

**THANK YOU!**  
 TO THE ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP  
 AND TO MY MANY OTHER FRIENDS  
 I should like to express my appreciation of the acclamation given me as Reeve of Vaughan Township for 1950. I shall try to do my best to justify that confidence.  
 In addition I should like to thank all members of the 1949 council for their fine co-operation and all members of the township's staff for the way in which their duties have been carried out during the past year.  
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**ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
 Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for  
 the re-election of  
**ALBERT RUTHERFORD**  
 AS COUNCILLOR FOR 1950  
 Election Day — Monday, December 5  
 Polls open from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

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**ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
 I shall appreciate your vote and support for councillor in this year's township council elections.  
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**ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
 As I believe that my three years' experience on your township council qualifies me to serve you efficiently I am offering my services as councillor for Vaughan Township for 1950



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**CY BAKER**

## Once Considered "White Elephant" Old Radial Line Paid Good Profit Before Laid on Shelf By Old Age

The start which has been made on the removal of the track and equipment of the North Yonge radial line prompts an examination of what the line has meant financially to the municipalities which owned it during its career.

The line was purchased by the townships of North York, Vaughan and Markham and the village of Richmond Hill in 1930. Total purchase price was \$106,461. North York acquired 55% of the line, Richmond Hill village 23% and Vaughan and Markham townships 11% each.

At the time of purchase Richmond Hill issued debentures totalling \$24,486.29, according to Village Clerk and Treasurer Russell Lynett. Interest on these debentures, before they were all paid off, amounted to \$12,356.24, making the total cost of the line to the village \$36,842.53.

In the nineteen years of operation up to the end of 1948 the radial line went "in the red" in six different years. Under the terms of purchase the village had to put up its proportion of the deficit. This amounted, all told, to \$2,723.10. But in the profitable years it rolled up for Richmond Hill the sum of \$73,425.96 leaving, after deduction of the deficits, a net profit of \$70,702.86.

**To 1948 End Only**  
 These figures, it must be emphasized, represent profits to the end of 1948 only. During the present year an amount of approximately \$7,500 has been received by Richmond Hill, representing profits from the successful operation of the bus system. That amount will undoubtedly be increased greatly before the end of 1949.

Therefore the village, in return for its investment of \$36,842 has received back \$70,702 plus.

But that is only part of the story. As reported previously Richmond Hill is due to receive \$8,206, as its share of the sale of the old track, wire, equipment, etc., which has to be added to the foregoing profit and, in addition, will probably receive several thousand dollars when the Willowdale sub-station is sold. Also, because of the arrangement to give the land over which the old radial line ran to the provincial government and to receive an exemption from seat tax until 1955, the village will receive greater profits from the operation of the line — a deal tantamount to selling the land at a price which has been

roughly estimated at \$70,000 and of which the village will receive 23%.

So while the old line has had its day and has had to go into the discard because of its obsolescence and to make way for more modern and efficient modes of transportation, it has been a paying proposition for the municipality.

**Steady Growth**  
 Study of the figures over the years reveals some interesting comparisons. The finger of the "Hungry Thirties" — the depression years which ushered in that decade — has written the figures for those early years of municipal ownership in red ink, for it was up to 1932 that deficits were incurred.

The red hand of war is clearly indicated in the year-to-year statements for, from 1939 through 1946 — years of heavy employment and gasoline shortage — profits took a healthy upswing, resulting in a net profit for the line in 1946 of \$59,866 — the record earnings.

The same trend is indicated by the number of passengers carried. In 1931, the first full year of operation, this amounted to 1,029,775. A steady decline took place from then until 1935, when only 813,880 people were transported. With the coming of the war figures swung upwards again. Post-war growth continued the expansion until in 1947, the last full year of operation of the radial line as such, 2,310,521 passengers rode the cars. In 1948, with the buses taking over on October 10 of that year, the combined systems carried 2,595,209 — a total which is expected 1949 figures will exceed.

Mileage, again, shows a similar trend. In the low-point year of 1938 254,472 passenger miles were travelled by the vehicles. In 1948 radial cars and buses travelled 495,552 passenger miles.

