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**THE R. H. FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

The following are the minutes of the  
last meeting.  
The Richmond Hill Fire Brigade  
met on June 3, with the Chief in the  
chair.  
Minutes of last meeting were read  
and adopted.  
Moved by Geo. Sims, seconded by  
A. G. Savage, that application of A.  
Hislop to become a member of Bri-  
gade be received and placed on the  
books to be balloted for at next regu-  
lar meeting.—Carried.  
Ballot was cast for W. Deadman  
and W. Patterson, and both were  
elected members of the Brigade.  
Moved by Geo. Sims, seconded by  
Fred. Hopper, that the Fire Brigade  
run their excursion to Peterborough.  
An amendment was moved by R.  
Wilson, seconded by S. Griffith, that  
the Brigade go to Niagara. The latter  
motion carried by a large majority.  
Moved by Lieut. Cowie, seconded  
by Foreman Hook and Ladder, that  
the excursion be run by way of St.  
Catharines.—Carried.  
The Chief then reported that a  
present of four boxes of cigars had  
been given by Mr. Oliver to the Bri-  
gade in return for the assistance they  
gave the night of his fire.  
Moved by Geo. Sims, seconded by  
A. Metcalfe, that the Chief, Lieuten-  
ant and Secretary be a committee to  
draft up a resolution to present to the  
Council for the purpose of obtaining a  
better supply of water for fire pro-  
tection.—Carried.  
Moved by A. Savage, seconded by  
S. Tyndall, that we write to Mr.  
Oliver and thank him for his donation  
to the Fire Brigade.—Carried.  
Meeting adjourned.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL**

The Council met in the Council  
Chamber on Tuesday, June 4th.  
Members present Councillors Sims,  
Tyndall, Palmer and Sanderson, in  
the absence of the Reeve Councillor  
Sims was voted into the chair.  
The minutes of the last meeting read  
and confirmed. The following accounts  
were read and payment of the same  
ordered:—  
W. S. Gibson, survey and plans \$48 00  
F. Leece, work on streets. . . . 8 75  
S. Tyndall, work on streets. . . . 6 50  
G. Allison, work on streets. . . . 4 50  
F. Lynett, work on streets. . . . 2 40  
R. H. Hardware Co., oil etc. . . . 41 03  
A communication from the Fire  
Brigade was read referring to the  
unsatisfactory condition of the fire  
apparatus and asking the Council to  
investigate the same. The communi-  
cation was laid over until the next  
meeting as was also a report from the  
Ratepayers Association referring to  
the present condition of skating rink.  
By-law No. 241 for borrowing pur-  
poses was given its several readings  
and passed.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

On the 25th May there passed away  
one of Richmond Hill's best citizens in  
the person of Mr. John Bestard. Born  
in Sussex, England, in 1835, he with  
his six brothers and sisters came to  
this country with his parents, settling  
at Thornhill. At this time he was two  
years of age, and when seven years  
later his father died, he and his older  
brother became the support of the  
family. Thus being early thrown upon  
the world he was denied the usual  
opportunities of obtaining an educa-  
tion. Starting at the now insignifi-  
cant wage of \$2 per month he worked  
among the farmers of Vaughan Town-  
ship until he started farming for him-  
self when about 21 years of age on a  
farm near Langstaff, and marrying a  
little later Miss Mary Schell, also of  
Vaughan. He remained here some  
nine years, when he removed to a  
farm near Victoria Square, where he  
lived eight years until he bought a  
farm on the 2nd concession of Mark-  
ham. At the latter place his wife  
died, leaving one daughter. Some  
few years afterward he married Miss  
Mary Mitchell of Richmond Hill, and  
eleven years ago he retired from the  
farm, buying a residence on Rich-  
mond street, where he lived until his  
death. Though deprived of the ad-  
vantages accruing from education he  
was a man of great influence and  
strong character. For many years a  
staunch member of the Tunkard  
Church, he also successfully conducted  
a Sunday School for several years,  
beside acting as a prominent official  
of the church to which he belonged. He  
was always a friend to the poor and  
those in sorrow and affliction, and  
many can testify to kindnesses and  
practical sympathy received from him  
during his long life. Beside an in-  
valid wife and one daughter he leaves  
many friends who shall miss him and  
who would wish their end to be such  
as his.  
"Mark the perfect man, and behold  
the upright, for the end of that man is  
peace."  
A FRIEND.

