

Local Legislators Defend Administration of Town Affairs

LOCAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN INTERESTING MANNER AT MOCK PARLIAMENT

Richmond Hill's civic parliament held session in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday night when matters of local interest were discussed in spirited debate. Ex-reeve Thos. Trench acted ably as speaker of the house and arrayed on his right were the members of the 1926 council and G. H. Dunnean who held the education portfolio in the cabinet. On the left was His Majesty's Loyal opposition led by H. A. Nichols who was ably supported by Mrs. A. A. Perry, Prof. Walker, W. Thompson, and L. B. Teetzel. The speech from the throne was read and its adoption moved by Acting Prime Minister J. A. Greene who guided the destinies of the members on the treasury benches in the unavoidable absence of Reeve Lunau. It was seconded by W. G. Baldock and after a few hours debate an amendment censoring the government policy and declaring that the House should go on record as in favor of an intensive campaign to increase the revenues of the village was introduced by the opposition. On the division the Government of the day suffered defeat on the floor of the House by a vote of 6-4. The sensation of the division was provided by the Minister of Education who refused to follow his leader on the general policies and voted with the opposition.

The following speech from the throne was read by Ex-reeve Trench. To the ratepayers of the Village of Richmond Hill.

Streets and Sidewalks

It is the intention of the Council to keep Yonge street in a state of good repair as far as possible without the expenditure of too large a sum of money feeling that this road should be taken over by the Provincial Highways Department in view of the fact that we as ratepayers are already contributing in a very marked degree by paying 3 cents per gallon gasoline tax.

In connection with Centre street east and Richmond street the council have already an agreement whereby a rebate of 75 per cent. of all monies spent on these three streets will be refunded to us by County Council and whereas the paving of these streets is out of the question owing to the excessive costs we feel that it is good business to repair these streets by means of gravel first scarifying where needed. The remaining streets will receive their quota of repairs as far as funds will allow.

It is the proposal of the Council to continue the building and improving of sidewalks throughout the village in furtherance of program inaugurated during 1926.

Arena and Park

It is our intention to increase the revenue of the arena by means of advertising and supplying first class band music for skaters and since it has been found that hockey tournaments are good revenue producers to hold another during the coming season.

To remove the old rink bottom and place the grounds at the disposal of the Horticultural Society and to assist them in making a flower and shrubbery garden.

Waterworks Department

It is the proposal of this council to place a new sluice gate at the waterworks reservoir to enable the operator to lower the level of the water whenever necessary. In this manner it will be possible during the summer months we hope to keep the water from becoming stagnant. At the time of placing the new sluice gate it is also proposed to clean as many weeds as possible from the bottom of

the reservoir. We feel that this experiment should be given a thorough trial before the expenditure of any large sums of money is made for the purpose of altering the method of storing water.

Electric Light

This department will continue to have the same careful supervision in the future as it has had in the past. That the new rates for 1927 will show the marked reduction that we have procured for our customers.

In moving the adoption of the speech from the throne Mr. Greene stated that the 1926 council had endeavored at all times to work in the best interests of the town and that in view of the many calls on the treasury over which the council had no control he thought they did very well with the money at their disposal.

Councillor W. G. Baldock in seconding the motion dealt at considerable length with the administration of the affairs of the arena which is in his charge. He stated that his policy for the coming year was much the same as last year. There will be the same first class music which put Richmond Hill on the map and he would in the future as in the past lend every effort to make the arena a paying proposition for the town and a real asset in that it will provide amusement and recreation for a great number of our people. Mr. Baldock felt that the coming year was an important one for Richmond Hill and as far as he was concerned he would do all in his power to further the interests of the town.

H. A. Nichols was the first speaker for the opposition forces and in an eloquent address delivered in fine parliamentary style he took the government sternly to task for their inactivity in regard to securing industries and for their lack of constructive suggestions in the speech from the throne. I can't see a great deal in that speech he said. Yonge Street is mentioned but it appears that we are only to have a repetition of this year when money was wasted on the street. The holes were not filled properly and the first car that came along left it as bad as before. (Applause) Contracts had been let for gravel on Centre and Richmond streets but it was poor policy to put the gravel on top of the macadam as it would soon be found in the ditch. These roads should have been kept in repair from year to year and the taxpayers money saved. The idea of beautifying the park was a good one but he would draw the attention of the government to the fact that the grounds were plowed and supposed to be fixed a few years ago but they were worse to-day than ever. Why not finish the job right and then have something worth while? The speaker wanted know why a greater effort was not made to induce householders to put in the town water. Some of the biggest property owners did not have the water and were going through a hole in the fence getting it from neighbors. The water is pure so we are told so why not induce our people to use it. He criticized past councils for the expenditure on the High School which he claimed was far too large and he prophesied that in five years the school would be half unoccupied as other schools are built in the district. But the past is gone said Mr. Nichols and we must make the best of it. Why have we so many admirable manufacturing sites vacant? Why has the council made no effort to secure industries? Other towns such

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BEDFORD THEATRE

IN THE HEART OF BEDFORD PARK
Hudson 5437

Thursday, Dec. 23 Friday, Dec. 24 Saturday, Dec. 25

Subway Sadie

A hundred smile show on a non-stop ride.

Comedy: "Romeo and Juliet"
Sport Life — Events Exceptional.