**Other Municipalities**  
 Total profits of the system up to the end of 1948 were \$319,243. Total deficits were \$11,839. Net profit was therefore \$307,403.

Of this North York Township received \$169,072. Vaughan and Markham townships each had as their share the sum of \$33,814 with Richmond Hill, as stated, getting \$70,702 through the years from actual operation, with the 1949 figures of bus operation still to be added, plus over \$8,000 to be received from the sale of the track and equipment, plus, again, part

of the proceeds of the sale of the Willowdale sub-station.

Truly not a bad picture of public ownership, especially when it is remembered that the municipalities concerned bid fair to profit even more handsomely in the years to come from the operation of their bus system.

### Building Continues Upward Trend

Sixty-six building permits — a record number — have been issued to date this year in Richmond Hill. Total valuation is \$322,350. Fifty-five of the permits cover new residences valued at \$304,000. Three are for stores and a factory, with valuations of \$14,000. Six private garage permits have been issued and two permits for alterations.

### Know Your Neighbour

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seen quite a bit of the world.

Born on a farm at Victoria Square, he went to School Section No. 6 on the Fourth Concession of Markham. From there he went on to Richmond Hill High School, to Jarvis Collegiate for a short time, and finally to the Normal School in Toronto. His first school was on the Third of Markham, where he spent four months, earning a rapid promotion for such a short experience to the principalship of a three-room school at Woodbridge, where he stayed for three years. A session of a couple of years in Cornwall Model School was brought to an end by his enlistment in the artillery in 1915.

Then, in due course, he went to France and played a part in every major battle fought by the Canadians from the Somme to the end of the war. Passchendale, Vimy, Arras, the famous "Last Hundred Days" when the Germans were retreating before the victorious Canadians and the Allies were all milestones in his military career. Long service was rewarded by a leave in Paris and there, when the bugles sounded "Cease Fire" on November 11, 1918, he witnessed the hysterical rejoicings which marked the end of the First Great War. "It was a scene which no pen could possibly describe," he says. Back to his unit, on to Brussels, back to England and then home in April, 1919, wound up the fighting career of the one-time Gunner Scott.

Four years on the farm at home was succeeded by a couple of years running a school on the Fifth Concession of Markham and then, in December, 1924, he was given charge of Richmond Hill's public school.

Ever since then he has taken a lively part not only in moulding the lives of the Hill's younger citizens but in many other activities devoted to the welfare of his fellow men. Worshipful Master of Richmond Lodge, A.F. and A.M. this year, he is also an elder in the United Church, takes a leading part in the Missionary and Maintenance activities of the same organization. At various times he has helped with Horticultural Society activities, the Library Board and many other civic activities. One thing of which he is especially proud is the fund-raising activities of the children under his charge, which have resulted in such worthwhile accomplishments as the furnishing of a room at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital, the aiding of war victims overseas, and similar activities.

He represents a family which is playing an important part in Canada's educational system. Three sisters are teachers in collegiates at St. Catharines and Renfrew. One of his daughters is teaching in the Duke of Kent school. The other daughter is married.

As he celebrates his twenty-fifth year of training the Hill's coming citizens all residents join in saying "Well Done," and wishing him and Mrs. Scott many years of happiness in the community to which they have contributed so much.

The photo of Mr. Scott, like all others in this series, was taken by Edmund Soame, The Studio, 1720 Avenue Rd.

**ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
 Reasons of health have made it impossible for me to carry on as a member of Vaughan Township Council. I do not feel that it is fair to attempt to serve unless I can always be on the job when required.  
 I appreciate the nomination which was given me again this year and, in withdrawing, should like to say "thank you" to all electors, my fellow members of council, and the efficient staff of our township.  
**CARL SHAW**

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**VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**  
 For Sound Administration  
 In 1950  
 Vote To Elect  
**RUSSELL**  
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 Councillor For 1950  
 Election Day, Monday, December 5  
 Polls Open from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

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**ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
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 Voting Date — December 5

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