RICHMOND HILL, September 22, 1898

### THE PLEBISCITE.

Before the next number of THE LIBERAL reaches all our patrons those who have the privilege of the franyes or no on the question of the prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in this Dominion. The date of polling is on made threats in reference to how month. After more than a quarter not to be debarred from exercising of a century of persistent agitation | their franchise, or if needs be to different method of dealing with the liquor traffic than has hitherto been pursued, an opportunity will be given to ascertain as near as possible how the country stands on this matter.

On this question there is a great diversity of opinion. As a free pecple in a free country every man has a right to his own views, can draw his own conclusions and act in accordance with his own convictions. In this case we ought to be able to express our views and cast our ballots free from all political bias and personal feeling, willingly allowing those who think differently to do the same.

On the question of the advisability of prohibiting or retaining the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage there is no lack of information. If any voter is ignorant of the many reasons | society. The proceeds amounted to why he should ballot either for or against, it is no fault of the contestants, for both sides have scattered literature in fly sheets by the million.

Where so much light and knowdedge has been scattered broadcast there seems scarcely the necessity of entering into the merits of the case.

There is little doubt that the majority of the electors of Canada daughters of Whitby; their daughterwould like to see strong drink swelt from our land, but some of them may hesitate before casting their ballots, and ask themselves the question, " Will prohibition prohibit, and will a prohibitory law if passed be enforced." The question is somewhat difficult to answer from the fact that we have no precedent. Should there be a prohibitary law passed, Canada Richmond Hill High School will take would be the first country to pass it as a nation. The Direct Taxation argument need not cause much concern. If drinking could be stopped there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary taxes.

To the statement that even in the result of a large majority in favor of prohibition, no such measure will be enacted, Mr. Laurier has publicly stated that the will of the people would be carried out even were it to party. There is therefore a great probability of the enactment of a prohibitory law should the voice of the people be sufficiently loud.

The Toronto Globe of the 17th inst., after a careful forecast of the result of the plebiscite from information from all the provinces and many large cities and towns, estimates that there will be about half a million of votes polled on the 29th, and that of these there will be about 300,000 in favor of prohibition. Should the majority be small no sane man should ask for a prohibitory law, and no sane parliament would pass T. Douthwaite, planting trees

# "THE TYRANNY OF A CHURCH:

The Toronto World locks upon the Methodist body as a bad gang. In its leading editorial last Friday it said relative to the Methodist church : | C. Morrison, lighting lamps,

"It is constantly seeking tyrannize over the public, and not Levi Gaby, horses and carts on only to make the rule of conduct for its own members, but for all other people as well. It was the Methodist Church more than any other | H. Blanchard, work, sidewalks 26 58

church that sought to keep the people of Toronto out of enjoying the boon of Sunday cars; it is the Methodist Church that is principally behind read:the Prohibition agitation now being carried on. And it seeks to enforce its views in regard to private conduct by securing the passage of restrictive public laws," &c., &c.

We fail to see why the Methodist Church should be called tyrannical because some of its members are said to have voted against Sunday cars. was read a first, second and third time Nor can we see that the church chise will have marked their ballots should be accused of "tyranny" be- Law No. 166, to prevent the use of cause some of its members will vote YES on the question of prohibition. village of Richmond Hill, and to re-The World makes no effort to show that ministers or laymen have ever Thursday, the 29th of the present people should vote. Surely they are for the government's attention to a speak out on questions relating to temperance and morality.

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### Victoria Square

The peach festival at Victoria Square Methodist church on Thursday evening did full justice to the efforts of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society. ' It was not largely attended but those who were there will have no cause for regret. The members wish to thank Misses Crosby, Cross, Switzer, Brown and Fierheller and Mr. Large, not only for the very able manner in which they performed their parts but for their cheerful willingness in consenting to. assist when requested by the committee. Rev. Mr. McCulloch occupied the chair and added much to the enjoyment of those present. His remarks were principally on the work of the

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawson, who have been among our most highly esteemed citizens for so many years, after a happy married life of sixty years, celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Saturday the 17th inst. The invited guests were confined to their own immediate relatives, and consisted of their son, Rev. Thomas Lawson, and family of the North West; their son, Mr. George Lawson, and family of North Toronto; their daughter, Mrs. Carruthers, husband and two in-law Mrs. Maggie Lawson and two sons, Gormley; and their grandson, Mr. W. H. Lever, wife and family of Gormley. All their children were present with the exception of their son William of Brandon, Man. A very happy and enjoyable time was spent. The aged couple are enjoying good health, and relatives, friends and acquaintances join in the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Lawson may be spared to enjoy years of health, prosperity and contentment

Mr. A. E. Coombs, Principal of the the Review lesson at the Sabbath School next Sunday afternoon.

