

New Advertisements.

New Ad.—Glass & Co.
Notice—J. E. Huty.
Change—Wilkins & Co.
Farm to Rent—Lot 21, 3rd Con., Mar' Ham.
Lost—THE LIBERAL office.

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, January 26, 1899

OUR POSTAL SYSTEM, THEN AND NOW.

Owing to the business-like energy of our Postmaster-General, great improvements have been made in our postal system of late, which cannot fail to meet with approval by the general public. The reduction of letter postage to Europe and throughout Canada to two cents is an event in the history of our country. It may amuse our readers if we call attention to the postal rates in Canada, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, when letters were rated in "Halifax currency," according to the distance from the place posted: If at Richmond Hill and addressed to

Thornhill	rate 4 1/2 pence per 1/2 oz.
Stouffville	7 " "
Kingston	9 " "
Loughboro	11 1/2 " "
Montreal	1 1/4 " "
Norton Creek	1/4 " "
Quebec	1/6 " "
St. Andre	1/8 " "
Rimouski	1/10 1/2 " "
Dalhousie, N. B.	2/1 " "
New Richmond	2/3 " "
(Gaspé)	2/9 1/2 " "
Halifax, N. S.	2/9 1/2 " "

If "Tis distance lends enchantment to the view," we have it in the matter of letter postage, when a letter posted in Canada will reach its destination any place in England, a distance of about 3000 miles, for two cents.

With reference to the postage on newspapers, "then and now," for the information of our readers we copy the evidence of a Toronto publisher, given before a Committee of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada in 1835, of which the late W. L. Mackenzie was chairman. It read as follows:—

"Thomas Dalton, Esq., Toronto, called in and examined.

Are you the proprietor of the Patriot newspaper? I am; the series commenced in November, 1829.

What postage did you pay in 1830 and 1831? I paid while I published in Kingston about £125, this was to the end of 1832.

Is the return correct which states you to have paid in 1829 £5, in 1830 nothing, and only 6 pounds in 1831? It is not correct.

What might be the amount paid during these years? I think 70 or 80 pounds.

The Kingston Chronicle is entered in this return as paying 10 pounds a year; is that a fair return? I should not suppose that they sent so few as 50 copies.

Do you know any law under which newspaper postage can be collected in Upper Canada as a perquisite to a Postmaster? No; I do not believe they pretend it is by law, but by an order of the Postmaster General, and given as a perquisite to his deputy, as I understand.

Are not the Letter Postage rates, when they exceed 1s. 3d. currency, on a single letter (which is the maximum for the greatest possible distance in the United States) injurious to trade and unnecessarily burthen-some on this community? I have always thought the postage from here to England as enormous.

How would you recommend newspaper postage to be collected? I think it ought to be collected from the party receiving the newspaper.

Do you think newspapers ought to be subject to postage? I do, for the reason that it is a valuable service performed to the person receiving the paper, with the expense of which the public ought not to be burthened; because it would be taxing the poor to maintain the rich.

What rate of postage would you

recommend on newspapers? Not more than a halfpenny per sheet."

In those days the Postmaster General of England—the then Duke of Richmond—controlled our postal arrangements through his deputy in Quebec, who did pretty much as he pleased, being responsible to no authority in Canada.

Mr. Thomas Allen Stayer was a well-paid public official, exclusive of unlimited perquisites, and on his retirement must have accumulated an immense fortune. Thanks to Responsible Government, and vigilant chiefs of departments, the "perquisite" system is no longer tolerated as of old. Our present Postal charge on newspapers is trifling when compared with those times.

The Money Order system has been further improved upon by our present Postmaster-General in the introduction of Postal Notes for small sums ranging from twenty cents to five dollars.

The establishment of Post Office Saving Banks in the year 1868 was a move in the right direction, and has continued in popular favor to the present time. Our postmaster has handed us a tabular statement of the deposits in the Richmond-Hill Post Office Savings Bank for the past ten years, together with the aggregate amount of money deposited in the Post office from the 1st of July, 1868, to the 31st of December, 1898, amounting to the respectable sum of \$377,848.

BRAINS VS. CHEAPNESS.

