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Horse Race Classic Recorded From Past History Of County

A well known reader of the Record has recalled to our attention a horse race which took place on Lake Erie near the mouth of the Nanticoke creek, of course when the lake was a sheet of ice. This event which has been mentioned in the minds of the earlier residents took place in the year 1870, on the 18th day of the month of February.

This racing event culminated apparently after possibly one too many friendly glasses had been raised in a Cayuga Hotel, when a prominent sportsman from Jarvis named Dunville, namely, a Mr. Upper, Mr. Root and Mr. Anger, turned their attention to horse racing and became humbly bowed by the results of the race.

Before this friendly argument had begun, it was decided to hold a race, between the steeds owned by the various gentlemen named on the list. The race was to be run on the lake near the mouth of the Nanticoke creek. As a confidence retainer the sum of \$200.00 as a bond of good faith was given to the winner to take all, when the big race came off.

Such an outstanding event as this did not require any newspaper publicity to spread the news and in a short time the proposed race was the talk of Haldimand County. Fully worded reports were spread from Jarvis to Dunnville, as to how fast "Big Tom" (the McSorley entry) was, and that he could go a mile in 2-16 and never back.

Of course the Dunnville backers claimed the "Spotted Colt" owned by Mr. Anger and Mr. Upper could steeple a mile in just a little less than 2-16 and the bay horse owned by Mr. Root deserved very serious consideration in any race. At this time it was said that trotting fever had reached a high point, even in the schools the boys and girls took sides and the school masters had trouble to keep their pupils at their work.

In order to add to the magnitude of the event, several green races were arranged and the following sportsmen entered their steeds: Thomas Eadie's "Firefly", Charlie Jackson's "Juniper", Captain Ryan, "Ironside", Mr. Coomber, "Ironside", Mr. Kilmaster, "Willow Joe", H. McQueen's "Lighthouse Jim", Hugh Field's "Lassie Jane".

By Friday the day before the event, separately at other points, from near and far ceased and every one gathered at Nanticoke in order to be in plenty of time for the most heralded event ever attempted in the history of the district.

The Dunnville sportsman had arrived and made their headquarters at Beaufre's Hotel at Nanticoke, and had monopolized practically the entire stable for their stables. They had also inspected the ice course and declared everything in order.

By 8 A.M. Saturday morning an enormous crowd had gathered on the mouth of the creek and the officials started the green races. In the first event Hugh Field's "Lassie Jane" came first in four straight heats, Capt. Ryan drove "Ironside" in second in each event with Charlie Jackson's "Juniper" and Thos. Eadie's "Firefly" taking third and fourth respectively. It is reported that Thos. Eadie's entry "Firefly" would have made a much better showing but persisted in running in the opposite direction in each race and Charlie Jackson's "Juniper" had excellent speed but lacked working out.

In the second event Mr. Kilmaster's "Willow Joe" took first place by winning three heats out of four. Hugh McQueen's "Lighthouse Jim" was a serious contender for the first place winning one race but coming second in the other three. Capt. Ryan's "Ironside" took third place by running in that position in the four heats. This race was a 2-20 event and the average time was about 2-24.

In the next green race, Hugh Field's "Lassie Jane" again showed her superiority and won the event in four straight heats, "Ironside" came second and Charlie Jackson's "Juniper" for third position. It is understood that the time in these heats was around 2-30.

Although our informant fails to recall the judges for the race, we are told that Joe Saunders and Charlie Evans were the time keepers.

It became apparent by the time the green races were concluded that time would not permit the big race of the day to be carried out, although it was finally decided to have one race with the remaining two to be run on the following Monday. There were the judges ordered them to the scoring line. Upper's bay horse drew the first position, McSorley's "Big Tom", second and the "Spotted

Colt", third. After considerable difficulty in scoring, they were finally off. "On the excitement that prevailed as they neared the shore, the crowd that became apparent to the crowd that the McSorley horse was leading by a narrow margin. Mr. Root was using a short chain whip on the "Spotted Colt" and it was so quickly only but it was too late. The McSorley horse crossed the wire a bare eight feet in the lead, while that changed hands on the money that the Nanticoke boys in exuberant spirits but the Dunnville sportsmen were no kickers. They gave their immediate and unqualified attention to their horses. They rubbed them down and worked with them for considerable time to the ice before taking them to the stable. The McSorley horse arrived at the Dunnville home to the farm where he was rubbed down, fed and watered and had a good rest over Sunday.

When Mr. Beaufre called the Dunnville boys to breakfast on Sunday morning he discovered that they were already up and had been since 5 A.M. giving their horses an application of rum to their joints. Immediately after breakfast they hitched the horses to the cutters and gave them a work out on the ice. The Dunnville boys and their horses were brought in and given another rub down in the afternoon and again rubbed down. They worked with their horses until seven thirty and then blanketed them for a good night's rest.

