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north of Maple the latter part of run up at half mast. the week and before long it had The proprietors of the Bales prop-Formerly with Heintzman Company spread rapidly to surrounding woods, erty, Lansing, comprising 300 acres, doing considerable damage. It is said recently had an offer of \$300 an that on Sunday last the fire covered acre for the farm, but they do not about 10 acres.

> The plant of the Welland Vale steads. Company's works, and the Canada Cycle and Motor Company's work at The annual Spring Exhibition of St. Catherines, were destroyed by the Richmond Hill Agricultural Sofire early Wednesday morning. Loss ciety will be held in the Driving nearly half a million.

> Baker, near Victoria Square, was will be awarded to successful com burned on Saturday morning between petitors in classes for horses, cattle, three and four o'clock. Part of the sheep, swine, fine arts and ladies' furniture was saved, though the loss work, dairy produce, roots, racing, will be quite heavy. The proprietor etc. There will be a speeding condoes not think of building again, but test for farmers, purse \$60, and a with his wife will probably remove Gentlemen's speeding contest, also

a few days ago looking at the Fal- commence at 11 o'clock. Music will conbridge property, with the object be furnished during the day by the of opening out a general store.

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#### When the sad news reached this From the Toronto Conservatory of From our Issue of May 17th, 1900 place Friday evening about 8 o'clock The Board of Education are erect- that King Edward was dead the bell ing a flag-staff over the Public in the Methodist Church was tolled

no more. Next morning the flags on A fire was started in Oliver's bush the High and Public Schools were

#### Richmond Hill Fair 1910

feel inclined to part with the home-

Park on Victoria Day, May 24th. The brick residence of Mr. George Prizes to the amount of \$1266.38 for a purse of \$60. The football A gentleman was in the Village competition for a prize of \$25 will Richmond Hill band.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of May 14th, 1925 trees comprising Pines, Scotch and Jack, Willows, Elms, Larches, had arrived from the Forestry Departing planted. In response to the call \$5.00 bill for 25c. He put it in an Phone 3 of the Horticultural president, Mr. citizens, volunteers in this service, flourishing business for a time. were on the ground to help in the planting under the supervision of the department of forestry. And they filled the waste land lying east contrees south of the dump on the waterworks lot, and had fifty left for Phone 100 the end of the park. Our village ing these trees. As well as to Mr. preparation. Gee and the helpers, thanks are due pared the ground for the trees.

George Hamilton, who has lived in the old home for a number of years, is leaving to make his home in Delhi, Ontario, with his daughter, Mrs.

Manthe. we wish to get away to an early start for the longest and we hope the best season we have ever had. We are looking for a very large get away at the start. N. J. Glass, President, W. H. Pugsley, Secretary.

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> When kicked by a horse last week, William Hillock, Caledon, had two bones in his hand fractured.

## May 24th in the Old Days

I remember of attending Richmond Hill Fair on May 24 many years ago. Along with a number of other school children, we arose early and walked the seven miles to see the "Great Fair". We were equipped with dinners in pockets and 50c. for expenses. The exhibits were horses and some other stock, together with implements from the nearby foundries of Patterson's and others and the Wilson Fanning Mill.

There were no binders or self rake reapers in those days, probably they were not thought of. The only indication of a change was to be found in the form of a velocipede, the forerunner of the bicycle. There was an exhibit of horses which would please all horse admirers, Clydesdale of fine formation, perhaps unequalled in the present day, as well as carriage horses.

In a small field on the Vaughan side the speeding of carriage horses and drivers took place, where an amusing event occurred, and nobody hurt. Among the competitors was a handsome pair of carriage horses driven by a city man who had tarried too long at the hotels on the way. As he sped around the ring, he sat upright, with the result that Last Friday was a busy morning his outfit was upturned; he alighted at the waterworks pond. The 1500 on his head. The only injury was a flattened beaver hat. He had the intoxicated man's good luck.

There nere the usual number of ment of the Province and were be- fakers present, one of whom sold a envelope which the purchaser near-Gee, twelve or more of our worthy ly always found empty. He did a

Then there was the patent medicine man, selling many preparations of marvellous curative powers. The ditty he sang, "Beeswax and taller, tiguous to the pond, also planted Aunt Jemima plaster, the more you try to pull it off, the faster sticks the plaster," reminds me of one of his best sellers. I remember his is to be congratulated upon obtain- song but forget the virtues of the

Then there was the lifting mato Mr. Henry Davis for having pre- chine, 2c. a lift or 3 lifts for a nickle. The scale was set to please, The Hamilton property at Elgin for with difficulty I could lift 30 Mills has changed hands and Mr. Tbs. of clover seed, but on the machine I lifted 325 lbs. I was pleased with my lift and had dreams of being a future Sampson. His profits for the day were cut short when Mr. Solomon Oster, Vaughan's strong The re-opening of the Richmond man, came that way. Mr. Oster did 3 Hill Lawn Bowling Club for 1915 not wish to lift, as he was quite will be held on Wednesday, May 27, modest in his way of exhibiting his by a mixed tournament in the af- strength. The owner of the lifting ternoon. Our greens are in perfect machine bantered Mr. Oster too condition this spring, and therefore much. At last being annoyed, he took hold of the handles of the contrivance, and with a powerful lift, squarely given, he literally tore the machine to pieces, to the great membership, so get your tickets and amusement of the crowd. The day wore on and evening came at last, and we wended our way homewards, and for days we could hardly think of anything but the 24th of May and wishing the time and the fair would come round again,

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