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**Markham Council.**  
Council met on Tuesday, Nov. 20,  
Reeve Quantz in the chair. Other  
members present, Messrs. Dimma,  
Eckardt, Summerfeldt and Sisley.  
Clerk Stiver read minutes of pre-  
vious meeting, which were adopted as  
read.  
A communication was read from J.  
Fleury & Son re road scraper.  
Sisley - Summerfeldt - that the  
treasurer pay Arthur Elson \$24, John  
Yake \$3, and Thos. Hargrave \$17.67,  
being for sheep killed and injured by  
dog or dogs.—Carried.  
Summerfeldt - Sisley - that the  
treasurer pay Simon Baker for keep-  
ing and taking care of Scott Craig, in-  
digent, for 4 weeks at \$5 a week; also  
\$5 for taking him to the General Hos-  
pital, Toronto.—Carried.  
Sisley - Summerfeldt - that Mr.  
Dimma be commissioner to examine  
con. 10, opposite lot 12, and if deemed  
necessary put in a culvert.—Carried.  
Dimma-Eckardt—that the treas.  
pay the following accounts:  
John Hickson, repairs ..... \$ 3 00  
Albert Hunt, cedar ..... 8 75  
Wm. Craig, iron and bolts ..... 1 50  
James Boyd, draining ..... 2 00  
A. McPherson, spikes, etc ..... 43 30  
J. G. Freeman, cedar ..... 2 50  
J. A. Mitchell, plank ..... 3 50  
Jas. Thomas, grading ..... 13 40  
D. & G. Harrington, pine & cedar 120 81  
A. Hisey, repairing road ..... 3 50  
D. Quantz, repairing bridge ..... 50  
—Carried.

Eckardt-Sisley—that the treasurer  
pay the following gravel accounts:  
John Horsley ..... \$ 3 90  
John Young ..... 12 10  
Jos. Kirk ..... 3 60  
John Sewell ..... 11 50  
W. Armstrong ..... 5 60  
J. G. Freeman ..... 13 60  
Tilman Reesor ..... 125 00  
A. Hisey ..... 50 50  
—Carried.  
Mr. Sisley introduced a by law  
for holding municipal elections for the  
year 1901. The following deputy-re-  
turning officers were appointed for  
the different polling sub-divisions:  
1. Thornhill—Arthur Morgan.  
2. Elgin Mills—Robt. McLean.  
3. Brown's Corners—Ed. Lamau.  
4. Victoria Square—Geo. Brown.  
5. Unionville—C. H. Stiver.  
6. Cashel—F. H. Quantz.  
7. Lot 8, con. 7—Geo. Robb.  
8. Milnesville—Peter Byer.  
9. Cedar Grove—Jas. Malcolm.  
10. Mongolia—Thos. Smails.  
Summerfeldt-Eckardt—that the re-  
port of Mr. Dimma, commissioner, re  
adjustment of accounts between Mark-  
ham and Scarborough, be received and  
adopted. The receipt of \$431 due  
Markham in full of all demands up to  
September 24, 1900, is hereby acknowl-  
edged.—Carried.  
Mr. Summerfeldt introduced a by-  
law for the commutation of statute  
labor, which was read a first and a  
second time. The by-law will be sub-  
mitted to the electors at the January  
elections. In the meantime the clerk  
was instructed to arrange with Mr. A.  
W. Campbell, Provincial Roads In-  
spector, for a series of meetings to be  
held throughout the township.  
Dimma-Eckardt—that this council  
do now adjourn to meet again on Sat-  
urday, Dec. 15.

**Victoria Square**  
Miss Frances Brumwell is visiting  
her brother Walter.  
The Rifle Club will hold their first  
semi-monthly shoot on Saturday next.  
One of our young men prefers going  
to Unionville church instead of our  
own on Sunday evening.  
The Cedardale Beef Ring Associa-  
tion held their annual meeting last  
Monday evening at the residence of  
Mr. Geo. Forester, the following  
officers being elected:—President, R.  
Francey; Sec'y-Treas., C. P. Read.  
A meeting of the officers and friends  
of the Sabbath School was held on  
Monday last. They decided to hold  
their annual Christmas Tree in the  
basement of the church.  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm.  
Lawson took place from her late resi-  
dence on Tuesday morning, to the  
family burying-ground here. Deceased,  
who was in her 84th year, was  
widely known and highly respected.  
The husband, who is also well ad-  
vanced in years, has the sympathy of  
a large circle of friends and acquaint-  
ances in the loss of his help-mate.

**People's Plowing Match.**  
The following is a list of the prize-  
winners at the People's Plowing Match  
held on Mr. Webber's farm, Union-  
ville, on Thursday last:  
First Class, in sod—1, Frank Weir,  
Scarboro; 2, James Cameron, Vaughan;  
3, Alex. Sterling, Scarboro; 4,  
Nelson Wagg, Pickering.  
Second Class, in sod—1, A. Patter-  
son, Scarboro; 2, Alfred Steers, Scar-  
boro; 3, Thos. Bell, Scarboro; 4, E.  
Willis, Scarboro.  
Third Class, in sod, under 18 years—  
1, John Couperthwaite, Markham; 2,  
Samuel McClure, Vaughan.

Fifth Class, open to all, in stubble—  
1, A. Little, Scarboro; 2, A. McLean,  
Scarboro; 3, F. Carruthers, York; 4,  
Gardham Traw, Markham.  
Sixth Class, boys under 16, stubble—  
1, Robt. Couperthwaite, Markham; 2,  
Lyman Kennedy, Scarboro; 3, Ham-  
ilton Hagerman, Markham.  
Special prize, first class, in sod—  
Best six furrows, Nelson Wagg.  
Boys under 18, in sod—Best crown  
of six furrows, J. Couperthwaite; best  
finish, J. Couperthwaite.  
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**Maple**  
The induction of Rev. G. Back is to  
take place on Thursday, Dec. 6, at St.  
Paul's Church on the 7th concession,  
at 3 p. m. After the ceremony tea  
will be served in the basement, and in  
the evening an entertainment will be  
given.  
Mr. R. S. Thomson and Mr. H. C.  
Bailey are going to have their stores  
lighted by acetylene gas, and expect  
to have the plant in this week.  
Mrs. A. Shunk of Toronto, was vis-  
iting her father, Mr. H. Franks, over  
Sunday.  
Mr. D. Burgess and Mr. H. C. Bailey  
started on Monday morning for a  
week's rabbit hunting in the vicinity  
Beaverton.  
The family of Mr. and Mrs. John  
Coombs were summoned home last  
week to the bedside of the latter who  
is seriously ill, but slight hopes being  
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