ached for her.

While in New York during the holiday season I was fortunate in getting a glimpse of a much envied young lady, Miss Eva Barby, who is a great heiress said to be worth thirty millions (\$30,000,000) of dollars. She is a tall, slender, graceful girl and is considered the beauty of the family—neither blonde nor brunette but of medium type with dark eyes and hair of a light chestnut tint. The following was clipped from an American paper and sent to me—it was interesting to me and may be to some others—headed "Women and their ways." A girl doesn't love every man she is willing to go to a dollar and a half show with. After a woman marries a man she stops looking wistfully at him and says what she means. The average girl may not be able to name the Post-master-general but she can tell what kind of marriage service is being used before the minister has read half a dozen lines. The enjoyment with which a woman listens to a young man reading out loud is recalled to him painfully after marriage when she begins to find fault with his pronunciation.

GLORIA.

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Thornhill.

We understand a celebrated breach of promise case between parties residing not far off from Thornhill is likely to be ventilated soon. We are credibly informed that two silver-tongued orators have been briefed both by plaintiff and defendant. Efforts will be made to have the Court sit at the Victoria Hall in Thornhill, and large as the sitting capacity of that hall is, it is thought it will be wholly inadequate to accommodate the crowd who will be anxious to hear this local case, the lady and respondent being well known. To prevent disappointment it is advised that parties at once apply to the court officers for tickets of admission.

Mrs. Thomas Lane is visiting her brother Mr. John Ramsden, clerk of county, at his residence in Toronto.

The following officers were elected for Thornhill Lodge, No. 91, L. O. L.:—W. M., Rev. J. Morgan; D. M., E. Stephenson; Chaplain, E. Bacon; R. S., W. Marshall; F. S., J. Stephenson; Treasurer, J. C. Steele; Lecturer, C. Shephard; Organist, J. E. Knox; Tyler, H. Richards.

Miss Minerva McDonald of Toronto is on a visit to Miss Ada Lindsay.

One of Thornhill's old residents passed away on Saturday last in the person of Mr. William Bowes at the age of 80. He was a life-long Methodist and from his genial manner and sterling Christian character endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Benjamin Musselman has just returned from an extended trip north; during his visit at several points he had the pleasure of meeting Father Egan, Mark Helmkey, Henry Dunning all of whom stated the gold boom had taken deep hold on the several localities and companies, and prospectors were hustling in some parts near Sudbury, gold to the extent of \$16 per ton has been taken out.

Several residents have asked Mr. H. M. Brown a former school teacher to open an evening class for tuition. He opens his evening insurance business may for the present prevent his doing so, but will consider the applications. Mr. Brown having secured the services of a young lady graduate from Ben-Gough's School of Short-hand and Type-writing and a most efficient teacher will open a Short-hand and Type-writing class; this will prove a great boon to the young people of Thornhill and vicinity.

Missionary sermons were preached on Sunday last in connection with the Methodist church, in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Martin, the evening by the Rev. Mr. Pigott. Congregations, collections and subscriptions are ahead of last year. The church choir whose reputation for sweet singing is known far and wide acquitted themselves at this anniversary most creditably. Miss Mary E. Johnston the organist with her usual grace and skill won all hearts.

The passengers by the Electric Cars are in great glee over the addition of an extra door at each end of the car platform. They say it is now a comfort to have a ride on them, thanks Mr. Moyes for this, now for the next increased car service and lower fares and the companies receipts will be doubled, give it a fair trial anyway.

The following officers were installed in Court Union, No. 772, A. O. F., at the last meeting:—C. R., J. Drury; S. C. R., G. A. Langstaff, M. B.; Sec'y, J. E. Francis; Treas., G. A. Pearson; S. W., Jas. Moore; J. W., E. A. James; S. B., Wm. Pearson; J. B., A. E. H. Pearson.

The band carnival on Tuesday evening was very successful. There was an excellent attendance, the gross receipts being in the neighborhood of \$50.

The musical and dramatic entertainment given in Victoria Hall last evening under the auspices of the Public Library Board was the event of the season. The large hall was well filled and the performances of all those who took part were highly appreciated. Hon. N. C. Wallace gracefully filled the chair, referred to the worthy object of the entertainment, and expressed his pleasure at being present. During the evening short addresses were also given by Mr. J. W. Moyes, Mr. W. J. Hill, and Mr. St. John, M. P.P.

Markham Council.

Pursuant to statute the Markham Township Council met at Victoria Hall, Unionville, on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1898, at 11 a. m. Present: Jas. Lawrie, reeve; A. Quantz, 1st deputy; Jas. Dimma, 2nd deputy; John Eckardt, 3rd deputy, and D. Steele, councillor. The clerk in the chair. The members subscribed the oath of office and qualification and the reeve took the chair.

