

## WILL ASK GOVERNMENT TO ABOLISH SCHOOL LIBRARIES

York Library Association Condemns Present System of School Reading—Will Also Ask Legislation to Compel Municipal Grant—Eliminating Light Fiction From County Libraries.

York District Library Association, which opened its third annual conference in the public library at Richmond Hill yesterday, will memorialize the government to abolish school libraries from the province. A resolution will be passed at today's session pointing out the disadvantages of having libraries in the public schools and asking the government to take steps at once to have them removed. The influence of a community was dealt with at length in the annual address of the president, Dr. F. A. Dales, Stouffville. He described its tendency as antagonistic to the work of the public library. The school books, he said, not only served as an inadequate substitute for the free institution with a considerable proportion of the reading public, but it also prevented the development of the latter as an educational force.

"The free library, in order to accomplish the purpose for which it is instituted, must be a fountain head for the diffusion of literature over the neighborhood it is intended to serve," said the president. "The little libraries in the public schools, instead of assisting, stand in its way. The system permitting this is wrong and the library boards throughout the district cannot make true progress until it is corrected."

Dr. Dales showed the necessity for abolishing the library habit in children. Where they had a school library, their reading is necessarily confined, and when they quit school, the government to legislate for the abolition of school libraries. These children could be brought to patronize the town or village library and develop the habit of wide reading which should remain with them throughout life. The influence exerted on the adults in the homes would also lead to more extensive reading and tend to raise the standard of education in the community.

The department of education at the present time requires every school to have a certain number of books to provide the pupils with the works prescribed in the curriculum for supplemental reading. In many cases the school libraries are limited to these volumes and the pupils are narrowed down in the quantity and variety of their reading. Dr. Dales proposed that the public libraries carry these books in stock and that the boys and girls of the schools be required to borrow them from there. This is done in Stouffville and is working admirably.

### Ward Seven

The presentation of the prizes and trophies won in the recent inter-church athletic meet was made last night by the president of the association in the club rooms at the High Park Avenue Methodist Church. The cup for the all-round individual championship was presented to H. Phillips of the High Park Methodist team, which team also won the inter-church championship.

The choir of St. John's Church were tendered a banquet last night by the congregation. An enjoyable evening was spent, and an excellent program provided, the pastor, Rev. T. B. Smith, acting as toast master. The banquet was provided by the ladies of the church.

### WESTON

The following are the officers of the Weston Curling Club elected last night for the approaching season: F. H. Moogk, president; W. Keys, secretary; treasurer, D. Rowntree; chaplain, Rev. F. T. Poydon; skipper, Messrs. Sims, McEwen, Nattress and Moogk. The meeting was held in the club house, and the club look forward to a successful season.

The death occurred yesterday of Mary Jane Mallory, aged 66 years, of 5 Jerome street, Weston. The funeral will take place this afternoon at St. Philip's Cemetery, Weston.

### AGINCOURT

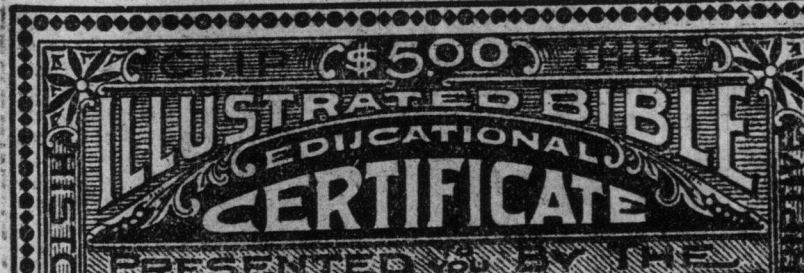
The funeral of the late Simpson Rennie, who died at his residence, 421 1/2 Ontario street, Toronto, on Monday, will take place this afternoon from Knox Church, Scarborough. Mr. Rennie was 73 years old, and was born in Scarborough, where he lived until his retirement. He was well known as a successful and scientific farmer, was a champion cyclist, and an expert skater on the ice.

It is expected that the funeral will be very largely attended, especially by the members of the Old Boys' Association, which will be officially represented by E. C. Jackson, president; T. C. Irving, vice-president, and Alex. McCowan, M.A.

### FAIRBANK

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But he is letting it go by.

### North Toronto

Yesterday's mail brought in several cheques to pay the first instalments on this year's taxes for the year 1912. Collector Thomas W. Bramant stated last night that about \$3000 out of the possible \$100,000 of taxes has been collected so far. This speaks well for North Toronto property, and it shows the confidence the property owners have in the northern suburb.

The widening of Yonge street is still a bone of contention and those councilors and citizens who would like to see this much-needed improvement consummated, view the situation with alarm, as now and then a new building is being erected on the west side of Yonge street, which will add to the expense of the town whenever the municipality is ready to widen Yonge street. Only recently a new store was erected between Balliol street and Davenport street, which will cost the town a considerable sum of money when ten feet of its front will be cut off to widen this thoroughfare.

At the public session held in the Richmond Hill Library last night W. H. Nurey, inspector of libraries, told of the increase of sentiment in favor of free libraries in Ontario. In New York State, which boasts many useful libraries, the government grant is only \$100, and is distributed between 35 library districts. The greater sympathy shown this movement in Ontario is evidenced by the fact that the annual grant to 14 library districts is \$2000.

