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MARKHAM COUNCIL.

Council met at Unionville on the 8th of May. Members all present, Reeve Lapp in the chair.

Communications received:—

From the Vaughan Telephone Co. re passing of by law giving permission to Co. to erect poles and wires on cons. 1 and 2.

From T. H. Lennox, re tour of inspection of Ontario Railway Commission over Metropolitan Railway on May 14th, and asking council to be represented at that time.

From I. L. Wright of Thornhill, re opening ditch in front of his property.

From J. Andrews, Gormley, re cattle and hogs running at large.

Padget — Ormerod — that Messrs. Nigh and Kirk be com'r's to investigate grievance of Mr. Allen, re watercourse on con. 5, opposite lots 11 and 12, and try and remedy the same.

Padget—Nigh—that the clerk notify our com'r for Yonge street in the matter of grievance on Yonge st., opposite lot 31, asking him to advise us who is liable for the state of ditch, and who the onus for repair is upon, as it is up to either the County or Metropolitan Railway to remedy same.

Padget—Nigh — that Mr. Kirk be com'r to find out the number of sewer-pipe we have on hand and report at next meeting of the council.

A number of general accounts were on motion ordered to be paid.

Padget—Nigh—that we give a grant of $35, to road on con. 6, opp. lots 17 and 18, and that Mr. Kirk be a com'r to expend same.

Kirk—Ormerod—that Mr. Padget be a com'r to fill in approaches to new bridge at Buttonville.

The clerk reported that he had been served with a writ on behalf of Emma Gamble for unstated damages against the township for alleged carelessness in the use of dynamite exploded in a gravel pit near her home, and shattering her nerves.

The Statute Labor By-law was amended by lowering the statute labor tax as follows; On not more than $250 assessment, 1 day; $250 to $500, 1½ days; $500 to $800, 2 days; $800 to $1,100, 2½ days; $1,100 to $1,400, 3 days and for every $500 or fractien thereof one half day; and may commute the same by paying the road overseer $1 for each day so liable.

Nigh—Padget — that the reeve be com'r to put in culvert on Pickering townline, opp. lot 17.

Padget—Kirk — that the reeve be com'r to repair watercourse opp. lot 33, con, 10.

Padget—Nigh—that the clerk write W. F. Nicholls and ask him what authority he has for removing cedar off original road allowance, between cons. 4 and 5, opposite lot 20.

Kirk—Nigh—that Mr. Padget be a com'r to meet a com'r from Vaughan Township to formulate an agreement as regards the keeping in repair the sidewalk or footpath on Yonge street, and the clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the clerk of Vaughan.

Hope.

Mrs. Geo. Osmond and daughter visited with friends in Hope one day last week.

Miss May Clement accompanied by Miss Annie Jones visited with Misses Gertrude and Nellie Thomas last Sunday evening.

Mr. Lorne Patterson of Richmond Hill spent Sunday in this village.

Mr. William and Elias Barry spent Sunday evening with Mr. Herschel J. Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Malloy of Teston visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas, on Sunday last.

A number of pupils from the public school here intend writing on the entrance examinations this year.

Mr. O. Nixon accompanied by his sisters Gertrude and Bessie, spent Sunday evening in Orange Valley.

Mrs. Geo. Crook and family spent Sunday with her father Mr. Wm. Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rumble and family visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Crook on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson and family visited at the home of her parents here on Sunday.

A heavy electrical storm swept over this vicinity on Saturday last.

Mr. A. McQuarrie is having his well deepened by Mr. B. Jackson of Maple, after having a bad misfortune by having his wind-mill destroyed by the recent wind storms. His idea is of striking an overflow.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Last Thursday evening the officers and teachers of the Methodist Sabbath School were all re-elected for another year. The average attendance for the year was 95, a little lower than the previous year. The decrease was accounted for by the school being closed several successive Sundays owing to scarlatina in the village.

HOUSE BUILDING.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Dear Sir,—I am glad to know that my last letter was of sufficient importance to call forth comment in your editorial column, and an observation from "One Who Knows." In reference to this latter I wish to make a few remarks:—

1. It is not at all necessary that I or another should have practical experience in the house-building of the village, to discern the need or be competent to speak.

2. The writer knows of larger places than Richmond Hill that have new houses to rent at $6.00 a month and is informed that here, too, there are places let for this price, and so the assertion of "One who knows," that a house could not be built to rent at that price, is disproved.

3. Even if it were impossible to build and let at so low a price, seven or eight dollars could just as easily be got for a tidy place. People in Richmond Hill will pay $10.00 for the thing they want as readily as people in any other place. But to say they would not before they have had a chance is hardly fair. Besides, those who come from cities and towns where rents are high, would regard $10.00 as very low rent.

4. It cannot be reasonably expected that those who come to reside here should build for themselves, especially if they are employed labor with no assurance of permanent residence. No town ever grew whose citizens were so unaggressive as to refuse to build accommodation for new comers. Toronto would probably be as Richmond Hill to-day, had this attitude been taken by its citizens.

5. Material and wages are not too high to build houses to rent in other places, not even in Dawson City, so that they can scarcely be out of reach here.

Of course we are not suggesting competative methods of investment and the man who prefers a mortgage has his option; but here is as safe and as remunerative a method and more generally helpful of the place and of other people withal. Richmond Hill has many points in its favor, beautifully situated, healthful, temperate, with select building lots, and sufficiently contiguous to the finest city in the Dominion, to be a temptation as a place of residence. Houses are what we need. Who will move first?

Yours Truly
E. C. Civitas.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

The High School Entrance Examination for 1909 will begin on Wednesday June 23rd at 8.45 a.m., and will be held at the High Schools of Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Aurora, and at the following Public Schools: Sutton, Keswick, Mount Albert, Queensville, Schomberg, King, Maple, Kleinburg, Woodbridge and Lemonville.

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Victoria Square.

The Victoria Square branch of the Women's Institute will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. R. F. Klinck on Thursday, May 27th at 2.30 p. m. Subjects for the afternoon: "Young lady's accomplishments and needlework," by Miss Susie Campbell, delegate from Brampton. There will be Demonstrations on cooking by Miss Irene Hyland, Toronto; also an address by Mrs. A. S. Clarry, District Pres., Locust Hill. Lunch will be provided for all ladies and gentlemen present. There will be a joint meeting in the evening at 8 o'clock in the Temperance Hall, when the following speakers will address the meeting: Mr. Raynor, Ottawa; Miss Campbell, Miss Hyland and others. A good musical programme will be provided for both meetings. Ladies please bring baskets. All welcome. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon with the Institute.

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