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**RICHMOND HILL NOMINATIONS**

Mr. A. J. Hume, Village Clerk, took nominations Monday evening for the position of Reeve, Councillors and Public School trustees. The following nominations were made:—  
For Reeve—W. H. Pugsley (acclamation.)

For Councillors—J. Hickson, J. H. Sanderson, J. Tyndall, G. S. Sims, J. Palmer, H. A. Nicholls, N. O. Hagerman.

For School Trustees—D. Hill, G. Redditt, G. Gowie, N. O. Hagerman, J. N. Boyle.

Mr. Hume who was appointed Chairman of the after meeting stated that 1913 was the most important year in the history of Richmond Hill, and more progress had been made than during the preceding 20 years.

Mr. D. Hill, the only nominated trustee at the meeting, stated that the new Public School to be erected next year, would contain 6 rooms, the cost to be in the neighborhood of \$26,000.

Mr. Pugsley who was unopposed as reeve was pleased that the village had made a good start towards progress. The electric light system had given excellent satisfaction. This had only been in operation one year, and besides the street lighting, the light was now used in 74 houses. About \$1,000 was now required from the fact that light and power had been carried much farther than had been contemplated a year ago. The village must keep in mind a better water supply.

Mr. Hickson was optimistic as to Richmond Hill's possibilities. He was not looking for office, but was willing to serve if the citizens thought he could be of use to them.

Mr. J. H. Sanderson stated that he had one of the cheapest and best electric light and power plants in the province. Also the best village clerk.

Mr. John Tyndall defended the good road system on Richmond Street, although that part of the work was not without criticism.

Mr. Sims referred to the prosperous year, and advocated the spending of money in widening certain streets.

Mr. Palmer said his health during the past year had not allowed him to do the work he would have wished, and he therefore resigned in favor of a younger man.

Mr. Nicholls gave the old members of the Council the only criticism of the evening. He did not think the Council had spent the people's money satisfactorily. There had been too much money spent on Richmond Street. The curb on Yonge street was a disgrace. So was the dam and the experimental well. The frontage tax was unfair, and it was unnecessary and wasteful to allow the electric light to burn all night. People should be in bed by 2 o'clock, and then the lights should be extinguished. Mr. Pugsley cared nothing for Richmond Hill. All he cared for was the County Council, and that man is the reeve. His first lieutenant and brother colleagues do as the reeve bids them. We should have more rapid transit on the Metropolitan, and conductors were impertinent when collecting tickets from travellers. Much of this could be remedied if the reeve would exert himself.

In his absence Mr. Hill spoke for Mr. Hagerman, and the meeting adjourned.

**NOMINATIONS.**

**VAUGHAN**  
Nominations were taken at the Township Hall, Vellore, for Vaughan Township on Monday when all the old members of the Council were elected by acclamation. The Council for 1914 will be—Reeve, James A. Cameron; Deputy-reeve, J. S. McNair; Councillors, J. G. Whitmore, J. T. Sargeon, and Alex. Cameron. Mr. J. B. McLean, Township Clerk, was returning officer, and Rev. S. R. Robinson presided at the public meeting following the official nominations.

**MARKHAM TOWNSHIP**  
The nomination at Unionville on Monday brought out a large number of candidates for municipal honors. The following were nominated:—For reeve Jonathan Nigh, W. H. Lapp, T. W. Underwood; Deputy-reeve, G. B. Padget, Adam Hood. Councillors, G. Morrison, J. A. Mitchell, A. Summerfeldt, F. A. Reesor, Edward McKenzie.

**WHITCHURCH**  
The reeve and councillors for Whitchurch Council have been elected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve, S. Baker; Deputy-reeve, P. J. Spaulding; Councillors, F. Legge, R. Moorhead, B. H. Bushnell.

**KING TOWNSHIP**  
In King township there will be a three-cornered contest for the position of reeve. Those nominated are S. Lemon, T. H. Legge and W. G. Wells.

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**TORONTO LETTER**

If, through any misfortune or ill-health, Sir James Whitney should be forced to retire from the Premiership of Ontario, who would succeed him? This is a question which undoubtedly is disturbing the Government at this New Year season. The recent illness of Sir James in New York has given added urgency to the problem.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, it appears, is making a bid for the position. Within the last week or two he has put himself into the limelight by his advocacy of an attack (be-lated it is true) on the fish trust, and by his speech in favor of a Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, instead of the present Osgoode Hall system. Mr. Hanna is doubtless making these and other strenuous efforts towards the Premiership because he realizes that the position is not at all assured to him. It is the general opinion that the Provincial Secretary would have been the only one mentioned for the succession had it not been for the Proudfoot charges. That event, however, changed a lot of things for the Hon. Mr. Hanna.

Hon. Mr. Beck is said to be casting envious eyes on the Premiership if it is to be open for competition. Beck and Hanna, however, waste no affection on each other and, indeed, so strong is the rivalry and antagonism that it is freely predicted neither would serve under the other.

One solution proposed for the difficulty is that Sir William Meredith should become Prime Minister. Whether the cry of a new "Family Compact" might not grow stronger than it is in the event of Sir William assuming the office, is another knotty point the Conservative powers have to think about at this beginning of nineteen fourteen.

**Maple.**

The entertainment in the Methodist Church on Christmas night was well attended, the sum of \$30 being realized.

On Monday of last week, Mr. James Hood one of the oldest residents of this part of the country, passed away at the age of eighty-eight years. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Geo. Waugh of Unionville preached in the Methodist church on Sunday morning, and also preached anniversary sermons at Hope in the afternoon and evening. The musical part of the services at Hope was conducted by the choir of the Maple Church.

The choir of St. Andrew's Church took part in the anniversary services at Strange on Sunday.

**Thornhill.**

John Joseph Mulock died in St. Michael's Hospital on the 24th December. Deceased was in his 29th year. Interment took place in Thornhill R.C. Cemetery on Saturday.

The Mammoth Skating and Hockey Rink, which has been enlarged and much improved is again in full sway. Regular skating nights Wednesday and Saturday, also on Monday afternoons from 2.45 to 5.30 o'clock. Thornhill Band will furnish the music. The Thornhill Hockey Team are again in the field for a good season's sport.

The oyster supper and entertainment to be given at the Methodist Church Thursday evening is the talk of the village. Supper will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock, after which an excellent programme by talented artists from Toronto will be given. Those to take part are Misses Gladys Noxon, Estelle Pugsley, Gertrude Sims, Kathleen Reid, Annie Cooper and Dorothy Reid. The Children's Christmas treat in connection with Trinity Church and Sabbath School held in Victoria Hill Monday evening was a pleasing event. A programme of about twenty numbers was given by the children. There was no admission fee, but the collection taken up amounted to \$22.

**News Notes.**

J. C. Rykert, K. C., ex-M. P., last surviving member of the first Parliament of Ontario, died at his home at St. Catharines, aged 82 years.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K. C. M. G., celebrated his 90th birthday at Belleville in the midst of numerous relatives from far and near.

A short course for bee keepers will be held at the Agricultural College at Guelph from January 13, to January 21. This promises to be of a very practical nature, calculated to meet the needs of beginners and of those more advanced as well. Students should reach the College on Monday the 12th.

The second annual show of the North York Poultry & Pet Stock Association will be held in the Town Hall, Newmarket, on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd of January.

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