

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

Conservatives of Township of Markham Held Their Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

YORK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MET.

Junction High School Annual Dinner was a Gratifying Success—Other Interesting Items.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The new assessment roll will not be finally revised until January. In consequence last year's assessment roll will govern the impending elections.

Court Davenport, O.E.F. No. 182, elected the following officers last night: C.A. Richardson, P.C.E.; D.W. Jones, R.S.; I.L. Beattie, F.S.; D. Mason, treasurer; C. Little, chaplain; H. Hand, S.W.; Joseph Harper, J.W.; J. Smith S.B.; Robert Strick, J.B.; Dr. Perfect, physician; G. Sisson, C.D.; C.A. Richardson and C.B. Borland, auditors.

I.O.O.F. No. 602, at their annual meeting elected George Syme W.M., C. Yerman D.M., William Rowntree chaplain, C. Marshall R.S., J. Savell F.S., E. Conley treasurer, H. Marshall secretary and William Ayling director of ceremonies.

The auditorium of the High School was appropriately decorated in the school colors to-night upon the occasion of the annual supper, concert and promenade of the High School Literary Society. Supper was served early in the evening in one of the ante-rooms and a program of orchestral music was furnished whilst the excellent menu was receiving full justice. Afterwards the society furnished a light program in the auditorium, of which the following were a few of the numbers: Solo, "Going to Market," by Miss Nellie Van Camp; recitation, "The Dead Student," by Mr. J. Harry G. McCormick; a solo, "The Deathless Army," by Mr. Charles E. Clark; a tableau, by Miss Charlton's class; a recitation, "The Volunteers' Wives," by Miss Lucy Doyle and an instrumental selection by Messrs. Standish, Murray, Connon and Larter. Miss George Mavrey, Miss M. McGowan, Miss Pearl Mins and the High School Glee Club were also contributors. The committee having charge of the affair were the Misses Duncan, E. Scott, Beatrice Irvine, L. K. Hynd and May Post, and Messrs. F. McNeill, W. T. Standish, Gordon Rice, William Mabee and Wilfrid Savage.

The Town Council held its monthly meeting in the Council chamber this morning, Mayor Laughton presiding. The report of the Executive Committee, recommending additional pay to the assessors, was not entertained. The G.N.W. Telegraph and Bell Telephone Companies were notified to place new poles on East Dundas street, and the treasurer's financial statement was ordered to be printed. One hundred dollars was voted towards the cost of special legislation and the Mayor and clerk were authorized to sign the request. Legislation will be asked for (1) to legalize agreements between the town and Toronto and Suburban Electric Railway; (2) to separate school sections Nos. 22 and 13 of the Township of York from the town and to re-arrange boundaries between the town and township; (3) to confirm an agreement with the Western Stock Market Company; (4) to legalize bylaws exempting from taxation the Gasoline, Engine Company, Limited; (5) power to assess the value of the land and buildings for a period of years; (6) to extend the provisions of the Manhood Suffrage Extension Act to apply to the town; (7) to confirm certain sales for taxes and to empower the treasurer to act as collector and to permit him not to sell less than the whole of any lot or parcel of land for taxes; (8) the right to supply electric power and light.

Duke of York Lodge, No. 31, Loyal True Blues elected as officers for the year: Harrison, W.M.; J. F. Goodie, D.M.; F. Ineson, secretary; W. Ineson, treasurer; J. Fugh, chaplain; F. Daniels, D. of C.; J. Fagle, conductor.

East Toronto, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Miss Lucas of Toronto has been engaged by the trustees of York Public School for the year 1900. Miss Liddle, who has been employed as teacher in the school for eight and a half years, and who was expected to retire next year, has handed in her resignation. Lodge Cambridge, S.O.E.B.S., will sit

under the following officers next year: President, William Mabbott, Vice-President, W. H. Haylock, Secretary, W. C. Claxton, Treasurer, James Ley, Surgeon, Dr. Walters, Chaplain, Rev. James Reid, I.G., S. H. Over, O.G., B. Garbutt, Auditors, H. S. Jones and William Morris, Committee-men, J. Toynne and George Elliott.

Markham Conservatives.
The Conservatives of the Township of Markham held their annual meeting yesterday in Webster's Hall, Unionville. The day in the hall was very large, and included representatives from every one of the ten divisions. The officers elected were: Robert Ash, president, and Wm. H. Silver, Jr., secretary. Among those present were: Dr. Macdonald, M.L.A., T. L. Church, W. H. Hall, Wm. Silver, Jr., Major Elliott, F. H. Hiles, Wm. Hood, J. H. Hiles, Alex. Pligle, Albert Weisball, Wm. Padgett, Robt. Craig, J. Elliot, Daniel Conison, Jno. Smith, L. H. Armstrong, Geo. H. Stephenson, Newbury Burton, Robt. Conison, Albert Cross, Frank Padgett, Mr. Clayton, H. Hood, Jno. Dunn, Robert Silver, all Wm. members of the township, and Mr. Taylor, J. Bond, Stewart Willcox.

Rousing speeches were made by Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Church, Mr. Hall, and others. The following resolution was also passed: "Moved by Wm. Padgett, seconded by J. H. Hiles, that the Conservatives of Markham Township, in their annual meeting protest against partisan assessors and that they will endeavor to secure the enactment of a law which permits the registration of voters in cities and towns, and in the opinion of the Council is that sufficient other rural municipalities."

York Township Council.
The statutory meeting of this Council was held yesterday at Eglinton, Reeve Dunlop presiding. The business of the day was the meeting of the Council, and the meeting was held in the afternoon. The accounts accumulated up to the meeting were ordered to be audited by the auditor, and the balance will stand to the credit of the municipal bank account. The auditor of the Council is that sufficient money had already been spent in the locality, but the Engineer's report will be asked in the afternoon, nevertheless.

Messrs. Ritchie, Ludwig & Co., solicitors for Mr. Robert Davies, conducted the proceedings at the new street bridge on the independent road, and threatened to hold the municipality if for damming if the work is proceeded with. The members were in no frame of mind to cross swords with the contractor, and will not do anything more with the improvement till spring.

After the Treasurer.
Ex-Reeve S. T. Humberstone left foot after Township Treasurer S. W. Armstrong yesterday afternoon, protesting against any payment to this official, under Bylaw 1704, which allows a percentage of 5 per cent. for the collection of rates. The Treasurer objected to statements made already by Mr. Humberstone, in which he stated that he was entitled to nearly \$3000 per year out of his position. When questioned by Councilor Miller, Mr. Armstrong stated that the remuneration received by him last year was \$1714.33 out of which he had paid for help and half the cost of his bonds. The protest, on motion of Councilor Miller, was side-tracked, who contrasted the cost of Treasurer and Collector in 1894 with last year. The figures quoted were \$2100 and \$1714.33 respectively. A cheque, sent to J. T. Jackson of Toronto Junction as full of the school levy for Section 15, was returned to yesterday's meeting, the treasurer for the Junction School Board disputing that the amount sent was sufficient to pay the amount due the Board.

Paid Taxes Twice.
Mr. Joseph Hind of Little York had been good to the municipality, and in the year 1898 had paid his taxes twice. At yesterday's meeting, having discovered the oversight, also 22 cents for expenses in obtaining the refund. The amount originally paid, \$6.45, was refunded, with 39 cents interest.

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