

LOCALS.

The High School closed Friday and the Public School Monday.

The Prayer Meeting in the Methodist church is withdrawn this week.

There will be skating in the rink on Christmas afternoon, from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. Band in attendance.

Mr. J. E. Skeele, Principal of the High School at Cayuga, is home for the holidays.

Mr. F. W. Harrison, a student at Queen's University, Kingston came home Friday to spend the holidays.

The Elgin Mills Hotel has changed hands. Mr. Frank Cosgrove moved from Bond Lake and took possession on Monday.

The hour for nomination of reeve and councillors for Vaughan township will this year be 1 o'clock, next Monday.

Rev. Mr. Rutherford of Sutton, D. D. G. M. W. for the A. O. U. W., paid an official visit to Ivy Lodge on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. C. H. Stiver of Unionville, clerk and treasurer of Markham township; and Mr. Stiver, grain buyer in Stouffville, were in the village Tuesday afternoon.

Posters have been distributed announcing a meeting for the nomination of Reeve, councillors and Public School trustees in the Council chamber next Monday evening at 7.30.

Mr. J. F. Rowland, manager of the Standard Bank at Brighton, spent Monday afternoon in the village. Many of his friends were pleased to see him again.

Rev. J. A. Grant, M. A., was in Guelph on Thursday last, attending the Committee of the General Assembly on the Distribution of Probationers.

"A Deal in Wheat," by Frank Norris has been placed in the Public Library. This completes the list of books added this fall. The amount is \$97.32, besides \$48.00 in magazines, periodicals, etc.

The annual entertainment and distribution of presents was held in the Thornhill Sabbath School last evening. Among the presents was a large turkey for the pastor, Rev. J. A. Grant.

Dr. J. N. Hutchison of Winnipeg, who with Mrs. Hutchison went to London, Ont., last week to attend the funeral of their young nephew, Mr. Garnet Escott, spent a part of Monday here on his way to Claremont, and called on a number of old friends.

Rock-bottom prices on Gift Goods at Atkinson & Switzer's, and a splendid stock to select from.

Service will be held in St. Mary's Church (of England) by the pastor, Rev. John Gibson, on Christmas morning at 9.30. Service at Trinity Church, Thornhill, at 11 o'clock. The churches are being decorated for the occasion.

Don't forget the Christmas Tree and Entertainment in the school room of the Methodist church Christmas night. There will be a good programme of solos, recitations, fancy drills, patriotic exercises, and a "Mother Goose" cantata. Also a visit from Santa Claus. Entertainment to commence at 7.30. Admission 15 and 10 cents.

Christmas price values positively without precedence. Atkinson & Switzer.

BEEF AND POULTRY.

Messrs. Glass and Co. as usual are showing a large and choice stock of Christmas beef and poultry. Choice turkeys from 13 to 16 cents a lb.; geese, 10 to 11; and chickens from 50 to 65 cents a pair. Their stock of beef for the Christmas trade is very choice.

A. O. F.

The following are the officers of Court Richmond for the ensuing year: P. O. R., J. P. Glass; C. R., H. F. Hopper; S. C. R., T. Trench; Treas., H. A. Nicholls; Sec'y, W. E. Wiley; S. W., Frank Hopper; J. W., J. Glover; S. B., D. Hill; J. B., F. Sims; Trustees, H. F. Hopper, D. Hill, T. Newton; Auditors, T. F. McMahon, A. Wright, E. Grainger.

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A. O. U. W. OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for Ivy Lodge, at the last meeting: W. T. Storey, P. M. W.; J. P. Glass, M. W.; D. Hill, Foreman; H. F. Hopper, Overseer; J. T. Startup, Guide; R. E. Law, Recorder; A. J. Hume, Financier; F. McConaghy, Treasurer; M. Ransom, Inside Watchman; W. Eyer, Outside Watchman; W. T. Storey, Rep. to G. L.; H. F. Hopper, Alternate; I. Crosby, T. F. McMahon and H. F. Hopper, Auditors.

"The Arch of Fame," a beautiful cantata will be rendered in the Maple Methodist church on Christmas night.