At eight-thirty on Monday morning the crowd began to collect as the race was called for 10 A.M. Soon the McSorley horse arrived at the Dunnville home to the farm where he was rubbed down, fed and watered and had a good rest over Sunday.

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Had the McSorley horse been given the attention the Dunnville sportsman gave the other entries on the day, what would have been the result of the race? There certainly is a moral to be taken from this premier racing event of Haldimand County.

Knox Y.P.S.

The Y.P.S. had their best meeting in months last week with over 40 present for their singing. The program sent out by the district presbytery. The meeting was opened by a very inspiring song service led by Mrs. Ralph Johnson, which was followed by the singing of "Worship" by the president. After the singing of hymn No. 93, Mrs. R. Johnson rendered a very beautiful solo. This was followed by prayer by Mrs. Jones. Mr. Tom Wright led the first scripture and Mrs. J. Church read the first meditation. Harry Leatherdale read the second scripture lesson while Mrs. M. Leatherdale read the meditation. After the prayer by the president, Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. Church very capably sang "Ivory Palaces." Then followed the singing of hymn No. 538. Three readings were then given by Misses M. Powell, D. Miller and M. Evans. The first was on the integration of our Presbytery. The second was about a trip through our different Presbyteries. The third was about the work of our societies. This was followed by meditation by Miss Madeline Elliott. Following the offering, the convention hymn, "Living For Jesus" was sung by the society. After the reading of the minutes, the roll call was given and Mrs. Fleming's side is still ahead. This was followed by the usual routine of business. After the program a debate was held. "Resolved that Young Men are as good as dead in a Young People's Society that are Women." Mr. Church and Mr. J. Johnston won over Mrs. Leatherdale and Miss M. Fess. Two weeks from Monday the Haldimand society is entertaining the Haldimand society.

CERTAINLY NOT!

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Received Letter From Former Pastor

The following is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCarter from Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Harwell, former Presbyterian minister in the Village some Twenty-six years ago. Many of our readers will recall this venerable couple to their minds.

Waltham, Ont., Feb. 22, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCarter,
Jarvis, Ontario.

Dear Friends of the few years ago: Every year new occasions arise that point to a new order of celebration and our attention was called to such when in a recent copy of the Toronto Globe we gazed on the photo of an unquestionably happy looking couple and we take this occasion to heartily congratulate you on attaining your fifty-third marriage anniversary.

No doubt the event was one in which fine ready-made speeches of wit, humour and some good sense took the form of congratulations on such an event in your lives.

Our doctors tell us that vaccination is an operation that wears out in seven years, but matrimony of the sort you have invented, takes a much stronger hold of the parties operated on by marriage vows, as the years go by.

You surely are a happy specimen of more than fifty years conjugal felicity, and again we both congratulate you on past happiness and future prospects, and hope you may live to enjoy your diamond jubilee, and here's to your health till then.

We review with some broad smiles our sweet fellowship with you, but times in dear old Jarvis in the past years and would welcome you heartily to our home here, where we have retired and are delighted to entertain any of our old friends who may call. We are both well and able to employ all our faculties usefully, both as to church work and in the other values of life.

Most sincerely yours,
Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Harwell

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Silas Snider wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent flowers, candy, and cards during his illness and to all others who have so kindly remembered him.

Mr. J. Walker has returned to his duties at the Bank of Commerce after spending three weeks holidays at his home at Fordwich.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Brett visited at Niagara Falls on Sunday afternoon, accompanied by the latter's sister, Miss Mary Wood of West Mount, Quebec.

The W.A. of St. Paul's Church will hold a 15c Leap Year Tea and Sale of Home Baking at Mrs. Hewitt's on Saturday February 29th from 3 to 6 P.M.

The women's universal day of prayer will be held this evening in the Anglican church on Friday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. All ladies of the five churches of the district and cordially invited to attend.

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Firemen Held Euchre & Dance

The Jarvis Volunteer Fire Brigade held their annual Euchre and Dance in the Jarvis Town Hall on Friday evening, February 21st.

Although a good crowd supported the tables for Euchre and a very pleasant two hour period was spent before the judges stopped the play to determine the winners. Mrs. S. R. Leatherdale was first prize for the ladies, Mrs. E. Harrison second. In the mens section, Mr. Roy Mitchell first and Clarence Atkinson second. The consolation prize were awarded to Mrs. J. McCarthy and Gordon Blight.

After lunch was served, dancing was enjoyed until an early hour. Although a good crowd supported the Firemen, the severe cold weather was responsible in keeping a good many at home that night where they had otherwise been in attendance.

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