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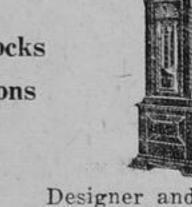
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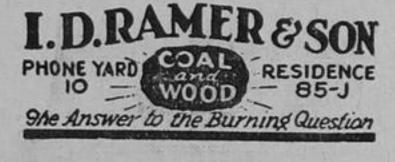
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IN THE INTEREST OF THE LIONS CLUB



OUR VILLAGE TREES DO YOU KNOW

(By Lion Fred Hoover)

person spoke up saying "Oh yes, first librarian was paid as his anthat is the place with the bumpy nual salary one pound ten shillings main street." Another one said "It and that the whole library consisted is also the place with the lovely of 367 books, and since that time trees along the street." Our bumpy we have had a library continually. unpaved Main street is now a thing | 2. That the Richmond Hill Village of the past and along with it went Band was organized in 1853, and that a number of the fine shade trees it was much in demand for funcmentioned above. By such things do tions which took place in the surpeople form impressions of the com- rounding districts, that each person munity in which we live.

most outstanding group is perhaps years. those rows of spruce, leading from | 3. That our village was formerly Yonge Street back to Mr. Angle's known as Mount Pleasant, and that residence. The Lombardy Poplar by on Yonge St., just south of the Ang-Mr. Henry Moyle's house make quite lican Church was a bad piece of a picture. A little farther south is road into which vehicles sank to the a very large elm in front of Mrs. hubs in the spring and fall. Mason's home. Then there are the 4. That Richmond Hill became an birch trees in front of the United | incorporated village in 1872 and that Church. Mr. Ed Leno has a couple Mr. Abraham Law was our first of flowering thorn trees, which when reeve; that his residence, one of the they are in bloom in the spring, are few remaining mud brick buildings, worth while seeing. Possibly the still stands on the corner of Yonge age is the large elm, growing by | L. Wright and Miss G. Grant are Mrs. McLean's home on Roseview his grandchildren. trees of which he is very proud, and were defeated. fine flowering crab-tree. As far as R. L. Langstaff. many more worthy of mention.

tiful. Private citizens can do much ing year back to 6 mills. yet, but in time he will have some- as well as our village clerk. thing there to be proud of.

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(By Lion Wick Trench)

Some years ago while on a vaca- 1. That a Public Library was ortion, I happened to mention that I ganized in Richmond Hill as a Joint lived in Richmond Hill. At once one Stock Company in 1852 and that the

| taking out an instrument had to sign There are at present quite a large a contract either to return it in good number of beautiful trees in the condition or to pay its value; that Village, and it might not be out of Mr. A. J. Hume, our present clerk, place to mention a few of them. The | was leader of the band for fifteen

most outstanding tree in the Vill- St. and Richmond St.; that Mr. O.

Ave. The elm seems to do especially | 5. That the residence occupied by well in this district and we are for- Mr. W. Middleton at the north of tunate to have quite a few of them | the village was the home of Colonel in the Agricultural Park. There are Moody who was killed when he tried also quite a number of large wal- to pass through the rebel lines at nut trees growing in the Village, Montgomery's Tavern in 1837, (Col. several by Mrs. Rumble's on Church | Moody had served all through the Street, Mr. Wilfred Jones has one, Peninsular War and the War of there is one at the rear of the Bell 1812, only to fall in the minor af-Telephone building, one on the lawn fair of 1837); that the rebel forces of Dr. Jas. Langstaff, one on Mrs. were largely gathered from the nor-Phipps' lawn, and a very old tree thern part of York County and on the lawn of Mr. Allan Bales. Mr. marched through our village to Chas. Wiley has two large hickory | Montgomery's Tavern where they

Mr. W. W. A. Trench has a num- | 6. That the ground occupied by the ber of fine silver maple trees. There | Presbyterian Church and manse and are quite a number of locust trees; the cemetery were donated by Mr. in the Village and Mr. Lumb has a James Miles, the grand uncle of Dr.

I know there are only two oaks here 7. That the whole of our school and they are in front of Mr. Skill- population, high and public, was eter's home. These are only a few once housed in four separate buildof the beautiful trees to be found ings, which stood in a row from east in the Village. No doubt there are to west, on the present public school site; that one of these, a frame Most of these trees are nearing building which stood second back, maturity, and it is most desirable was once a grammar school, and that new trees grow to replace these that the old High School, which was when they die. Possibly the Village destroyed by fire in 1900, cost \$2700 or one of the Clubs or Societies have and was paid for out of the taxes now a long term policy towards this in one year, bringing the rate up means of keeping our Village beau- to 19 mills, which fell in the follow-

by planting a few desirable trees on | 8. That the village post office, a their premises. The Village in con- frame building, whose need of a coat junction with the Horticultural So- of paint was hidden by a luxurious ciety last year planted several hun- growth of Virginia Creeper, stood dred trees along a few of the streets about half way between the present and Dr. James Langstaff has estab- public school building and Hotel lished quite an arboretum at the rear Richmond, and that Mr. Matthew of his home. His trees are small Teefy was for years our postmaster

9. That the old Fair Grounds, comprising two acres of land, lay along Arnold St., from the western limit of the public school grounds, and that our first skating rink stood on the eastern end of it.

10. That the Anglican Church is the oldest church building in the village, that an old Presbyterian Church stood immediately behind the present Presbyterian Church, that an old Methodist Church stood on the property occupied by Braithwaite's Hardware Store, that an old frame Catholic Church stood on Mill St .. a considerable distance west of Yorke St., that the present United Church, the Presbyterian Church and the steeple of the Anglican Church were erected in 1880, and that the present Catholic Church was built in

11. That there used to be two mill ponds west of the village, the one on Vaughan Rd., supplied power to a saw mill for years which later became a foundry and a cider mill, the other on Mill St., furnished power to a fanning mill factory which stood about where the pumping station now is; that a sash and door factory and saw mill stood at the western end of Richmond St.

12. That our village once contained two flourishing carriage factories, one of which stood on the front of what is Mr. T. Taylor's lawn, and was owned by Wright Bros., and was managed for years by one of our present citizens Mr. Ashford Wright; the other stood on the corner of Yonge St. and Lorne Ave., it was founded and conducted for a generation by Mr. Wm. Trench, who was succeeded by Mr. Thos. H. Trench, the present owner of the property, who converted the buildings into stores and apartments.

13. That it would be a commendable move on the part of one of our many organizations to systematically mark the places in our community which have historical inter-

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