Duncan—Steele—that the reeve leave the chair until after the funeral of the hostess, the late Mrs. Webber. Council resumed.

Communications received from:—J. Ross Robertson asking grant for Hospital for sick children; H. J. Binus re printing; P. H. Bryce, Sec. Provincial Board of Health re change in law 1895.

Applications were received from W. D. Reesor for assessorship, east half; and from J. F. Gohn and W. Scott for assessorship, west half.

Quantz—Steele—that the treasurer pay Capt. W. Rolph for 90 yards of gravel \$9.00; W. D. Crosby, R. O. Dimma—Steele—that the treasurer subscribe for 6 copies of the Municipal World and procure the new revised statutes for the use of the council.

Steele—Dimma—that Mr. Eckardt be a commissioner to advertise for tenders for and buy a car load of cedar to be delivered at the Unionville station, to consist, one third 18 feet long 8 inches at small end; one half 18 feet long from 8 to 10 inches at small end; and the balance from 20 to

24 feet long 8 inches at small end. Quantz—Dimma—that the reeve and mover be commissioners to call for tenders for printing for the current year.

Quantz—Eckardt—that the treas. pay the following accounts:—T. F. McMahon advertising meetings of council one year \$8; George Morrison putting in cuvert between lots 15 and 16 con. 8, \$2.50; Robert Clark, 27 cedar posts at 11c., \$2.97; D. G. Harrington, plank for municipality, \$12.10; W. Frisby, drawing plank and covering bridge between lots 20 and 21 con. 5, \$1.50; T. C. Austin & Co., freight on grader shoe, 55c.; Chas. Stephenson, shovelling gravel on road, 50c.

A by-law was passed appointing J. F. Davison and H. P. Crosby auditors; and Walter Scott assessor, west half, W. D. Reesor assessor, east half.

A by-law was passed appointing a Board of Health as follows:—The reeve, clerk, and David James 3 yrs., Elias Hamilton 2 yrs., Jonathan Nigh 1 yr.

On motion the council adjourned to meet on February 10th.

Vaughan Council

The members elect of the Council of Vaughan met on Monday, the 10th of January, 1898.

Members present: A. Bryson, reeve; J. H. Kirby, 1st deputy reeve; Wm. Watson, 2nd deputy reeve; J. N. Boyie and Isaac Devins, councillors.

The members having executed the declaration of qualification and of office took their seats and proceeded to business.

The following petitions were presented asking grants for gravelling the highways in the township: From C. McNeil and ten others; from D. C. Longhouse and 29 others; from T. Porter and 41 others; from J. R. Snider and 34 others; from S. Shunk and 63 others.

Kirby—Devins—that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following accounts:

T. F. McMahon, printing minutes, advertising, stationery, &c. \$64 00 Brown Bros., cash book 3 40 —Carried.

Devins—Boyle—that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following road accounts:

R. McDonald, spikes and nails \$ 30 S. Donner, 23 loads of gravel 2 50 J. Devins, work on town line, half charged to York 19 77 Wm. Chatterley, 5 days' work 5 00 D. Doyle, 3 days' work 3 00 M. Conby, 1 day's work 1 00 A. Chatterley, 5 days' work 5 00 W. Chatterley, 5 days' work with horse and cart 10 00 W. J. Hearn, 6 days' work and 1 shovel 6 75 Lackie Bros., 1 day with horse and cart, less 75c. for shovel 1 25 M. Horan, breaking stone 5 00 —Carried.

Watson—Kirby—that the treasurer refund the following amounts to the undermentioned collector:

To G. F. Legge, Div. No. 1—Albert McBride, no dog \$ 1 00 J. E. Brooks, taxes 2 06 —Carried.

Boyle—Watson—that the clerk is hereby instructed to have the Municipal World sent to each member of the council.—Carried.

By-laws were passed appointing J. T. Saigron and J. B. McLean, auditors; John Atkinson and Henry Creighton, assessors; and fence-viewers and pound-keepers as follows:

VENCE-VIEWERS. District No. 1.—W. H. Clubine, A. S.—Russell, G. F. Legge, District No. 2.—G. F. Wallace, L. Whitmore, T. Witty; District No. 3.—J. Ellis, A. Diceman, J. McDonough.

POUND-KEEPERS. J. Lahmer, H. Houghton, J. Rumble, J. Agar, J. Duggan, W. Richardson, J. Walker.

By-laws regulating the salaries of officers as follows:—Auditors, \$3 per day; assessors, \$65; returning officers, \$2 per day; poll clerks, \$1.50 per day; caretaker of town hall, \$12; constables \$1 per day; members of the council, \$2 per day; also by-law for making appropriation for roads and bridges and for unforeseen expenses. The council adjourned until the 8th day of February.

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