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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

THE PROVINCIAL SURPLUS

For the first time in many years, the provincial treasurer is able to announce that in the year ending October 31, 1927, he has received more money into the provincial treasury than has been paid out, in other words, that he has a surplus. The surplus is somewhat in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, and, in comparison with the deficits of the past few years, it is decidedly satisfactory.

The fact that there is a surplus, however, should not be allowed to becloud the fact that there is a great increase in provincial expenditures, that the people are now contributing more money to the provincial funds than they have ever been asked to do in previous years. The revenue collected this year is about five and a half million dollars more than last year, and twenty-two million dollars more than was collected in the last year of the Drury government, which was condemned as the most extravagant government Ontario ever had. There is nothing in the treasurer's statement to show that any serious effort has been made to curtail expenditures, outside of the fact that a portion of the revenue had been set aside towards debt retirement. It is an easy matter to have a surplus when taxes are being piled higher than ever upon the people of the province, and that is apparently what has happened in this case, for the statement shows an increase of \$657,000 in gasoline taxes, and a new revenue of \$3,300,000 from the operation of the liquor control act. It would be more satisfactory to the people if it could be shown that the surplus was due to decreased expenditures rather than to increased taxation.

THE NEW PAVEMENT THROUGH RICHMOND HILL IS COMPLETED. This municipality has now one of the finest streets to be found in any town in Canada and local citizens have just pride in the completed work. RICHMOND HILL IS GOING AHEAD; the advance in civic improvements is cause for exceeding pride and we must in all things keep pace with the advancement and improvements. Richmond Hill by virtue of its location and many natural attractions will make progress and if there is a general desire among the people to grow with the town there will be real accomplishment. We may choose to grow with it or we can stay in the RUT and let opportunities which pass to be grabbed by other towns which are wide awake to all opportunities. By all means let's grow with Richmond Hill.

Nomination Day will soon be here and it is our most sincere wish that the citizens of municipalities of this district will show sufficient interest in their own business to attend the meeting and hear the account of the years work given by their elected representatives. Attend the nomination meeting and record your vote on polling day.

The first authentic photographs of the new Ford Car appeared almost simultaneously in the leading daily and weekly newspapers of Canada. It was one of the most carefully planned and best advertising campaigns ever organized in Canada. It was indeed a tribute to Ford organization.

There is a Christmas feeling in the air; the store windows are full of toys, while snowflurries are becoming more frequent and there is a frosty edge on the wind. All this means pleasure and abundance of good things in most homes. But here and there are to be found families who dread the coming of Christmas as a time of heavier disappointments and more grievous burdens. Let us endeavour this year to celebrate the Blessed Christmas season by a little sacrifice in trying to make the lot of those who are not quite so fortunate as ourselves a little easier to bear.

The home merchant is like a man's wife. He is with you in sickness and in health and ever ready to assist those, who through misfortune may need assistance. Patronize those who are helping in every possible way to make the community in which you live, a more desirable place to live and call your home.

If the franchise of a large number of the electorate were cancelled and they were told that they must not vote, what a holler of indignation there would be raised immediately. And yet we wonder what percentage of the vote will be polled at the coming elections in local municipalities.



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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

President of Home and School Club
Explains Purchase of Cocoa

Richmond Hill, Ont
December 12th, 1927

The Editor, "The Liberal,"
Richmond Hill

Mr. Editor:—

With reference to last week's issue of the "Liberal" regarding the purchase of supplies by the Home and School Club for the hot drinks which are served at the Public School, I am surprised at the inference that the Home and School Club is lacking in community spirit. The very fact that these hot drinks are served at the school should be sufficient answer to such a charge, as there is no more real practical community service rendered in the village than that of serving hot drinks to the children who bring cold lunches during the winter months. Especially is this true of the teachers who give of their own lunch hour in order to serve the children.

By far the greater portion of the supplies required, every bottle of milk and every pound of sugar and a part of the cocoa, have been purchased at the local stores in the village, and only a portion of the cocoa procured elsewhere, amounting to less than ten per cent. of the total cost. This was done because the local merchants

do not handle the brand of cocoa required in the quantities required, and also because of considerable variation in the price for the same.