**Thornhill—Langstaff.**

The Annual Banquet of the Literary  
Circle was held at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. D. James Wednesday evening of  
last week. The attendance was large  
and enthusiastic. A good supper was  
first in order. Mrs. James and the  
ladies who assisted her are to be con-  
gratulated upon this part of the even-  
ing's entertainment.  
An excellent and varied programme  
was well rendered by the members.  
The following are the numbers given,  
Chorus, O' Canada—Members.  
Vocal Solo, "A May Morning"—Mrs.  
(Principal) Davidson, Richmond Hill.  
Piano Solo.—Mrs. Vanostrand.  
Essay, "Some Thoughts suggested  
by Cowper's Poem on Conversation"  
—Mrs. Smith.  
Vocal Solo—Miss McIntosh.  
Essay, "Training for Citizenship"—  
Principal Davidson, Richmond Hill.  
Vocal Duett, "Life's Dream is O'er"  
—Mrs. J. Davidson (Thornhill) and  
Miss McIntosh.  
Instrumental Duett—The Misses  
Hood.  
Address, "Wayside Thoughts,  
humorous and instructive of travel in  
England and Germany"—Rev. W.  
Findlay, Superintendent of Industrial  
Farm.  
Vocal Solo, "O Dry Those Tears"—  
Mrs. (Principal) Davidson.  
Question Drawer—Questions from  
the sublime to the ridiculous were  
answered by a number of the members  
provoking thought and much mirth.  
Piano Solo, "Rosy Darling"—Mrs. J.  
Davidson, (Thornhill.)  
Piano Duett—The Misses Hood.  
A hearty vote of thanks was tendered  
Mr. and Mrs. James for their  
hospitality. The President and Officers  
have done well in providing such pro-  
fitable entertainments.  
The meetings for this season were  
brought to a close by the singing of  
(a) "Auld Lang Syne," (b) Home  
Sweet Home," (c) "God Save the  
King."

**KING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.**

The above Council met at Temper-  
ance Hall, Kettleby, on Saturday the  
25th of May.  
Members all present except Reeve  
McMurchy, who was away in the  
North West.  
A number of accounts were ordered  
to be paid.  
McCabe—Watson—That the follow-  
ing Road Overseers be appointed in  
lieu of the following Overseers re-  
signed:—W. P. Croft in lieu of Harry  
Hoover, Wm. Heines in lieu of M.  
Rush, S. Lemon in lieu of A. Ham-  
bleton, Thos. Cooper in lieu of S.  
Leonard, Wm. Ramsden in lieu of J.  
T. Curtis, Jos. Hill in lieu of S. Ja-  
mieson, Wm. Clarkson in lieu of Arch.  
Mitchell, S. F. Doan in lieu of John F.  
Smith, and John Sweezie in lieu of  
Israel Sweezie.  
McCabe—Watson—That this Council  
refund to Wm. Ramsden dog tax \$1.00.  
Watson—Lemon—That the follow-  
ing named persons be paid for shovel-  
ing snow in excess of Statute Labor:  
Luther Miller, 75c; Wm. Kennedy  
per L. Miller, \$1.05; Wm. Bensfield  
per F. Burling, 2.40; H. Burling per  
F. Burling, \$3.00.  
Watson—McCabe—That we pay  
Mrs. Frank Garrow the sum of \$15.00  
in full amount of damages done by  
water flooding cellar caused through  
defective culvert.  
Watson—McCabe—That Mr. Lem-  
on and Wells be appointed to view  
road on lot 30, side line con. 2.  
Lemon—McCabe—That this Council  
pay one Telford Palmer the sum of  
\$70.00 less \$4.68, being for balance of  
Taxes due for 1911, he having signed  
an agreement to accept said sum for  
damages to horse caused by defective  
culvert on highway.  
McCabe—Lemon—That we hereby  
authorize the Clerk to proceed at once  
and collect all disinfesting bills from  
the parties who have had their houses  
fumigated by our Sanitary Inspectors  
since January 1912, and also that the  
Clerk be and is hereby instructed to  
continue to collect all such bills for  
the remainder of the year 1912.  
Lemon—Watson—That the Opera-  
tors of the road graders be paid at the  
rate of \$2.50 per day.  
Lemon—McCabe—That the bill of  
Dr. Hillary re services attending  
Smith family be paid \$9.50.  
Lemon—McCabe—That the bill of  
L. T. Watson for goods furnished one  
Mrs. Smith, who was in destitute cir-  
cumstances be paid \$2.40.  
A number of grants were made for  
grading and gravel on the roads.  
Lemon—McCabe—That W. J. Wells  
be appointed to consult Township Soli-  
citor re Street in Village of King  
City.  
The Court of Revision heard and de-  
termined a number of appeals.  
By-Law No. 260 to amend By-Law  
No. 254, appointing C. A. Sinclair,  
Sanitary Inspector in lieu of Morley  
Moffett, and By-Law No. 261 appoint-  
ing J. Sheardown as Pound-Keeper in  
lieu of Wm. Shney, received their sev-  
eral readings and passed.  
On motion Council adjourned to  
meet at Sutton's Hotel, Schomberg, on  
Saturday, June 29th.

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