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## From The Hilltop

A COLUMN OF VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS  
(By F. J. Picking)

It's only a few weeks now until the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society celebrates its centenary, so I've been putting in a few hours looking through old files to collect information about fairs of earlier days.

And, as usual, that was my downfall. These old issues, redolent of a way of life so completely different from the present that it seems like another world, seem to have a fatal fascination for me. Getting back to the file of The Liberal for 1884 — there I stuck.

Incidentally, speaking of the Fair's centenary, The Liberal plans to say as much as possible about past fairs — especially the "way back when" ones. There does not seem to be any too much in the way of recorded information about the earlier days of the Fair, so any information tucked away in the minds of "old-timers" will be very much appreciated. Just telephone Richmond Hill 9, please, if you can help.

Now back to the issue of January 25th, 1884 — sixty-five years ago. The first thing that strikes one is the complete absence of grocery ads. It may be remembered that a few weeks ago I gave some grocery prices — figures that make today's housewife envious — from a 1901 issue. But seventeen years before that apparently the local grocers didn't appreciate the value of advertising at all.

As in 1901 patent medicine advertisements seem to have provided the backbone of Liberal advertising, even occupying the front page. There, out of five columns, one full one is filled with the gory details of the aches and pains which were curable only by 'So-and-so's infallible remedy.

Page R. H. Kane  
Just today local realtor R. H. Kane was commenting to me on the growing scarcity of good building lots. He should have been around in 1884 because Dr. Langstaff was then advertising eight building lots on Centre Street East for \$100 each, with 15% down payment.

The name of J. A. Sturgeon Stewart appears on the masthead of the 1884 paper as Editor and Proprietor.

In those long ago days, when votes as to the supplanting of radials by busses were undreamed of, transportation was a leisurely affair. Advertising his new hotel, the Palmer House, John Palmer made a big point of the fact that the omnibus for Toronto left his door daily at 7:30 a.m. The N.R.R. (What was that?) published its timetable, headed by a woodcut of one of the old-time locomotives. Two trains a day left Toronto City Hall, running through Union Station, Brock St., Queen's Wharf and through the country to Parkdale, Davenport, Weston, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and on to Newmarket. Surprisingly enough, the time from City Hall to Richmond Hill was only an hour and two minutes.

Proctor's Stage Line advertised that it connected with all trains. A column headed "News at a Glance" in which practically every other item is a patent medicine "come-on" mixes world and local news in fine style. It is recorded that "The rebels are encircling Khar-toum" and that the Collingwood Enterprise stated that Owen Sound was to be made the Ontario terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway system.

A petition from the Richmond Hill Cornet Band prayed the local council, with John Brown being Reeve, for a grant of \$16 a year for rental of the Temperance Hall for practises. Sad to say the council laid the petition over.

Sorry — I made a mistake just now in stating that the grocers of 1884 didn't advertise. Have just discovered one. W. Atkinson told readers that he had 25 pounds — get that — twenty-five pounds of good raisins for a dollar, and six pounds of the best rice for a quarter.

Editor Stewart must have been in a pessimistic frame of mind when he penned the following. Or perhaps, like today's citizens, he was feeling the effect of that awful month of January, with its post-Christmas obligations. Said he:

"Everybody knows that the life of an editor is not a very happy or enviable one, notwithstanding the fact that he generally is favoured with a little present of the first basket of green peas, early apples, or potatoes, or the largest pumpkin in the county, or a complimentary pass to a travelling show in order to get a local "puff," but every position in life has its advantages. For instance, when jewellers and bankers are in nightly dread of burglars, editors can sleep supremely with a clear conscience and without fear. A printing office would not be a very attractive place for an enterprising burglar. He could not easily make away with a printing press; an old file of newspapers would not bring him a fortune at a forced sale; and if he stole newspaper accounts he would not be able to collect them, while the theft of the wastepaper basket with its assortment of poetry would bring a

lar could bear."

**Newspaper Battle**  
The battle between the Richmond Hill Liberal and the Markham Sun waged hot and heavy in those days. Said The Liberal of The Sun:

"When a public journal has so little regard for the rules of decency or regard for the proprieties of journalism or the principle of truth as to make such statements as the Sun made, we consider it quite beneath our notice and to reply effectively would require us to meet it with its own weapons, which we would scorn to do. And not only this but in order to prevent us from replying it withheld its usual exchange so that we should not see the article. . . . The fact that Mr. James is about to prosecute the Sun for libel, if it is found that the nominal proprietor has anything, shows plainly what that journal will stoop to."

Heigho, good red meat! Even if the accounts didn't get paid and editors had to live on donated pumpkins and peas there was always a good fight handy, with no holds barred.

And, in closing for this week, it's interesting to note that C. P. Lennox, dentist, stated that he had the exclusive right for the use of "Vitalized Air" for extracting teeth without pain and that the best sets of artificial teeth on rubber were worth \$8.00. Those who really wanted to put on the dog could do so by purchasing a celluloid mounted set for ten bucks.

Wonder which set Editor Stewart bought — or took in trade — after chewing the Markham Sun to pieces?

### NOTICE

Don't forget the C.C.F. Public Meeting, at the Richvale School, Saturday, April 30th, at eight o'clock. Come and hear Agnes MacPhail, M.P.P., C.C.F. member for East York, and A. H. Woods, Federal C.C.F. candidate for York North; also see the picture "Make Way for Youth."

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