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York County Class
Agricultural Banquet

An enjoyable evening was spent at Hotel Richmond Friday February 11, when the York County Agricultural Class that had been in session for the past six weeks, gave a banquet to which a number of friends were invited.

The menu, consisting of five courses, was excellent, and the toast list which followed was very interesting. After "The King" was duly honored the following toasts were proposed and responded to:

"The British Empire," proposed by R. Keffer, responded to by Reeve J. S. McNair and Reeve W. H. Pugsley.

"Canada," proposed by H. Smith, responded to by G. A. Henry, M. P. P.

"Our Profession," proposed by Frank Rumble, responded to by C. F. Bailey, Esq., of the Ontario Agricultural Department.

"Our Organization," by A. Hutchison, responded to by S. Bagg.

"The Ladies," by A. Cooper, responded to by F. O'Sullivan.

A number of the speeches were interesting and instructive, and the address by Mr. Bailey of the Government department must have made the young farmers present proud of their profession.

Mr. J. C. Steckley, B.S.A., Mr. R. W. E. Burnaby and Mr. James McLean also gave speeches bearing on different branches of Agriculture.

The entertainment opened and closed with "God Save the King."

Victoria Square

While filling the oil tank in the basement of the store the oil man allowed the tank to overflow. The consequence was that the oil ran over the basement floor and got among the coal. When Mr. Brown was putting coal into the furnace the oil ignited and a small blaze was started, but was soon extinguished by the valiant efforts of the fire brigade.

Mr. R. Dennie, who resides with his son, W. G. Dennie, has been ill.

Mr. L. Nichols is very ill and is in a critical condition.

The Juniors went to Almiria on Saturday afternoon to try conclusions with the bunch there in a game of hockey. They lost 5-0.

Mrs. E. Caseley has been laid up with la grippe, but is now recovering.

At a meeting to discuss better conditions for the S. S. it was decided to revive the orchestra as part of the service. Mr. R. E. Sanderson was appointed leader, and Mrs. R. Perkins, assistant.

Reports from those who attended the concert of the York Choral Society say that it was a rare musical treat.

Miss Phyllis Clarke visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clarke, Toronto, last week.

Miss Marguerite Brown is away visiting friends at Thornhill and other points.

On Saturday evening last a company under the leadership of Capt. Collard and Lieut. Sanderson proceeded northward to give a surprise in the form of a charivari to Corporal and Mrs. King.

The surprise was complete and after a "fusillade" by "The Band" refreshments were served. Congratulations were made and the company departed, financially remunerated, and proceeded to Gormley to disburse. But John either could not hear, or was not there, so a further progress was made to Bethesda, where good things were handed out, and an excellent time spent. The sortie proved successful and those who took part thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Mr. King was one of the boys here, and was married to Miss Esther Atherton shortly after enlisting with the 95th Overseas. He has risen to rank and is now a Corporal. We wish him success and hope that he will return when the war is over.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Statutes in that behalf, notice is hereby given that all parties having claims against the estate of Thomas Cook, late of the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 21st day of December, 1915, are required, on or before the 3rd day of March, 1916, to send to Messrs. Cook & Gilchrist, 33 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Solicitors for the Executor, a statement of their claims, together with their names and addresses and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

And take further notice that after the said last mentioned date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate between the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims as he shall then have received notice.

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The Annual Seed Fair
Richmond Hill, Feb. 12

The Annual Seed Fair in connection with the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society for several reasons did not have as many entries last Saturday as in former years, but the attendance at the after-meeting was perhaps the largest, and the speeches both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Hickson of Bobcaygeon was the Government expert judge, and Mr. George Keith of Toronto represented the Society.

Mr. Hickson gave a very interesting and exhaustive talk on silo corn, dwelling particularly on the kind of seed, the preparation of the land, the cultivation and harvesting.

Mr. Hickson had his subject well in hand and the information imparted cannot help but be of much benefit to the farmers present.