A BOX OF CANDIES WILL BE GIVEN FREE TO EACH CHILD ATTENDING
Matinee Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 28, 29

Marriage Clause

THE DRAMATIC HIT OF THE YEAR

Comedy Pathe Review
The Prodigal Bridegroom. Events Exceptional

Want to save \$50 on every \$1000 spent for motion picture entertainment?
SCRIP BOOKS IS THE ANSWER—ask the Cashier
Good at either the Bedford or the Capitol Theatre

Wreaths On Memorial

The blessed spirit of Christmas has been exemplified by the placing of several wreaths on the local war memorial. One has been placed by the United Church Ladies Aid with the inscription "In Memory Of Those who gave the supreme sacrifice." The Town should see that the snow is kept clear of the memorial especially at this season of the year when many of our citizens and organizations wish to pay tribute to those who "Sleep in Flander's fields."

Skips Appointed

At a special meeting of the curling Club held in the club rooms Monday night the skips for Tankard and district cup games were elected. Messrs. Harry Thompson and G. Moodie will skip for the tankard and Messrs. James McLean and G. Yerex in District cup games. It was also decided that the president and vice-president games should be played the first Wednesday that there is ice.

Capitol THEATRE

2492 YONGE, AT CASTLEFIELD NORTH TORONTO

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
December 23, 24, 25

"Every Mothers Son"

Comedy MONEY BUSINESS TOPICS--FABLES

Holiday Matinee 2.30 p.m.

Box of Candies to each child attending this Matinee.

MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
Dec. 27, 28, 29th.

Antonio Moreno "The Temptress"

Comedy: DUMB LUCK. Capitol News.

Midnight Show and Dance NEW YEAR'S EVE

Big Vaudeville Acts Favors To All.
AFTER SHOW DANCE and FROLIC
In Capitol Assembly Hall.

One Admission to Show and Dance:
Admission 47c. Tax 3c. Lodges 70c. Tax 5c.

Municipal Candidates Soon To Face Starter In Annual Race For Civic Honors

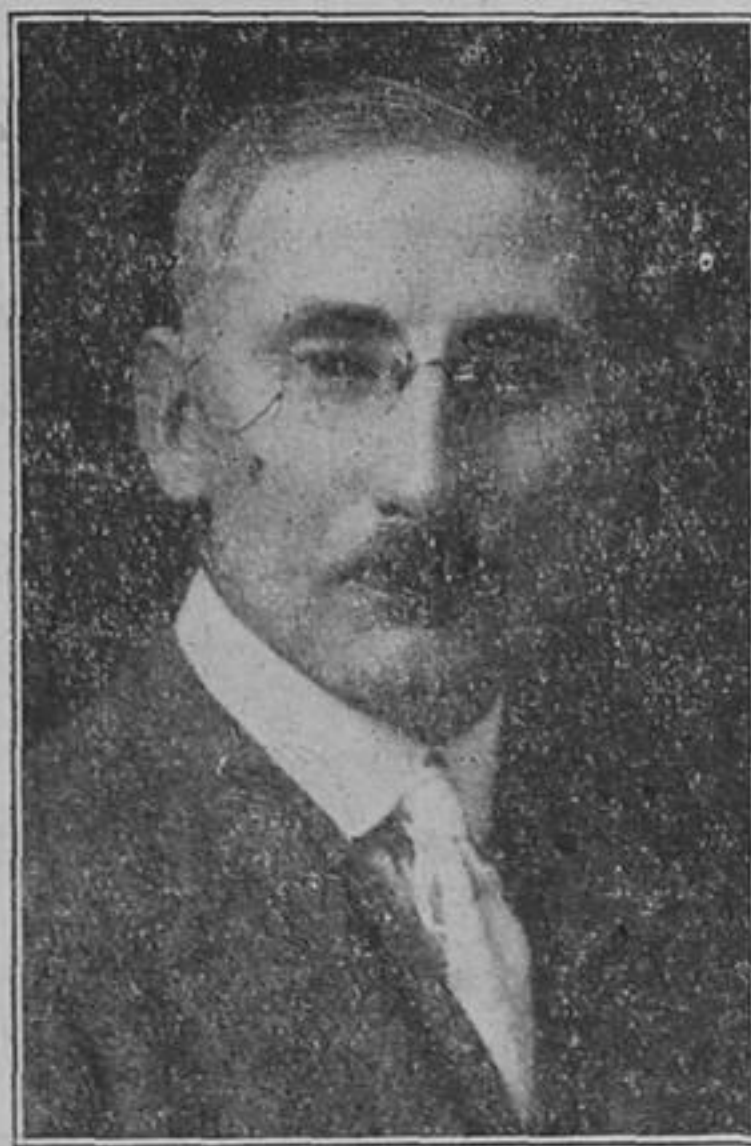
PROSPECTS FOR ELECTION IN SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES

J. A. Greene will oppose J. Lunau for the Reeveship of Richmond Hill

Before our next paper reaches its readers the nominations for municipal honors in the towns, villages and townships of York will have taken place.

This looks like election year. First the Dominion then the Province and now the local municipalities are stirred as never before.

In Richmond Hill there will be an election as Councillor J. A. Greene who has served for five years in council stated definitely to the Liberal this morning that he was in the field for the reeveship. Reeve Lunau who has served one term will seek re-election and although there are rumors of other entries it will probably be a straight fight between Mr. Lunau and Mr. Green. Reeve Lunau is at present in Western Canada visiting his daughter and although he will be absent for nomination he will probably return before election day. In order not to take any advantage of the Reeve's absence Mr. Greene wrote Mr. Lunau on Friday last advising him of his intention to contest the reeveship. There will be a vacancy in the council and among the names prominently mentioned is that of Albert Chap-



J. A. GREENE

Who after five years' services in the Council has announced that he will be a candidate for Reeve in Richmond Hill for the year 1927.

man who was a candidate last year. It is understood W. G. Baldock, J. R. Herrington and G. H. Sloan will all seek re-election. It is possible the

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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