The Municipal World for January contains the following sensible article on the advisability of appointing good men to the position of assessors:

"The qualification of an assessor should receive more consideration than is generally given to annual municipal appointments. His duties are defined by the Assessment Act, and no council has a right to direct him in the assessment of real or personal property. Upon the efficiency of his work a great deal depends, among other things, on a correct population return—the amount of the Legislative school grant; on a complete dog census—sufficient funds to pay for sheep killed, and a possible balance for the general funds; on the proper observance of the Assessment Act in reference to non-resident lands—the payment of arrears of taxes; on the assessment of all man-hood franchise voters and others—small accounts for the revision of the assessment rolls and voters' lists."

We have always held that the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of assessors. They should be men of excellent judgment, and should be able to give good reasons for every assessment made. And yet it sometimes happens in neighboring municipalities that Councils are censured because they do not give the position to the cheapest man. A saving of ten or fifteen dollars amounts to little when placed in the balance against brains.

Post Office Savings Bank

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL
SIR,—At your request and for the information of such of your readers as feel interested, I submit a statement of the sums deposited in the Richmond Hill Post Office Savings Bank during the past ten years, ending 31st Decem-1898. They are as follows:—

1889	\$ 8,937
1890	9,065
1891	12,746
1892	8,100
1893	9,400
1894	8,241
1895	8,695
1896	5,182
1897	41,317
1898	12,956

Total in 10 years.....94,639
Total since 1st of July, 1868, \$377,848.
Yours Truly,
M. TERRY, Postmaster,
Richmond Hill, January 23, 1899.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY persons in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$900 a year and expenses—definite, bonus, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Herbert E. Hess, Pres., Dept. M. Chicago. 11-26

