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NEWTON BROOK

Arrangements are being made for an Oyster Supper and concert to be held in the Newton Brook Church, Wednesday evening, the 7th of February. The Ideal Bread Co. Concert Troupe will furnish the programme, under the auspices of the Young People's League. Supper from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Epworth League

There will be a good treat for you at the Richmond Hill Epworth League on Monday, Jan. 29, when Thornhill will visit Richmond Hill. There will be a Crokinole contest between the two Leagues. There will also be a real good musical programme, after which refreshments will be served. All come out and enjoy a real good evening together.

Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the East York Conservative Association the following officers were elected:  
President, Dr. W. H. Burgess; first vice president, A. H. Dunnett; second vice president, George Hennigan; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Francis.  
The following honorary presidents were unanimously elected: Mrs. Jos. Harris, Mrs. W. H. Burgess and Mrs. George S. Henry.

Toronto and York Roads Commission

Hon. George S. Henry was on Friday elected chairman of the Toronto and York Roads Commission, he succeeding Reeve W. Keith of Newmarket, chairman for the last two years. Mr. Henry has been on the board since 1911.

Other officers elected were: J. M. Gardhouse, reeve of Weston, vice chairman; R. W. Phillips, secretary; D. J. Macdonald, treasurer; E. A. James, engineer.

During the year the commission spent about \$600,000 on county roads. There are more than 180 miles of paved roads in the county.

MAPLE

The annual sleigh ride of the Methodist Sabbath School, will be held next Saturday afternoon.

Miss B. Carey has been appointed Principal of the public school to succeed Mr. Lorne Perkins who has accepted the position as Principal of a seven room in Scarborough, near the city limits on Queen Street.

Mr. Ed. Lloyd of Silver Valley, Sask., is visiting his brother Mr. H. Lloyd.

Mrs. Cameron and little son of Saskatchewan are visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. C. H. Byan.

Mr. C. Norman fell on the icy sidewalk on Saturday morning, and received a bad shaking up.

The Women's Institute will hold a Box Social and Dance in Community Hall next Wednesday evening, to commence at 8 o'clock. Bring your box and enjoy a pleasant evening.

To Widen Yonge Street

Improved transportation for north Yonge street was thoroughly discussed at a meeting of representatives of all ratepayers' and business men's associations of North York, held in Aurora Friday night. Mayor J. M. Walten presided, and briefly outlined the requirements of Aurora and other municipalities on the Metropolitan radial line. Sir Adam Beck was an unexpected visitor, with Engineer F. A. Gaby of the Hydro Commission. The latter gave a very interesting account of the work of the commission in the rural districts of Ontario, and stated that investigations were being made in regard to the Metropolitan, preparatory to making the much-needed improvements. He discussed the proposed widening of the Yonge street highway, which has been causing great interest among all the municipalities bordering thereon. It is proposed to widen it to 100 feet, or more if necessary.

Sir Adam Beck was received with applause. He considered Yonge street the main artery of Toronto and said, "If the Government deferred decision on a wider thoroughfare until a later date, it would greatly hamper the plans of the Hydro-Electric Commission in meeting the increased requirements of the radial line. A wider Yonge street than 88 feet is an urgent necessity, in order to provide ample space for double tracks, and to accommodate the increased vehicular traffic."

Following the address it was decided by the ratepayers and others to appoint a delegation to go before the Provincial Government and interview it in regard to the widening of Yonge street.

This was considered one of the best and most important meetings ever held in York County.

**Money for Spring**

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Re New High School

Editor LIBERAL, Richmond Hill.

Dear Sir:—

I was pleased to see Mr. W. A. Duncan's letter in THE LIBERAL of January 18th, in reference to High Taxes, and his warning against any undertakings which would increase our tax rate.

Mr. Duncan's points are well taken and deserve the most careful consideration, and I agree with him that Richmond Hill should not undertake anything that would involve a higher tax rate.

The building of a new high school can be accomplished, however, without increasing the tax rate of 1921.

This seems impossible—too good to be true, and our greatest difficulty seems to be, to make the public understand the extent of the generosity that is being accorded to us by the new schools act.

Richmond Hill High School serves two municipalities—Richmond Hill and York County. 20 per cent. of the pupils are from Richmond Hill, 80 per cent. from York County.

By the new schools act of 1921, the county now pays the entire maintenance of its pupils, that is, the county pays 80 per cent. of teachers' salaries, coal bills, caretaking, etc. etc. This is a tremendous help as Richmond Hill in the past has paid the lion's share of the maintenance.

In addition, under the new act, the county will pay two-thirds of the cost of the new school building. Richmond Hill will pay one third. Richmond Hill's share will be \$33,000, and there will be thirty years to pay it. The yearly amount Richmond Hill will have to pay is therefore quite moderate.

Now—this is where our good fortune comes in:

The increased amount the county now pays each year, toward the maintenance of the school, is sufficient to pay Richmond Hill's share of the building debt.

In this way Richmond Hill may have a new modern High School with all its advantages to the village and the present tax rate will not be increased.

These statements are based on figures prepared by the town clerk, Mr. Hume, and approved by the Treasurer of York County.

The need of a new High School is extremely urgent. The present High School is twenty years behind the times, as well as being about one third the size now required.

The present High School has two class rooms and one small laboratory.

There are five classes to be accommodated now, and there will certainly be six next September.

The Board of Education find themselves very much in the position of the "Old Woman who lived in a Shoe."

Thanking you,

I am yours truly,  
ROPH L. LANGSTAFF.

Home and School Meeting

Remember the meeting of the Home and School Club, Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. Miss Cherry, principal of Western Ave. School, Toronto, will address the meeting on "The Possibilities of a Home and School Club."

Another interesting feature of the programme will be singing by several Toronto school children—a double trio from Earl Grey School, and two soloists from Gledhill School. Refreshments will be served. Everybody interested in our schools is invited.

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