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BAND CONCERT

The concert given by the Richmond Hill Band on the evening of Thanks-
giving Day proved to be a thoroughly
enjoyable one. The Masonic Hall was
filled to the doors by a fashionable
and appreciative audience who mani-
fested a gratifying interest in every
number of a rather long programme.
The programme was opened by a few
remarks by Mr. A. J. Hume, express-
ing the thanks of the Band for the
generous assistance and appreciation
given to the organization by the citi-
zens. The numbers given by the
Band showed a decided improvement
in their playing and were received
with evident pleasure by the audience.
When all the numbers given were so
excellent it would be invidious to par-
ticularize, and it is sufficient to say
that the singing by Miss Trench and
Miss Switzer in their beautifully ex-
pressive solos left nothing to be de-
sired. Our old friend and favorite,
Mr. E. Mason, gave a Cornet solo "The
Queen of the Earth" with all his old
time power and expression, and being
given an enthusiastic recall responded
with "Killarney." Later Mr. Mason
with Mr. Meluish, who was kindly
assisting the Band, gave a Cornet and
Trombone duet which was much en-
joyed. Mrs. E. O. Currie gave a
couple of readings in her usual excel-
lent manner. Her imitations of the
participants in the "Debating Soci-
ety" were extremely good, while the
pathos in "The Ride of Jenny McNeil"
touched a sympathetic chord in every-
one present. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mc-
Donald delighted the audience with
their humorous selections. They are
both good singers and we will be glad
to have them visit us again. Mr. W.
D. Atkinson sang in good style "The
Border Chief," and also sang in a duet
with Miss Trench, both numbers re-
ceiving marked applause. But per-
haps the star of the evening was Mr.
Blankstein, the violinist, who gave
as his first number the First Move-
ment of the Grieg Sonata in F major.
He played brilliantly this intricate
and difficult composition in which the
beauty of his tone and the excellence
of his bowing and phrasing command-
ed the profound attention of the au-
dience. As his second number he gave
"The Marionette's Lament," a lovely
composition by Mr. E. Dunty, who
accompanied on the piano. We may
remark in passing that Mr. Blank-
stein has under consideration a plan
for the formation of a class for the
study of the violin in Richmond Hill.
He teaches Von Kuntz's method, be-
ing himself a pupil of the celebrated
Henri Debrow of New York. The ac-
companiments during the evening
were played by Miss Millie Trench
and Mr. J. Earle Newton who acquit-
ted themselves with their accustomed
skill, and a very pleasant evening was
brought to a close with the playing by
the Band of the Chant Nationale and
God Save the King. The receipts
were \$80.60.

NORTH YORK TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual convention of the North
York Teachers' Institute was held in
the County Council Chambers, Toron-
to, on Thursday and Friday of last
week. About one hundred teachers
were present, and took an active part
in discussing different phases of the
several papers presented before the
convention. Excellent papers on Lit-
erature were read by Prof. H. J. Cole-
man, Ph. D. of the Faculty of Educa-
tion, Toronto, Messrs. Wm. Burkhold-
er, and Jas. A. Bruels, and Miss L.
Cleland and Miss Fitzgerald. Geog-
raphy by Prof. Coleman, Art by Miss
Mulloy and Nature Study by Miss M.
Trench. During the discussion on
Literature a very spirited discussion
arose over the use of the dictionary in
the school-room.
Inspector Mulloy brought before the
Convention the matter of the Strath-
cona Trust prizes to be awarded in the
Inspectorate for competition in Phys-
ical Culture, Military Drill, and Rifle
Shooting, which was left in the hands
of the Executive to be dealt with.
On Friday afternoon Prof. McReady
of Guelph Agricultural College ad-
dressed a joint session of Teachers and
Trustees on Agriculture in the Public
Schools.
The Convention by a unanimous
vote passed a resolution condemning
the practices of some teachers who,
when applying for schools, mislead
the Boards by not stating correctly
their qualifications, and others who
accept positions and afterwards send
word that they are unable to fulfill
their engagement.
Officers elected for the ensuing year:
President—Mr. A. E. Lehman, Rich-
mond Hill.
Vice-President—Miss N. Holladay,
Newmarket.
Secy. Treas.—Mr. J. G. McDonald,
Aurora.
Executive Committee—The Offi-
cers, Inspector Mulloy, Miss Kennedy,
Miss Trench, Messrs. Wm. Burkhold-
er and T. McCormack.