Prospects are good for installing a new gasoline plant which can be utilized in stores, houses, offices or in the streets. Mr. D. Hill is looking into the matter.

Mrs. A. D. Wright and little daughter, Palmer, who came from Regina, N. W. T., to attend the funeral of the former's mother, spent two or three days with Mrs. A. Wright here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindenburg who have recently taken up residence here have leased Mr. Wm. Sheppard's home on Church street. Owing to the poor health of Mr. Lindenburg, Mrs. Lindenburg will not receive till the middle of February.

Neckwear for Xmas gifts will please the men. See the Studholme scarf at Atkinson & Switzer's.

Anniversary services will be held at Victoria Square as usual. Tea will be served on New Year's Day from 4 to 8 o'clock, followed by a choice entertainment. On Sunday, Jan'y 3, special sermons will be preached at 2.15 and 7 p. m. by Rev. Jos. Young of Bradford.

MR. PUGSLEY NOMINATED.

Centre York Conservatives met in Toronto yesterday, when Mr. W. H. Pugsley of this village, was nominated to oppose Mr. Arch. Campbell, M.P., in the coming Dominion election. The nominee has been in municipal and county council since 1880, has a good record, and was probably the strongest man that the Conservatives could have selected.

Pocket diaries, games, school supplies and books for sale at THE LIBERAL OFFICE.

COLTOM FERGUSON ANSWERED.

The following appeared in the Granby Gazette of the 6th of May, 1870, over thirty years ago:—"An amusing though rather undignified scene occurred in the Dominion House of Commons the other evening. Mr. Ferguson having asked a question of the Minister of Militia, the latter replied in French, a language of which his querist is quite ignorant; Mr. Sandfield Macdonald then made some remarks in Gaelic to which Sir Geo. Cartier and the Minister of Justice replied in a jumble of broken Greek and Latin, whereupon Mr. Levisconte expressed his disgust in Spanish, and so the polyglot discussion ended.

Christmas cards and calendars, distinctly Canadian at THE LIBERAL OFFICE. Just the thing to send to friends in distant lands.

XMAS NIGHT.

The following is the program to be given by the scholars of the Methodist S. S. in the school room of the church on Christmas night:
Chorus by the School;
Recitation;
Exercise Song, "Turkey's Wish-bone";
Recitation;
Exercise Song, "Little Tin Soldiers";
Recitation;
Flag Drill;
Solo, "Pride of Newspaper Row";
Cantata, "Mother Goose";
Sailor Song;
Chorus;
Parasol Drill;
Patriotic Exercise, Britannia;
Visit from Santa Claus;

HICKS' ALMANAC.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac for 1904 is now ready. It will be mailed to any address for 30 cents. It is surprising how such an elegant, costly book can be sent prepaid so cheaply. No family or person is prepared to study the heavens, or the storms and weather in 1904, without this wonderful Hicks' Almanac and Prof. Hicks' splendid paper, Word and Works. Both are sent for only one dollar a year. Word and Works is among the best American magazines. Like the Hicks Almanac it is too well known to need further commendation. Few men have labored more faithfully for the public good or found a warmer place in the hearts of the people. Send orders to Word and Works Publishing Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Fancy lamps are useful for Christmas presents; we have lamps that don't restrict themselves to giving light, but decorate and adorn the library, the parlor, or the dining-room. Atkinson & Switzer.

