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ANNUAL REPORT ON LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION

The last report from the Canadian Fire Underwriter's Association makes the following comments and suggestions regarding the condition in the Village of Richmond Hill.

GENERAL CONDITIONS
Waterworks—Source of supply, a pond containing ample storage pumps drawing from a filtered water reservoir supply the village. Filter capacity should be increased or additional storage of filtered water provided. An electrically driven pump for domestic purposes normally supplies the village in conjunction with an elevated tank; one pump for fire service, operated by gasoline engine, not an approved form of power. Installation of gasoline engine and pump not altogether in accordance with Standard regulations. Engineer attendance at the pump house not continuous. Distribution system composed principally of 6-in., 8-in. or 10 inch mains; dead ends fairly numerous. Hydrant spacing fairly good. Pressures are good.

Fire Department—Slightly under strength, entirely volunteer. Brigade has been reorganized; all members now employed in the village. Fairly well equipped with customary apparatus, but the motor combination truck recently added, the principle appliance, is of low power and is equipped with a pump of rather small capacity. Arrangements required for the truck to be followed up to an alarm.

Alarm System—Alarms are sounded manually on a bell at the public school about 100 yards from the fire hall. Telephone alarms retransmitted by the operator at the public exchange to the Chief of the Fire Department and to two residents of the village near the school by whom the general alarm bell may be sounded.

By-laws—Require buildings erected within the fire limits to be solid brick, stone or concrete construction and roofs to be covered with incombustible material; no wood shingles allowed. Storage of inflammables and explosives not regulated by by-law.

Conflagration Hazard—Although there is a fairly large proportion of frame or veneered construction in the business section and wood shingles on roofs are somewhat noticeable, the hazard does not appear to be at all pronounced as there is no congestion anywhere and frame outbuildings in block interiors are not numerous. Buildings in residential section are well spread out and open spaces are numerous.

Brigade—The strength is unchanged, 19 including the chief, but the brigade has been reorganized under a new chief. All are volunteers, but, whereas formerly only about 12 members were employed in the village, all are now employed locally. None sleep in the fire hall at night. The chief lives about three-quarters of a mile from the fire hall and owns an automobile and has a telephone in his dwelling; about 13 other members of the brigade have telephones in their dwellings. 5 members live within 50 yards of the fire hall and 5 are employed by the chief at his place of business. Practices are said to be held about every 2-weeks throughout the year. Firemen are paid for 8 practices and 4 meetings annually, at the rate of \$1 per practice and 50c per meeting. No further remuneration is given for attendance at fires.

General Alarm—Alarms are sounded as formerly on a bell at the public school about 100 yards south of the fire hall. Alarms may also be telephoned to the public exchange and are retransmitted by the operator to the chief of the Fire Department and to a dwelling or garage near the school, where it is said someone is always available to ring the general alarm bell.

TESTS
Gave alarm from bell at public school at 11:16. The chief arrived at the fire hall at 11:17½. Motor combination truck run out at 11:18. Water thrown through one line of 200 feet of hose from hydrant at the corner of Yonge and Arnold Streets, about 150 feet from the fire hall, at 11:20. Normal pressure 42 pounds at 11:22 when a request was made for direct pressure with the elevated tank closed to the system. 13 of the brigade responded.

General Remarks and Deficiencies
Storage of inflammables and explosives—Not regulated by by-law. Storage of coal oil, petroleum, etc., should be limited to 5 barrels, of crude oil, gasoline, etc., to 5 gallons, and of gunpowder to 25 pounds.

Pump House—Engineer attendance is not continuous. The Standard requires an engineer to be on duty in the pump house at all times. Internal protection for the building should be provided in the form of a 2½ gallon firefoam extinguisher and 3 pails of sand.

Fire Hall—The situation of the fire hall is convenient but the building is of brick-veneered construction comprising also a grocery store and court room, and is of unsuitable design for a fire hall. The enclosure in which hose is dried is only half Standard height. A fire hall should preferably be of brick, stone or concrete construction and detached, and should have sleeping accommodation for men and a hose drying tower of sufficient height to give 55 feet below the suspenders.