PUBLIC LIBRARY INSTITUTE

About 20 representatives were pres-
ent from the various public libraries
throughout York District at the
Library Institute held in Richmond
Hill Tuesday and Wednesday of last
week. After the delegates were wel-
comed by Mr. Pugsley, chairman of
the Richmond Hill Library Board,
committees were appointed and the
annual address was given by the Pres-
ident, Dr. Dales of Stouffville. Re-
ports were then given by delegates
representing the different libraries.
In the evening after an address of
welcome by Reeve Pugsley, Miss
Sperman gave a blackboard exercise
showing the "Elements of Classifica-
tion"; Mr. W. R. Nursey, Inspector
of Public Libraries showed what
might be accomplished by public
libraries, and Mr. E. A. Hardy, Secy
O. L. A. addressed those present
along similar lines.
On the second day addresses were
given by Mr. Henry Durrant and Mr.
H. M. Wodson, both of Runnymede.
The following are the newly-elected
officers:
President, W. H. Cross, Runny-
mede.
Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Shields,
Mt. Albert.
Secretary, H. Durrant, Runnymede.
Executive—James Mason, Weston;
H. M. Wodson, Runnymede; J. D.
Evans, Islington; James Moorhead,
Don; Dr. Courts, Scarboro.
It was decided to hold the 1913 an-
nual meeting at Runnymede.

PEARL WEDDING.

At 35 O'Hara Ave., Toronto, October
9, 1912, was the scene of a pretty pearl
wedding, when a number of relatives
and friends gathered at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. S. Stewardson to cele-
brate their thirtieth anniversary.
The house was prettily decorated with
bridal roses, dahlias and maiden hair
ferns, guests being present from Tor-
onto, Aurora, Carrville and other
outside points.
At eight o'clock the guests repaired
to the dining room to partake of the
wedding breakfast, the table being
centered with pansies and bridal
roses.
Immediately after dejeuner the
guests retired to the dining room
where toasts were proposed to the
bride and groom.
Mrs. Stewardson, formerly Miss
Harriet Sheppard, daughter of late
Charles Sheppard of Carrville, Ont.,
was married to Samuel Stewardson on
October 9, 1882, the Rev. I. Campbell
officiating.
Mr. and Mrs. Stewardson were the
recipients of many beautiful pearl
gifts.

RATEPAYER'S MEETING.

The Ratepayers' Association held
their monthly meeting Tuesday even-
ing, the president, Mr. Pratt, in the
chair.
The Secretary, Mr. Todd, read a re-
port from engineer E. A. James, rela-
tive to propositions for water works.
Mr. James reported that he could not
recommend the scheme to bring wa-
ter from the north, 3 1/2 miles away. In
his opinion pumping water from the
shallow wells near the C. N. O. was
feasible. This would involve an ex-
penditure of about \$31,000. An eight
inch main could be laid from a well at
the east end of Centre street, to Ycng
street, and a 6 inch main along the
other streets in the village.
Everybody present could see the
necessity of a water supply, especially
for fire protection, but all were not
prepared to say that such a large ex-
penditure would be advisable at the
present time. Mr. Pratt, Mr. Trench,
Mr. Todd and Mr. McDonald thought
the scheme could be financed success-
fully, but as it would mean practically
\$2000 a year for 30 years, an increase
in the taxes of about 7 mills on the
dollar, Mr. Hume doubted the wisdom
of such a large expenditure.
A special meeting to discuss the
question will be held on Tuesday, the
18th of November.

News Notes.

Lady Mulock, wife of Sir Wm. Mu-
lock, Chief Justice High Court of Jus-
tice, died at the Wellesley Hospital on
Monday. Lady Mulock was a lady of
quiet disposition, interested almost
alone in her children and home. She
was a daughter of the late James
Crowther, a well-known barrister.
Besides her husband she leaves two
sons, William, barrister, and Cawthra
banker and broker, and two daugh-
ters, Mrs. O'Flynn of Lowther avenue
and Mrs. Arthur Kirkpatrick.
The Thanksgiving Day army ma-
noeuvers had a fatal termination
when two C. P. R. trains collided at
Streetsville Junction at 6.01 Monday
evening, killing two persons and in-
juring about thirty others. Both the
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