A FEW TIMELY FACTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mr. W. S. Moore, after spending six months under our instructions, is now earning \$25 per week for six hours work per day, at Memphis Tenn. Miss Nellie Carson, after five months' training, is now with the Western Union telegraph company at Detroit, earning \$70 per month. Mr. W. H. Hodgson, after four months' training, is now with the C. P. R. at Tweed, Ont., earning \$40.00 per month. Numerous others are being placed in equally as good positions. Our winter term opens January 4th, and those desiring to take up the work should enroll on or before that date to ensure them a position in the spring or early summer. Five competent instructors of exceptional ability are giving their personal and individual attention to the rapid advancement of our pupils. Young ladies are prepared for commercial telegraph positions, and young men for the same and railway positions as operators, train despatchers, agents, etc. This is a profession not overcrowded, and one which will command steady employment the year around at good wages. Write at once for particulars as to terms, etc. Canadian Railway Instruction Institute, Cor. College and Yonge Sts., Toronto.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Commencement Exercises and concert in connection with the High School were held in the Masonic Hall last Friday evening. The programme opened with a chorus by the school, led by Mr. J. H. Sanderson. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. T. Storey, who in an interesting address referred to the good feeling in the High School, and to the good work which was being done by the three teachers. The attendance was larger than ever before, and teachers and scholars were working in harmony. Rev. J. A. Grant, M. A., presented the certificates to the successful students at the last examinations, the presentations being accompanied by appropriate remarks. Miss Ethel Switzer and Miss Mary Trench contributed vocal solos, and the piano accompaniments were played by Mr. Earle Newton and Miss Millie Trench. A prominent feature of the entertainment was the play "Tom Cobb," in three acts. The play was probably not what might have been expected for a school entertainment, but the various parts were cleverly taken, some of the performers displaying more than ordinary ability in portraying the characters which they represented. Several choruses were given during the evening by the school pupils, and the entertainment closed with the National Anthem. The receipts were about \$38.00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School held their annual entertainment in the basement of the church Tuesday evening, and an enjoyable affair it certainly was. That beautiful operetta in five scenes, "Red Riding Hood's Rescue," was presented with good effect, many of the parts being exceedingly well taken. Among those who took the leading parts were Miss Jennie Clark as Red Riding Hood; Miss Janet McDonald, her mother; Miss Ivy Newton, grandmother; Mr. R. Moodie, woodman; Mr. S. Boyle, wolf. A number of little girls and boys appropriately costumed joined in the choruses and made a pretty picture. The music was catchy and the scenery was very creditable. At the conclusion Rev. Mr. Grant thanked all present and expressed the thanks of the school and church to all who assisted, and particularly to Mr. Earle Newton, Miss Keith and Miss Maud Clark for the interest they had taken in providing such an excellent entertainment. Before separating, Santa Claus distributed presents to scholars and others with a lavish hand, among the first being a fat goose to the pastor and to Mr. W. Limes, Supt. of the Sabbath School. It has been decided to repeat "Red Riding Hood's Rescue" in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, the proceeds to be given to the Library of the Sabbath School. In addition to the operetta three beautiful tableaux will be given.

BIRTHS.

STIVER—At Unionville, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stiver.
GRANT—At the Manse, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, the 16th inst, the wife of Rev. J. A. Grant of a son.

MARRIAGES.

POWELL—JACKSON—At 411 Givens St., Toronto, on the 23rd December, by Rev. J. A. Grant, Mr. Robert Powell, to Miss Annie Jackson, all of Toronto.

Fair Trial.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL.
SIR,—In your issue of Dec. 17 there appears a letter signed "Ratepayer," in which the local tavern-keepers are accused of refusing to accommodate a woman with lodging on Monday of that week.

In reply I beg to state that a woman, no doubt the one in question, came to my hotel on that day and sat in the public sitting-room for nearly two hours, and though asked by me if there was anything she required, replied in the negative, afterwards leaving the hotel without asking for lodging or accommodation other than she had received.

Is it a wise or charitable act on the part of "Ratepayer" to make this statement without first investigating the same? In every instance there are two sides to a question, and no one should be condemned without a fair trial.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,

CHAS. H. ELLSTON,
Dominion House,
Richmond Hill, Dec. 23, 1903.

Sale Register.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Auction sale of horses, milk cows, springers, stockers and swine at Hughes Hotel, Thornhill. Sale at 1 o'clock. Terms 4 to 10 months. Six per cent discount for cash. Parties having stock or articles to dispose of may bring same on day of sale. Two hog buyers will be present. Bring your hogs and get good prices. J. H. Pruitice, auct.

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- Fancy China Cups and Saucers, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c.
- Mechanical Toys, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 75c.
- Men's Fancy Ties, latest styles, 25, 45 and 50c.
- Fancy Handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50c.
- Fine Cleaned Currants, 4 lb. for 25c.
- Select raisins, 3 lbs. for 25c.
- Best natural Figs, 5 lbs. for 25c.
- Lemon Peel, 12c. lb.
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