Brigade—Consists of 19 volunteers. It would be advisable to increase the strength of the brigade to 20 at least and to make arrangements for 2 or

3 of the firemen to sleep in the fire hall at night. Volunteer firemen should be paid an annual sum instead of per practice or meeting.

General Alarm—The general alarm bell is at the public school about 100 yards from the fire hall. It would be better to install a general alarm bell at the fire hall, with a circuit closing device on the striker arm or pull rope of the bell so that alarms sounded on the bell will also sound on an electric gong in the pump house. The circuit between the general alarm bell and the pump house should have sleeping accommodation the lighting circuit, connection being made at the fire hall.

WEDDING

BEYNON — PAXTON

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, February 23rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Paxton, King Ontario, when their only daughter, Dorothy Lulla became the bride of Mr. Maurice Baldwin Beynon son of Mrs. Beynon and the late W. T. Beynon, King, Ontario. The bride entered the living room on the arm of her father to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Florence Mount of Toronto, cousin of the bride. The couple were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. Baird Meikleham of Aurora, under a beautiful arch of evergreens and carnations. The bride looked beautiful in a pretty silk crepe dress of pale peach trimmed with silver lace and rhinestones, with a bandeau of rhinestones in her hair and carrying a bridal bouquet of Ophelia roses. The groom's gift to the bride was a rope of pearls. A dainty breakfast was served, after which the happy couple left amid showers of good wishes and confetti, for Windsor, Detroit and other points, the bride travelling in a rust colored satin frock and fine brown needle point coat, trimmed with fur and blue silk hat. On their return they will reside at Wylebridge farm, King, Ontario. The guests from a distance were—Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Rosborough of Toronto; Dr. and Mrs. Mount, lately returned from Labrador; Mr. Wm. Burman, Redvers, Sask.; Mrs. A. Paxton, Aurora.

LASKAY

The W. M. S. held their annual business meeting at the United Church last Friday afternoon. As this was the day set aside by the W. M. S. Presbyterian for a day of prayer, the first part of the service was entirely devotional. Mrs. Halbert read an inspiring paper on prayer and several of the members led in prayer for China, Japan, Korea, India the League of Nations and for all the world. The members also presented their Easter offering. Owing to sickness in the home, the president, Mrs. Hunter, was unable to attend but the vice-president, Mrs. Lewis Scott ably conducted the meeting. Rev. A. H. Halbert was called on to take the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows:—president, Mrs. J. Hunter; Vice pres. Mrs. Lewis Scott; recording secretary Miss Gertie Patton; Assistant secretary, Mrs. Fred Willis; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Boys; Missionary treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Watson; Literature secretary, Mrs. Leonard Glass; Organist Miss Marjorie McMurchy; Program committee, Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. W. Baldwin, Mrs. Jesse Richards, Miss M. McMurchy. A Visiting Committee and Supply Committee also a social committee were appointed.

At the close of the meeting a dainty luncheon was served and a social hour was spent, after which all returned to their homes feeling that a very pleasant and profitable afternoon had been spent.

