

The Richmond Hill Tattler

A column of chat with an occasional item of "the news behind the news" written especially for The Liberal.

On one thing everyone is agreed, namely, that of all our heritages and possessions the lives of our children are the most precious. The preservation of children is our privilege and blessing, our God given task. When we reflect on that, we must of necessity consider such problems as those of safe conduct for children on their way to and from school, as a primary civic obligation, and when their safety depends upon the construction of nothing more costly than a cinder path a few hundred feet or even a mile or so long, setting aside or delaying such construction can be nothing more than—shall we say—criminal?

A great many children whose homes are immediately south of Rich-

mond Hill attend school in the village. Daily they must brave the dangers of Yonge St. traffic, and the child deaths that have occurred in the area in the past few years prove that the dangers are more real than imaginary. The parents of the children and the neighbors of these parents petitioned the Vaughan township council nearly a year ago for a cinder path to the village so that their children could avoid traffic dangers. The petitioners were instructed that the provincial department of highways is the department to which their request should be addressed. Accordingly, the parents so addressed their petition, but so far nothing has been done about providing a cinder path.

It might be said that the parents should re-voice their request to the department, but can it not be said with equal merit that an obligation rests on the councils of the townships of Vaughan and Markham where the children reside to use the influence they hold as representatives of the public to effect action on the part of Queen's Park? The parents are all working people. Most of them are employed in war plants. Of course, the care of their children rests upon them and perhaps they should ignore their war work for a day and betake themselves to Queen's Park. But should that be necessary, and if they did go to Queen's Park would they receive a hearing and be as able as their elected township representatives to effect action? Would the councils of these two townships not be discharging a duty they owe their electors if they would make the construction of a cinder path for the children a matter of urgent township business and themselves take up the question with the Department of Highways to the end that when the Autumn term of school commences the children and the little brothers and sisters who will be accompanying them to school for the first time will not be in daily jeopardy of losing their lives under the wheels of car or truck?

Many Richmond Hill and Markham folks will remember Stephen Hughes who lived and worked among them a few years ago. Stephen joined the active Canadian army, went overseas and became a corporal. He was given up for dead last October, but since then it has developed that he was not killed but was taken prisoner, and the manner of his capture was somewhat unusual. Stephen went ahead of his company on the instructions of his officers, and came to a house that stood near the battlefield. He thought it was occupied by British or possibly fellow Canadian troops and knocked on the door. It was opened, however, by a German soldier who challenged him. Hughes replied with rifle bullets, but failed to notice a machine gun nest some distance away. The machine gun opened fire and he was disabled and taken prisoner.

From Durham comes the news that James A. McLachlan saw something most unusual on the Rocky Saugeen river 300 yards upstream from the dam at Aberdeen. He reports that an old male beaver from a colony nearby attacked his dog. The beaver had become accustomed to seeing McLachlan in his boat and often came quite close to swim around it with no apparent fear.

This particular evening he took the boat upstream to fish when the beaver came out as usual. Meanwhile, the family dog had followed his master and was running along the shore barking furiously. The old male beaver was swimming around the boat, and hearing the dog, started in its direction. The dog swam out to meet him. When they met the beaver gave the dog a slap with his tail. What followed could not be seen for flying water. However, the dog returned to the attack only to receive another slap. Mr. McLachlan thought the combat might end disastrously for either animal, and he ordered the dog ashore. The beaver then swam back to the vicinity of the boat as if nothing had happened.

Beaver have never been classed as fighters except on rare occasions to guard their home. This particular one is tame enough for Mr. McLachlan to touch it as it swims close to the boat. What do our old timers think about it?

The new Land Girl was doing her best, but she was evidently finding everything on the farm very strange. Having had an incubator explained to her, and been asked if she fully understood it, she put her head on one side and, with a puzzled look, replied:

"Yes—but where does the hen sit."