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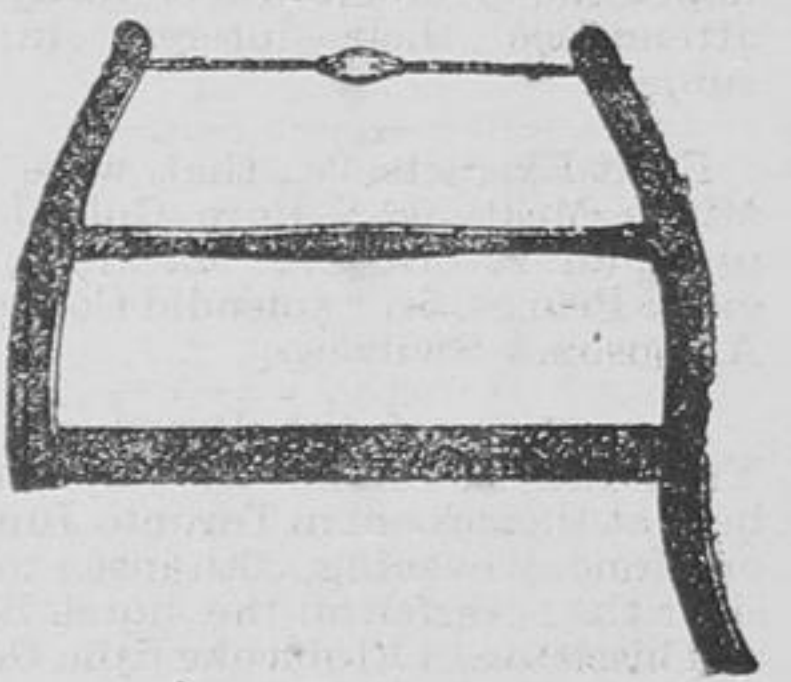
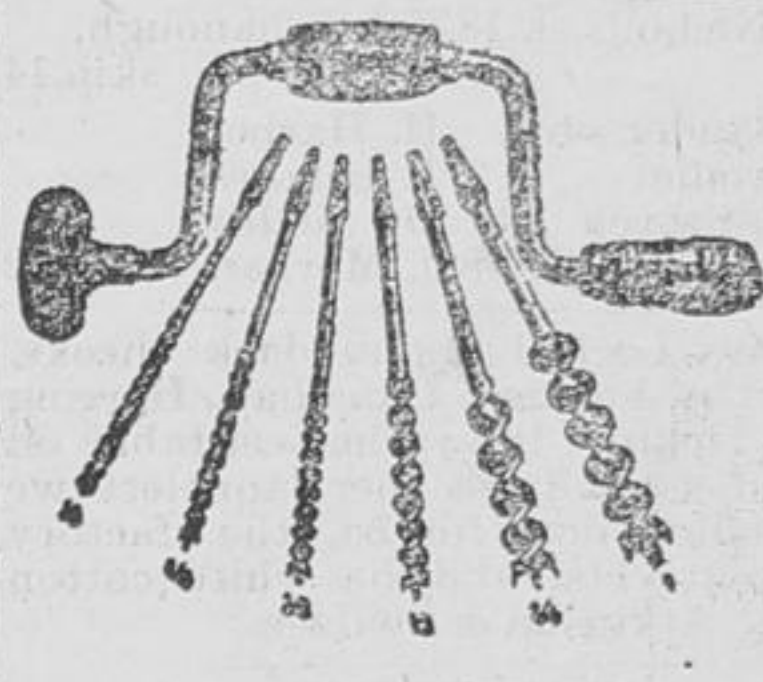
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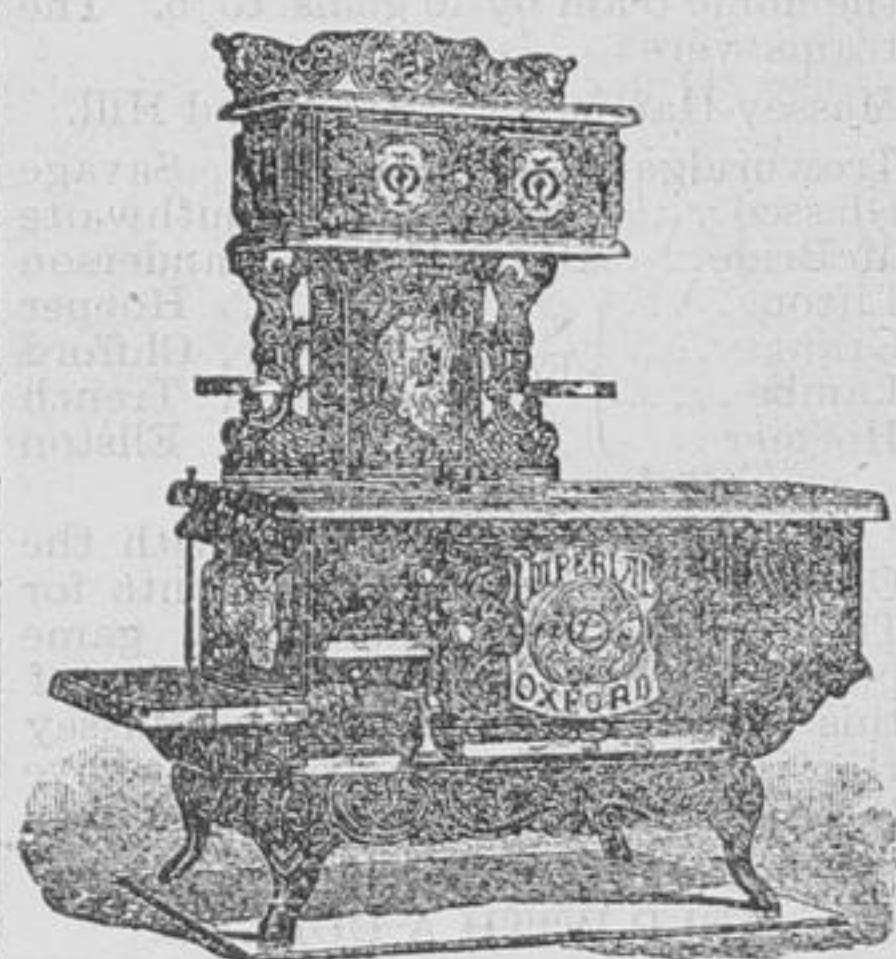
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TESTIMONIALS

RICHMOND HILL, Jan'y 16th, 1899.
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