Regarding the hardware to which you refer, I might say that this comprised one pot of a special size not procurable in the village, and only secured with some difficulty downtown. All the other utensils were purchased in the village.

In dealing with this question it should be borne in mind that the Home and School Club is not in a strict sense of the word a village organization, as a number of its members live, and a considerable portion of its income is received from outside of the municipality. In fact, the Club spends more money in Richmond Hill than it derives therefrom.

I share with you, Mr. Editor, a sincere desire to see our community grow and prosper, and, in general, believe that the slogan "Patronize Home Industry" is a good one to follow, but it should, however, be kept in mind that a too literal or strict enforcement of this slogan would have a very serious reaction which would prove a decided handicap to the village. In these days no man or village can live to themselves.

A. E. PLEWMAN,
President, Richmond Hill
Home and School Club

"Way Back in Liberal Files"

DO YOU REMEMBER?
This Week of 1889

When in Richmond Hill, George Peach passed away at the age of 18 years.

When the Board of examiners for the Richmond Hill Public Schools promoted the following pupils:—To Sr. III Reginald Storey, Garnet Duncan, Edgar Redditt, Annie Mason, Edith Treveltham, Lottie Hopper, Stella Morris. To Junior III—Howard Neville, Fred Harrison, Ernest Bishop, Willie Tyndall, Lexie Kurtz and Clara Vandenberg.

When Mr. H.F. Hopper, was struck by a heavy piece of timber and badly hurt while at the raising of the Agricultural Hall here.

When the Sabbath School Anniversary services were held in the Methodist Church, Thornhill. Mr. Daniel McLean, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address.

When a fair sized audience gathered in the Masonic Hall to listen to the lecture on "The History and Mystery of Freemasonry" by Rev. W.G. Wovson, of Alliston. Dr. Orr, of Maple occupied the chair.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1895

When at Thornhill a very pleasant event took place at the home of Mrs. Johnston Wilson, for the purpose of saying good-bye to Rev. J.O. Clubine B.A., who was leaving for Utterson to take charge of the circuit there.

When the members of Court Richmond A.O.F. had a busy evening last Friday it being election of officers, the following were elected for different offices:—C. McLean, T. Newton, T. Hicks, F. Sims, W. Savage, D. Hill, J. Glass, T.F. McMahon, W.E. Wiley.

When Margaret Sliney passed away at the age of 43 years. Funeral was held from the residence of her brother Wm. Sliney, north of Elgin Mills.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1902

When Rev. N. Wellwood of Dundalk and Rev. J.H. Moore, of Copper Cliff, visited Richmond Hill and marked their ballots on the Temperance question.

When V.W. Bro. Newton, W. Bros. Nicholls and Newberry, and Bros. H. F. Hopper, D. Hill, R.A. Farquharson and Wye Trench visited rising Sun Lodge Aurora.

When the skating rink was opened addresses were given by Reeve Savage, County Councillor, Pugsley and H.A. Nicholls, President of the Curling Club.

When an interesting meeting of the Epworth League was held, an address "The City of Twelve Gates" was given by Mr. A. J. Hume, and a solo by Miss Ethel Switzer.

When at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James Stewart, Oak Ridges Christina Aikins, widow of the late Ezra Clubine passed away in her 78 year.

When Richmond Hill High School report was published. The following standing first in their forms: Form I, M. Rowbotham, Form II, E. Reaman, Form III, E. Lloyd.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1906

When the Vaughan Council met in

the Township Hall, Vellore, members present:—J.N. Boyle, Reeve; J.A. Cameron, J. Devins, D.C. Longhouse, J. S. McNair.

When a very pleasant event took place at Maple, at the home of Mr. John Watson, the occasion being the marriage of Ethel his youngest daughter to Mr. Frank Rumble, of Patterson. Rev. Francis Dean officiated.

