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**SOME THOUGHTS.**

Mr. Editor,—Will you permit me to present a few thoughts on "Richmond Hill and vicinity." Beautiful for situation, high, dry and healthy, one of the leading roads of the province, with trolley and steam railway facilities, it is surrounded by two of the finest townships in Ontario and a progressive and well to do farming community. It would naturally be expected that with all these advantages Richmond Hill would grow, thrive and flourish. Those who have read Mr. Harrison's articles with the above quoted title are haunted by the impression that Richmond Hill cut far more ice in those days than it does now. Making all due allowance for changed conditions for the discontinuance of teaming to Toronto, etc., which is amply compensated for by the trolley and steam facilities quoted above, the fact remains it is an upprogressive sleepy town, not but what there is a natural charm about even that. Walking up Yonge St. on a warm summer day beneath the grateful shade of the beautiful maples thoughtfully planted many of them years ago by some hands now folded beneath the daisies, the stranger is impressed by the restful atmosphere of the place. Little knots of resident retired farmers sit on the store platforms and "gass" with the proprietors or with an occasional farmer who patiently or otherwise waits the conclusion of his wife's shopping. That all this is conducive to longevity is proved by the fact that we have "The oldest Postmaster in Canada," besides a lady resident some distance past the century mark.

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The opening fiction feature is a baseball story, "Old Well-Well," by the baseball veteran, Zane Gray. There is a fascinating detective story of a new kind by Samuel Hopkins Adams entitled "The Mercy Sign." "A Renegade Mother," by Inez Haynes Gillmore, is another of the charming "Janey" stories. Leroy Scott's serial romance, "The Shears of Destiny," is continued in an exciting installment. There are poems by Madison Cawein and William J. Lampton.

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