



yesterdays
by mary dawson

Electric street cars arrived here in 1897

The first electrically driven street car arrived in Richmond Hill on the Metropolitan Railway line on January 14, 1897, to the excitement of the population.

The last electrically-driven car ran over these tracks in the late autumn of 1948 when the "radials" were replaced by buses in an effort to conserve electricity during the post-war period of hydro shortage.

The Metropolitan, one of several electric lines radiating out from the City of Toronto (hence the name "radials"), was a project of McKenzie and Mann.

The first stage, from the CPR station at the former city limits to the top of Hogg's Hollow, had been built for some months when The Liberal ran the following announcement on Oct. 29, 1896:

"After long delays for various reasons the Metropolitan Railway Company is extending its line from its present terminus at York Mills. The first sod was turned before sunrise last Monday morning by Mr. Moyes, who always said he would push it through to Richmond Hill.

"A gang of nearly 100 men have been working all week and every day teams and men are being engaged to push the work along. The company hopes to have the work completed by the 20th of next month."

By the next issue it was reported that between 300 and 400 men were employed between Richmond Hill and York Mills, and in spite of broken weather, the contractors, Curran & Hussey of Pittsburgh, thought the line to the Hill could be completed by the above date.

However, the weather, was not the only thing causing delays in the work.

The editor of The Liberal also reported on November 9 that on Wednesday morning a gang of men who were working below Thornhill marched up Yonge Street, carrying their red flag, and demanded an advance in wages.

They were joined by the men working at the south end of Richmond Hill (opposite the Harding farm) and laid their complaint before M. A. Wray, superintendent of construction.

He got both gangs back to work by promising them \$1.25 a day instead of \$1.00, beginning that morning.

The strikers sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" as they swung their picks and shovels in establishing the grade the line would follow and as they laid ties.

The men were assisted by plows designed for the work and manufactured at the Wilkinson Shops, Toronto Junction.

It took three strong men to hold each plow as many large stones had been wedged into the side of the road by early road builders.

The steel rails came from the Carnegie Mills in Pittsburgh, Pa. Each was 80 feet in length and weighed about 600 lbs. Teams of horses hauled six rails at a time from the Richmond Hill station of the GTR.

The 10 miles of track were laid by the agreed date of November 20. Indeed the first car reached Richmond Hill November 19 between 9 and 10 p.m. but it came from Thornhill without the benefit of electric power.

Instead that first railway car ever seen in Richmond Hill arrived drawn by horses. Two trips a day each way were planned at first, this being increased to one every hour.



Ceremonies marking the official merger of Thos. N. Shea Ltd.'s real estate operation with Family Trust Corporation Realtor were held yesterday at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, with the Registrar of Real Estate, Mr. John Cox officiating. Participating in the ceremonies were (from left to right) Robert A. Shea, President, Doug Bennett, Richmond Hill Manager, Robert M. Davies, Executive Vice-Pres., Thos N. Shea, Chairman.

Shea-Family Trust merge

Thomas N. Shea Real Estate merged yesterday with Family Trust Corporation, becoming the real estate division of that company.

"The only thing that changes is our name," said Thomas N. Shea, chairman and founder of both companies, in a news release.

Last week marked the first anniversary of Family Trust. A celebration breakfast was held for all sales associates, who were presented with plaques naming them "charter associates" of Family Trust.

Thomas Shea is joined by his brother Robert, a lawyer, and Robert Davies, a chartered accountant, as president and vice-president respectively of Family Trust. Bill Jackson also is a vice-president and Henry Wolf is manager of the mortgage division.

Robert Shea also is this year's president of the Ontario Real Estate Association. He and Thomas Shea are the first two brothers to have served as OREA presidents.



TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

NOTICE TO ALL INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENTITLED TO DIRECT TAXES FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT PURPOSES

I am in receipt of a list supplied to me by the Assessment Commissioner under Section 23 of The Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1970, as amended, which shows the school support of every inhabitant who is entitled to direct taxes for school support purposes. The list was publicly posted in my office on the 26th day of October, 1977.

You are hereby requested to examine the list for any errors or omissions in my office at the Municipal Offices, 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill.

The last day for the filing of applications for the revision of the list is November 11th, 1977, as required pursuant to Section 516 (2h) of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970 as amended. I shall attend at my office on the 26th day of October, 1977, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the revision of the list and shall continue to do so from day to day, except Saturday and Sunday, until all applications filed on or before November 11th, 1977, have been disposed of.

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