When the regular meeting of the Thornhill Council, Canadian chosen friends was held, the following officers being elected:—Henry Fisher, Chief Councillor; J.E. Francis, Vice-Councillor, D.M. Boyle, Rec; W. Carlton, Associate Secretary, W.H. Clubine, Treasurer; Mrs. J. Fisher, Organist.

When at the Lutheran Parsonage, Sherwood, Mr. John Ash, son of Mr. Valentine Ash and Miss Ida Amelia White, daughter of Mr. Hiram White was united in Holy Bonds of Wedlock.

LASKAY

The Laskay United Church Sunday School will hold its annual Anniversary services on Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 2.30 and 7 p. m. Rev. A.E. Marshall of Newmarket will preach at both services. Maple United Church choir will lead in the singing. The following evening, (Monday), Dec. 19, there will be a Christmas entertainment and Tree. A good program is being prepared. Come and bring your friends.

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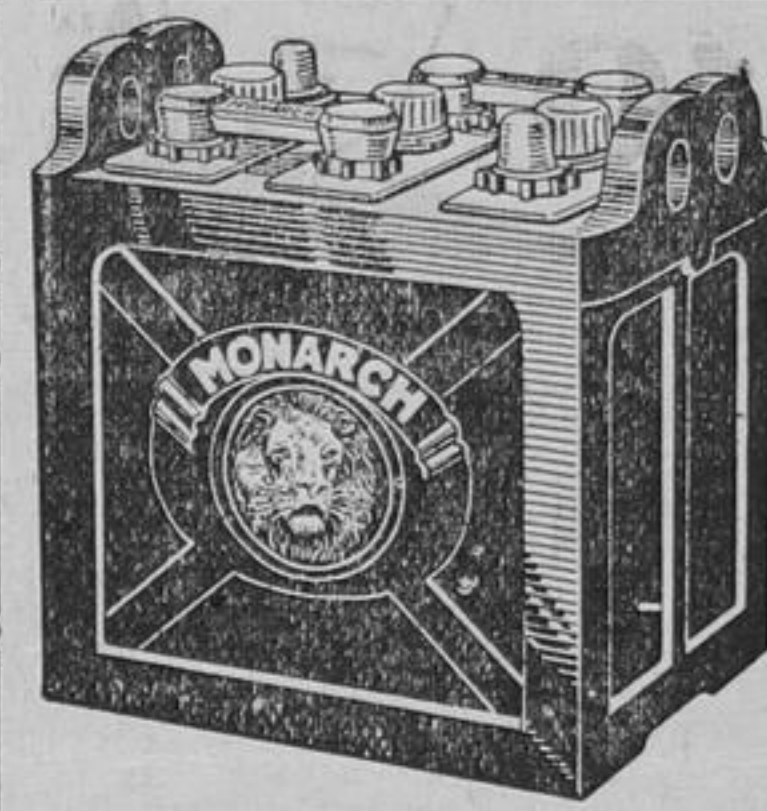
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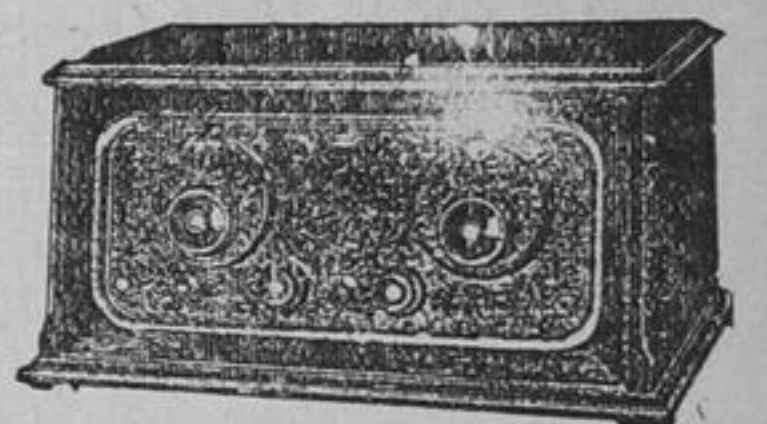


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