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on the character of the Chamber it- efforts. undoubtedly do much to promote lo- bassador. Small but good industries | cal trade, deal with problems which are gradually creeping into the area. publicize the community favourably, a completely new type of business esses looking for locations.

**** punch to it, would just be another employment and consequently businreal benefit. It would be idle to going to do any harm. deny that a not inconsiderable num- For Or Against? and effort wasted on its organization. merce for Richmond Hill necessary?" Is Industry Coming Here?

Richmond Hill.

as a pleasant residential district an island of quiet living around which the tide of "big business" flows, to settle elsewhere? If the OF FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, latter - then there is little use for a Chamber of Commerce. But if, whether we like it or not, the obvious trend of business and factories to the north of Toronto

organizational lines the better. Unquestionably before very long the village will have to face up squarely to such problems as the installation of a sewage system. When that time comes is the cost to be 6 ft. McCormick-Deering Binder borne by a comparative few or will, 5 ft. McCormick Deering Mower by present careful development, 10 ft. Hay Rake there be sufficient businesses to Hay Tedder help distribute the heavy expense Stiff Tooth Cultivator on a reasonable basis? In other Spring Tooth Cultivator words, can an efficient Chamber of Land Roller Commerce by acting now to secure 1 Grain Drill

Telephone 28 part in sound development. Then there is the question of pub- 1 Platform Spring Wagon licizing the village and its advan- 1 Manure Wagon tages - a very necessary step in 1 Wagon and Rack the development of a community 1 Covered Buggy, Trench which faces the problem of building 1 3 H.P. Gasoline Engine itself up. I'm going to go out of 1 Scale, new, 2000 lbs. capacity my way to emphasize that I am, in 1 Blacksmith Forge no sense of the word, critical of 1 Cream Separator and Churn present conditions. Frankly, I like 1 Buzz Saw the Hill the way it is. I like its Some Bee Hives charm, its gracious living, the friend- 1 Case Oil Bath Mower, near new liness of its people. I haven't the 1 Turnpike Shovel slightest intention or desire to be- 1 Set Lever Harrows little the efforts of those who have 3 Furrow Tractor Plow ived here many years and who have 1 No. 21 Fleury Plow made the community the place it is 1 Scuffler

But, being somewhat of a realist, 1 Set Sleighs, good I'm not side-stepping the fact that 1 Wire Fence Stretcher to the outside world this community Post Hole Digger isn't known for what it is and for Extension Ladder, 28 ft. the advantages it has. Take our 6 Tons Hay biggest industry - rose growing. 1 Grey Percheron, 7 years I'd be willing to make a sizable bet 1 Bay Horse, aged that out of the tens of thousands 6 Pigs, 2 months of people who poured through Yonge Set Harness, double Street last week-end, not two per Number of Collars cent knew that they were passing Horse Blankets and Robe through the largest rose-growing Furniture centre in the Dominion - that is, a 1 Antique Wall clock, about 150 yrs. centre devoted exclusively to the old, with wooden works growing of roses. Surely such know- 1 Kitchen Clock ledge transmitted to the world at Large Walnut Sideboard large would provide an inducement Walnut Settee Hall Rack to the type of citizen who would be Solid Light Oak Dining Table happy to make his home in such a Chest of Drawers is looking for the right type of lo- Golden Oak Bedroom Suite cation for a specialized industry. In Single and Double Beds that field, it seems to me, an effic- Tables and Stands ient Chamber of Commerce could do Wash Stands a worth-while job.

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There is, of course, a reverse side Just to prevent misunderstanding to the picture. A Chamber of Comlet me emphasize that the forego- merce exists to do a selling job ing is a question - not an assertion, to sell the story of its community to It is a question which, in view of the outside world. I mentioned the rapid development of this area sewers just now and naturally the development which is only in its question arises as to whether even infancy - demands consideration by the most efficient organization could interest the worth-while type of bus-A well-known citizen said to me iness required until such facilities change which is coming to this dis- adequate supply of the right type in. As the city comes closer to us can a Chamber of Commerce do we like it or not the change is com- vides a "meeting point" through ing and we have to gear ourselves to which business men of the locality can get together and discuss and Again I ask whether, in view of act on problems affecting their welthat inexorably onrushing change, a fare and that of their community. In Chamber of Commerce can serve no sense of the word can it or need any useful purpose in our com- it take the place of existing organizations. But, as a clearing house, Very much depends, of course, up- it can and should supplement their

self - that is, if such an organiza- A Chamber could certainly serve tion came into being. An active and a useful purpose, even under presalert body, intelligently led, could ent conditions, as a good-will amaffect local industry and businesses, One which is now readying itself search for new and suitable busin- for the Hill is reported as prepared to employ twenty-five girls when On the other hand an unambitionus preliminary work is completed and organization, practically existing machinery brought in. Other busonly on paper, without any real inesses, each bringing a quota of of those "clutter-up" organizations ess to other merchants, are making which business men are expected to plans. A welcome, at least, to them support, and which bring them no from their brother business men isn't

26 Adelaide St. W., Toronto ber of Boards of Trade and Cham- There are many points, for and bers of Commerce in smaller cen- against, which could be developed tres fall into that category. Such a in an examination of my opening body is not worth the time, money question - "Is a Chamber of Com-It is a question which in the present An examination of the whole sit- stage of our civic development, is uation naturally leads to the ques- definitely worth the study of our tion of the future development of business men and citizens. It would be particularly interesting to have Will the community develop as an other opinions and angles. How about industrial area, or will it continue letting me know what YOU think?

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