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# Village Council.

Pursuant to the call of the reeve the council met on Monday evening, 19th

Members present: P. G. Savage (reeve), and Councillors Hill, Hopper,

Innes and Wright. The minutes of the 6th of June were

read and approved.

The following accounts were read: J. Innes, tanks and sidewalks,

lumber . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 82 44 C. Mason, tar for sidewalks, sundries ..... John Innes, 2 tanks 10x10 ft.

each .... T. F. McMahon, voters' list,&c. Jos. Hall, oil for street lamps... 16 55 Jos. Mapes, work in park ..... 2.00

in park ..... 3 00 H. Blanchard, work on streets. N. Sliney, drawing water for

tanks ..... Jos. Blanchard, work on tanks 11 25 \$2.50. Jos. Blanchard, mixing tar for sidewalks..... C. Morrison, shovelling snow

in front of Falconbridge &c., for one week...... 1 50

Levi Gaby, sundries for streets 45 30 Yonge street ...... 14 00 Ontario Lime Assoc'n, account

for pipes ...... 20.25 H. Blanchard, work on tanks.. 15 00

Wright-Hopper-that the treasurer pay the foregoing accounts .-

The following communications were

From Sawyer & Massey Co. of Hamilton, dated 5th of August, relating to road machine.

From T. F. McMahon, Sec'y of the Public Library Board, stating that the sum of \$80 is required this year for Public Library purposes.

Councillor Innes introduced By-Law No. 165, to make provision for the preservation of public morals within the village of Richmond Hill which

Councillor Wright introduced Bysidewalks and street crossings in the peal By-Law No. 153, which was read a first, second and third time and passed.

The coincil adjourned. M. TEEFY, Clerk.

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### Vaughan Council

The Council of the Municipality of Vaughan met at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th of September.

The reeve in the chair. Members present Messrs. Kirby, Watson, Boyle

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Petitions from the Metropolitan Railway Company were presented, asking for exemption from taxation for a period of ten years all the real and personal property of the company, such exemption not extending to taxation for school purposes; asking permission to sell or lease electricity for lighting, heating or motive power to any person or corporation in the Township of Vaughan; asking permission to build extensions and branches along such streets and highways in the township as shall be provided for in agreement mentioned

The following claim for sheep killed by dog or dogs was presented :- Geo. Dibb, 3 lambs killed, valued at \$20.00. Devins-Kirby-that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay of the above claim, namely, \$13.13

Boyle-Devins-That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following accounts :-Hart & Riddell, forms ......\$ 3 70 Imperial Insurance Company,

John Atkinson for attending Court of Appeal ..... 4 60 Andrew McNeil, for Vaughan Plowmen's Association . . . . 30 00 Alex. Black, compensation for

injuries received in gravel Kirby-Watson-that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following road recounts :-Jas. Thomas, 15 loads gravel. \$ R. Walkington, repairing cul-

R. Rumble, unloading car of lumber ..... R. Rumble, repairing culverts Jas. Kirby, freight on car of 25 22 John Bennetts, hauling mate-

4 25 rial and repairing bridge Wm. Waldron, 2 days work on bridge..... Alex. Black, 13 days work on 1 75 bridge .....; Wallace Bros., 42 loads gravel 4 20

John Anderson, building abut-6 00 ment to bridge..... Geo. Legge, putting in culvert John L. Card for material 343 88 work, &c .....

Yonge St. Account Michael Conley, breaking 2 toise stone .....\$ 10 00 Michael Horn, breaking a toise stone .....

A By-Law was then passed appointing collectors of taxes for the year

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday, the 11th of October, to neet at 10 a. m. J. M. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

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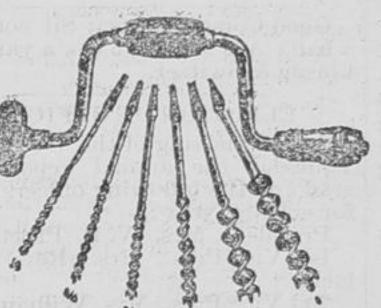
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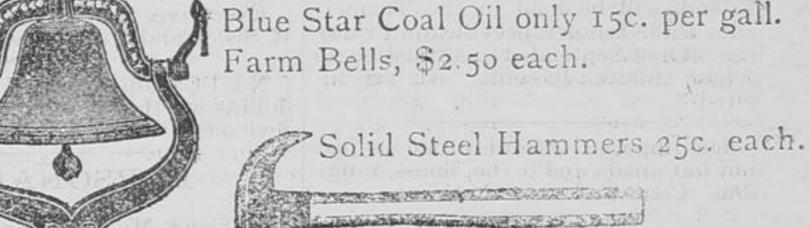


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