Auditor's Report of the Village of Richmond Hill for the year 1943

REVENUE 1943	
Debtenture Debt Charges Recoverable	
York County	\$ 5411.00
Markham Township	520.68
Vaughan Township	428.80
	\$ 6360.48
Dog Taxes	202.00
Arena	1979.25
North Yonge Street Railway	9192.40
Licenses	26.00
Miscellaneous	58.74
Rents	795.00
Unemployment Relief	
Government Grants	\$ 403.11
Hospital Collections	59.00
	462.11
Taxes—Province of Ontario Subsidy	959.13
Building Permits	16.00
Interest	1011.48
Fire Brigade Services	
Vaughan Township	\$ 35.00
Markham Township	420.00
	455.00
Taxes	
1943 Tax Roll	\$ 40861.29
Interest and Penalties	392.65
	41253.94

EXPENDITURES 1943	
Charity and Welfare	
Hospitalization and Charity	\$ 362.53
Unemployment Relief	1108.26
	\$ 1470.79
County Rates	2563.82
Debtenture Debt Charges	20763.24
Education	
High School	\$ 7000.00
Public School	8740.58
	15740.58
General Administration	
Auditor	\$ 150.00
Discounts	334.99
Election Expenses	60.50
Garbage Collection	832.00
Grants	175.00
Insurance	360.69
Interest	67.50
Maintenance of Municipal Building	1073.40
Printing, Postage and Stationery	806.84
Salaries and Allowances	3337.92
Law Costs	73.51
	6772.35
Highways and Streets	
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	2581.62
Miscellaneous	733.67
Arena	1597.96
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire	\$ 1961.41
Street Lighting	620.74
	2582.15
Storm Sewer and Sewer Expenditures	2000.57
Public Service—Public Library	480.00
	57586.75
Surplus for 1943	5184.78
	\$62771.53

CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS	
1943 Tax Roll	\$ 40861.29
Tax Collections	\$ 37414.89
Discounts Allowed	324.79
	37789.68
	\$3121.61
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TAX ARREARS STATEMENT	
Jan. 1 Balance of Arrears	\$ 19970.37
Arrears written off 1943	536.18
Arrears collected 1943	15321.63
	15857.81
	4112.56
1943 Tax Arrears	\$ 3121.61
Penalties on 1943 Tax Arrears	89.95
Interest on Arrears	237.70
	3449.26
	\$7561.82
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SINKING FUND STATEMENT	
Amount in Sinking Fund Dec. 31, 1943	
Cash	\$ 1622.95
Investments, Book Value	19486.29
	\$ 21109.24
Total Payments required in Sinking Fund in 1943 only	2681.96
Total Payments made in Sinking Fund in 1943 only	3419.46

CURRENT BALANCE SHEET ASSETS	
Cash	
On Hand	\$ 24.00
In Bank	30880.16
	\$ 30904.16
Taxes Receivable	7561.82
	\$38465.98
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LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$ 500.00
Surplus	37965.98
	\$38465.98