It was reported that Bracondale, King, Maple and Thornhill Libraries have been dropped off the list and are not now receiving the provincial grant.

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### THORNHILL

The opening meeting of the Literary Circle, held at the residence of Mr. James, assured well for the future. The quotations from favorite Canadian poets brought forth some of the best thoughts of our authors, showing much research. The music of Mr. Hignat and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton was much appreciated.

"Westward Ho," as given by Mr. Burton, showed decided ability. Miss M. Elliott gave some account of her trip last summer to the Province of Quebec, especially of the historic city, the Gibraltar of America, and the peculiarity of the habitants. The address of the Rev. Mr. Ole Hansen, pastor of the Lutheran Church, was instructive and entertaining.

Miss Bryan of the public school staff of Toronto rendered "The Widow Bodot's Letter" and "Papa's Boy," with much skill.

The next meeting will be held in November, when definitions of following subjects are expected: "Thanksgiving," "Girl," "Autumn" and "Music."

### STOUFFVILLE

An effort is being put forth to attach several new industries to Stouffville. A condensed milk factory and a cannery are being particularly sought after. Today, at the direction of the local board of trade, Reeve R. P. Coulson left for St. George in Ontario to endeavor to make arrangements for the St. George Condensed Milk Factory to establish a branch in Stouffville.

Correspondence between the secretary and the management of the company has been carried on for a number of weeks, and by Reeve Coulson's visit to St. George today it is hoped a suitable arrangement will be made.

Farmers in Stouffville district have been particularly diligent of late years in taking their milk to Toronto. Dr. F. A. Wailes, president of the board of trade, stated to The World yesterday that while the price paid the farmers for their milk at Toronto was about 10 cents a quart, it was no higher than that paid by city dairies, he believed the new industry, if it comes to Stouffville, will receive the farmer's support for the reason that the company will collect the milk thus saving the farmer a trip to the station each day.

The local tendency agriculturally to get farmers to lead the board of trade to commence looking for a company to establish a cannery in the town.

### AUCTION SALE

Auction sale of farm stock, implements, a quantity of manure, stone, and 150 gallons of cider vinegar, on lot 10, con. 2, East York, on Thursday, October 24, 1912, the valuable property belonging to Solomon Turner. Sale at one o'clock.

### CREDIT AUCTION SALE

The sale of live stock and implements, the property of Wm. Prophet, will take place on Monday, October 28, at lot 26, con. 2, Scarborough (Agincourt). The live stock consists of 8 horses, 30 cattle, pigs, poultry, etc.; also a quantity of hay. Sale at one o'clock. Terms, 10 months' credit, 5 per cent. for cash. Prentice and Ingston, auctioneers.

### Quebec Athletic Union Officers

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—The annual meeting of the Quebec Athletic Union A. U. C. was held at the M.A.A.A. clubhouse, when the reports of the season's work were adopted and the treasurer's report showed a credit balance. There were more registration cards issued this season than ever before in the history of the association, which shows a boom in athletics. Two athletes were suspended in Pelletier and Leclaire for competing in an unsanctioned meet in Quebec. The following are the officers elected:

President—J. C. Bowie, M.A.A.A. First vice-president—J. N. O. Ledoux, Nationals. Second vice-president—P. C. Barrett, Montreal Police A.A.A. Hon. secretary—R. E. Melville. Hon. treasurer—John Davidson.

## NEED NEW TRACK AT EXHIBITION

Horse Racing and Motor Events Then Could Be Held Separately—Exclusive Refreshment Privilege.

Park Commissioner Chambers, yesterday advocated the renting of the Exhibition track for racing purposes on a percentage basis only, with a fixed rate. He stated that as the track, when prepared for trotting horses, etc., is not fit for motor or cycle races, and vice versa, he would suggest that the track should be enlarged and a smaller one laid out within its limits, the larger one to be made suitable for motors and the smaller for horses, but he was not sure whether the revenue from sporting events would be sufficient to warrant such an expenditure.

In order to make a refreshment concession more valuable, he also suggests that it be made exclusive by so doing, the proper authorities will be able to charge a higher rental. It is also desirable to restrict the loading of the Exhibition buildings for the purpose of storing flammable material, as the possible loss by fire near Exhibition time would be too great a risk. The idea of seating the grand stand with park seats is considered a good one, as it will permit of them being distributed throughout the park during the summer.

### NEW BRANCH BANKS.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has secured premises at Fredericton and Moncton, N.B., and will shortly open branches at those points.

### Ottawa Golf Champions.

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—In defeating Mr. Alex. Fraser in the final game, Mr. Gerald Lee won the championship of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club for the third year in succession. Previous winners since the Ottawa Club took over its present links were as follows:

1904—Mr. A. S. Palmer.  
1905—Mr. H. H. Harnsack.  
1906—Mr. H. S. Southam.  
1907—Mr. Thomas Mackenzie.  
1908—Mr. Levison-Gower.  
1909—Mr. Gerald Lee.  
1910—Mr. Gerald Lee.  
1911—Mr. Gerald Lee.  
1912—Mr. Gerald Lee.

### Improved Train Service.

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