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| 1 Bay mare, 9 years old, h. d. | 1 3 Horse evener | |
| 1 Bay mare, 8 years old, h. d. | 1 Hay knife | |
| 1 Bay mare, 11 years old, h. d. | 2 3 Horse doubletrees. | |
| Above team well matched. | 3 Sets doubletrees. | |
| 1 Driving mare, aged. | Number of single trees. | |
| | 1 Binding rope | |
| CATTLE | 1 Scoop shovel | |
| 1 Dark roan cow, calf by side | 1 Barley fork | |
| 1 Half holstein and Jersey cow, due time of sale. | 1 Pig Crate | |
| 1 Blue cow, due in April. | Quantity of elm plank | |
| 1 Blue cow, due in June | 2 Dozen grain bags | |
| 1 Red and white cow in full flow | Number of sacks | |
| 1 Roan cow in full flow of milk. | 1 40 gallon steel oil barrel | |
| 1 Red heifer, 18 months. | 1 25 gallon steel oil barrel | |
| 1 Heifer, 6 months. | 2 Stable pails. | |
| | 2 Ladders | 2 Long wagon reaches |
| SHEEP | 1 Long sleigh reach | 1 Wheel barrow |
| 7 Shropshire breeding ewes. | | HARNESS |
| | | 1 Set bras mounted team harness near new. |
| SWINE | | 1 Set breeding team harness |
| 1 Berkshire sow and pigs 5 weeks old | | 1 Set plow harness |
| 1 Berkshire sow and pigs 4 weeks old | | 1 Set single harness nearly new |
| 12 Fat pigs. | | 1 Set single harness |
| | | Number of horse colars. |
| FOWL | | 2 Set leather fly nets. |
| 2 Geese and 1 Gander | | 1 Pair wool horse blankets. |
| 4 Ducks and 1 Drake | | 1 Buffalo robe |
| Number of Barred Rock hens. | | 1 Gray wool blanket. |
| IMPLEMENTS | | 1 String bells. |
| 1 Deering binder, 6 foot cut. | | 1 Saskatchewan robe. |
| 1 M.-E. Binder 6 foot cut | | A quantity of seed and feed oats and barley. |
| 1 Deering mower, 5 foot cut | | A quantity of ensilage |
| 1 Massey-Harris rake 10 foot | | A quantity of turnips and mangles |
| 1 McCormick rake, 8 foot. | | A quantity of alfalfa hay |
| 1 Frost and Wood drill, 12 hoe. | | 7 Tons of number one timothy hay. |
| 1 Coulter & Scott spring tooth cultivator. | | Forks, hoes shovels and other things too numerous to mention. |
| 1 Set Diamond harrows, 12 ft. wide | | HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE |
| 1 Set diamond harrows, 4 sections, 12 feet wide. | | 1 Light bed-room suite springs and mattress. |
| 1 Frost & Wood disc, outthrow. | | 1 Dark bedroom suite springs and mattress. |
| 1 Cocksbutt single row corn cultivator. | | 1 Brass bed, springs and mattress. |
| 1 Frost & Wood scuffer. | | 1 Single bed, wood. |
| 1 Dick double furrow plow, No. 8. | | 2 Wash stands. |
| 2 No. 12 Fleury plows, 1 pair plow wheels. | | 1 Fall leaf table, 1 pantry table |
| 1 Speight wagon box and springs complete. | | 1 Round extension table with leaves |
| 1 Set farm trucks. | | 1 Square extension table with leaves |
| 1 3 Spring democrat wagon, 2 seats pole and shafts. | | 1 Side board, five dining room chairs |
| 1 Trench road wagon. | | 5 kitchen chairs. |
| 1 Trench cutter. | | 1 Sofa |
| 1 Set bob-sleighs | | 1 Upholstered parlor suite, good as new. |
| 1 Speight wagon box. | | 1 Writing desk |
| 1 Hay rack, 16 foot. | | 2 Rocking chairs |
| 1 Gravel box 1½ yards | | 1 Platform rocker. |
| 1 Stock rack. | | 1 Home Comfort range |
| 1 Stone boat. | | 1 Oak treasure heater. |
| 1 Chatham fanning mill and bagger. | | 1 Matting rug |
| 1 Fleury cutting box, 12 inch reversible carriers. | | 1 Brussels rug |
| 1 Chatham scale, 1000 pounds capacity | | A number of pictures |
| 1 Dick root pulper | | A quantity of dishes. |
| 1 Massey-Harris cream separator, 500 pound capacity. | | A daisy churn |
| 1 Grindstone, platform for Chatham fanning mill. | | Washing machine, 1900 gravity. |
| 1 Power jack, knuckle and pulleys. | | Wringer and washboard. |
| 1 Wagon jack | | A number of fruit jars |
| 1 Bag truck. | | A 3 burner New Perfection oil stove |
| Hay fork, and car, rope and pulleys. | | 1 Single burner oil stove |
| 6 Sling ropes | | 20 Yards Linoleum |
| | | 1 Hanging lamp |
| | | 2 Toilet sets. |
| | | 1 Set butter scales. |
| | | 1 Sausage machine |
| | | 1 Barrel of vinegar |
| | | 1 Chatham incubator. |
| | | A quantity of books. |

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