CAPITAL BALANCE SHEET ASSETS	
General	
Municipal Lands and Buildings	\$ 27315.00
Equipment	4924.53
Furniture and Fixtures	567.65
	\$ 32807.18
Local Improvements	9687.55
School Debtenture and Debt Recoverables	57543.85
Housing	
Outstanding Balances on House	2089.59
Public Utilities	
Street Railway	\$ 8588.97
Waterworks	58853.56
	67442.43
Books in Public Library	1500.00
New Water Well	9798.28
Properties acquired 1943 Tax Sale	311.66
Sinking Fund Investment	21109.24
	\$202289.78
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LIABILITIES	
Debtenture Debt	
Public School	\$ 2046.89
High School	55496.96
	\$ 57543.85
Public Utilities	
Street Railway	\$ 8588.87
Waterworks	58853.56
	67442.43
Other Debtenture Debt—Sewer	8265.34
	133251.62
Surplus	69038.16
	\$202289.78
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RECEIPTS 1943	
Jan. 1, 1943	
Cash in Bank	\$ 19831.45
Cash on Hand	24.00
	\$ 19855.45
Debtenture Debt Charges Recoverable	
York County	\$ 5411.00
Markham Township	520.68
Vaughan Township	428.80
	6360.48
Education — Treasurer Public School	4000.00
Dog Taxes	202.00
Arena	1979.25
North Yonge Railway	9192.40
Licenses	26.00
Miscellaneous	58.94
Hydro Electric rebate on Street Lighting	606.70
Rents	795.00
Housing Loan Payments	395.00
Unemployment Relief	590.00
Government Grant	\$ 403.11
Hospital Payments	59.00
	462.11
Taxes Province of Ontario Subsidy	959.13
Sale of Land	1435.00
Tax Sale 1942 Redemption	384.10
Building Permits	16.00
Interest	1011.48
Fire Brigade Services	
Vaughan Township	\$ 35.00
Markham Township	420.00
	455.00
Taxes	
Current Tax Roll Collected	\$ 37739.68
Arrears of Taxes Collected	15321.63
Frontage Rates	1662.98
	54724.29
	\$99113.39
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PAYMENTS 1943	
Loans Sundry	
Charity and Welfare	\$ 1000.00
Hospitalization	\$ 362.53
Unemployment Relief	1108.26
	1470.79
County Rates	2863.82
Debtenture Debt Charges	20763.24
Sinking Fund Investment—Payments	3419.46
Education	
High School	\$ 7000.00
Public School	8740.58
	15740.58
General Administration	
Election Expenses	\$ 60.50
Auditor	150.00
Discounts	334.99
Grants	175.00
Interest	67.50
Insurance	360.69
Maintenance of Municipal Building	1073.40
Printing, Postage and Stationery	806.84
Salaries and Allowances	3337.92
Garbage Collection	332.00
Law Costs	73.51
	6772.35
Highways and Streets	2581.62
Miscellaneous	972.88
Arena	1597.96
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire	\$ 1961.41
Street Lighting	620.74
	3188.91
New Deep Well	4251.30
New Equipment	1105.75
Storm Sewer and Sewer Expenditure	2000.57
Public Service, Library	480.00
Cash in Bank Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 30880.16
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1943	24.00
	30904.16
	\$99113.39
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ELECTRIC LIGHT RECEIPTS 1943	
Monthly Light and Power Receipts	18507.09
Monthly Street Lighting Receipts	1227.50
Hydro Electric Rebate Power	1682.20
Waterworks re reading meters	23.28
Customers Deposits	140.00
Sales Supplies and Lamps	89.78
Pole Rentals	78.50
Dominion of Canada Bond Interest	120.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce Interest	17.05
	\$24861.93
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PAYMENTS 1943	
Construction	
Materials	\$ 876.30
Maintenance	
Hydro Electric Power Bills	\$ 14120.84
Materials and Supplies	714.82
Meter Inspection	115.05
T.T.C. Pole Attachment Rentals	186.75
Consumers Deposit Refunds	115.00
Cartage and Express	2.61
Salaries	300.00
Stamps, Excise and Postage	103.00
Office Rent (1/2 year)	90.00
Labour	2128.31
Sales Tax	968.23
Printing	61.23
Paid Waterworks Surplus	70.76
Paid Street Lighting Surplus	606.76
Paid Victory Bonds	3500.00
	23083.36
Surplus—Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	902.27
	\$24861.93
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WATERWORKS RECEIPTS 1943	
Surplus from 1942	
Cash in Bank Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 3735.98
Petty Cash Fund	25.00
	\$ 3760.98
Water Rates	
Domestic Service	\$ 4095.83
Commercial Service	1540.61
Installation Fees	428.09
Consumers Deposits	65.00
Hydrant Rental	1200.00
Electric Light a/c Refund	70.76
Miscellaneous Receipts	4.93
	7405.22
	\$11166.20
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PAYMENTS 1943	
Construction	
Materials	\$ 433.53
Labour	660.40
	\$ 1093.93
Maintenance	
Materials	\$ 1159.64
Labour	608.82
Coal	42.90
Light and Power	439.52
Salaries	1560.00
Telephone	50.15
Consumer Deposit Funds	47.00
Cartage and Express	21.57
Printing and Postage	57.60
Miscellaneous Expenses	31.00
	4018.20
Cash in Bank Dec. 31, 1943	6029.07
Petty Cash Fund	25.00
	\$11166.20
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NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE closing a portion of the road allowance lying between the 8th and 9th Concessions a portion of the road allowance between Lots 25 and 26 in Concession 8 and a portion of the road allowance lying between Lots 25 and Concession 9 all in the Township of Vaughan in the County of

OFFICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Council of the Corporation Township of Vaughan after the first day of June, being the date of the last publication of this Notice to pass a By-law stopping up and closing those parts of the road allowance lying between Concessions 8 and 9 lying south of the northerly limit of Lot 26 in Concession 8 in the Township of Vaughan and that portion of the road allowance between Lots Numbers 25 and 26 in Concession 8 in the said Township lying west of Provincial Highway Number 27 and that portion of road allowance between Lots Numbers 25 and 26 in Concession 9 in the said Township running from the road allowance between Concessions 8 and 9 westerly for a distance of 3328 feet and to pass a By-law to authorize the conveyance and sale of parts or all of the said road allowances so stopped up. The proposed By-law may be seen in my office at Maple, Ontario. The Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be affected by the said By-law and who applies to be heard.

The Council proposes to pass the said By-law at its meeting to be held on the 5th day of June, 1944. DATED at Maple, this 3rd day of May, 1944.

J. M. McDONALD, Clerk and Treasurer.



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