Mr. J. C. Steckley who has just closed an Agricultural Class in the village gave a very instructive speech on smut, the different kinds, the causes and remedy.

Mr. Steckley who is a very fluent speaker received the closest attention throughout, and if the farmers only follow the advice given by him they will have no smutty grain in the future.

Addresses were also given by Past Pres. McNair, Vice-Pres. Lunan, the Secretary, Directors Sanderson and Francis. The Secretary in his remarks made mention of the Field Grain Competition which will this year be in spring wheat or oats and possibly in both. The Directors would like to see this branch of the Society's work take great strides this year, and the farmers are asked to make their entry early.

All that is required is to become a member which costs one dollar.

Mr. J. N. Breakey, the President, occupied the chair, and made a very efficient chairman. The following is a list of the prize winners:—

Spring wheat—C. N. Cooper.
Barley—Fred Clark, C. N. Cooper.

Oats, white—D. and F. Rumble, Fred Clark.

Clover, Alsike—George Harding.
Potatoes, Early—Albert Jones 1st and 2nd.
Potatoes, Late—Peter Jones 1st and 2nd.

Obituary.

John G. W. Constable, in his 63rd year, after quite a long and lingering illness died at his home, Maple, Ont., on January 28th, 1916. Interment on Monday. Services conducted in the home by the Rev. Robinsen and Rev. Lovering. Many friends and relatives gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed, also to extend to the family their heartfelt sympathy. Amidst a profusion of flowers the remains were taken to the Maple cemetery. Six members of the Council of the Lutheran church acted as pallbearers, of which he had been an elder for a number of years, and treasurer for twenty-five years and a member for 30 years. His presence as a loving father and a dear and kind husband will be much missed in the home, and his good advice and council in the church; also his sympathy and ready help at all times as a kind neighbor and a good citizen in the community. Deceased was married to Sunnah Fenwick, daughter of the late John Fenwick, of Hull, Yorkshire, Eng., who was married to the daughter of the late Wm. Buckholder, one of the United Empire Loyalists from Pennsylvania, who served this country and took part in the battle of Queenston Heights. The deceased's father was William Constable, born in Yorkshire, Eng., who emigrated to Canada in 1815, and was married to Mary Jackson, daughter of the late George Jackson, of York Township. Deceased had lived in Maple for 23 years; also on the farm at Teston, where his only son John W. now resides; also one daughter, Mary Ann, who died in 1902 at the age of 20 years.

We miss thee from our home, dear,
We miss thee from thy place,
A shadow o'er our life is cast;
We miss the sunshine of thy face,
We miss thy hand and willing hand,
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Meeting Favors Purchase
of the Crosby Property

The adjourned meeting of the Ratepayers' Association was held in the Council Chamber Monday evening to receive the Committee's report, as to the state of the building on the Crosby property, which it has been proposed to purchase for a municipal building, containing Fire Hall, Council Chamber, Public Library and Clerk's Office.

The Committee: Armand Savage, Wm. Graham, L. Doner, Jcs. Monkman and Henry Bond, reported that they found the foundation in perfect condition, the walls well built, and, after making the necessary alterations they considered it would make a suitable building for the purpose intended.

The building as it stands will cost \$2,800, necessary alterations \$1,500, and heating apparatus \$600, making a total of \$4,900. The Clerk figured that on a twenty five year debenture on \$5,000, the annual payment would be \$378.

At present the sum paid for Fire Hall, Council Chamber and Clerk's Office is \$185, but it is claimed that the north rooms in the Crosby property should rent as a dwelling for \$100 a year.

A majority of those present favored the purchase proposition, claiming that the position was central, while a number of those opposed contended that the fire engine should be kept on the top of the hill, and that the property is unsuitable for the purpose desired.

After the matter was discussed it was moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Cowie, that the Council submit a vote to the ratepayers with a view of buying the property.

Moved in amendment by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Trench, that the proposition be further considered before making the purchase.

The motion carried.

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