

"Main Street" shifted to Fenelon Falls a few days ago when "Bunny" Donaldson, a native son of the Cataract Village, but now living in Bracebridge, volunteered the information that Aldous, the hotel keeper at Fenelon Falls, truly had a fine money winner in Little Hector, a horse small of stature but with a strong racing heart.

There was another even faster racer, according to Donaldson, and his name was Dan Finister and owned by a gentleman named Tom Cashore. He will be remembered most, however, for the fact he was an auctioneer with an unusual gift of gab.

Cashore was one of the first of the villagers to drive a "surrey with the fringe on top." It was a stylish carriage, and as Cashore loved good horseflesh, he had one of his finest horses hauling the surrey.

Dan Finister was trained on the track at the old Fair Grounds, a dirt circle of less than half a mile, where many a good race was held in the days when the "king of sports" attracted many people.

Donaldson proved to be the possessor of a good memory. He recalled another item in connection with sport, namely the time when Fenelon Falls

boasted proudly of having a hockey team that the rounds of several ario towns and was seldom defeat- ed. The players of this winning team included Alvin Gould in goal, who was nicknamed "Snake", his side kick druggist G. F. Vicars, Joe Ouellette, Pete Beteau, "Dodger" Dayman, the Boyce brothers, and others.

Fenelon Falls, according to "Bunny" Donaldson, was somewhat in the limelight as a curling town with Harry McCallum as one of the chief exponents. Those were the rugged days of the past when "Mac" McCallum was the king bee, a merchant taylor who could tell more exciting stories concerning the bears which were shot, the deer which were strung up in the camp, and the moose which were shot down. Alf and Emerson Tiers could also tell some tall tales.

In more recent years the name of another gentleman who did much to keep the name of Fenelon Falls on the hockey map was Max Brandon and his Brandon Colts. This team cleaned up at many a hockey tournament in this part of Ontario.

Donaldson could go on and on, but his chauffeur from Bracebridge, and their women friends were anxious to get on the homeward trail. He did however mention two other former well known sportsmen from the area, namely "Pacer" McDougall who was a star on the Lindsay Intermediate hockey champions of 1908 and 1909. Also mentioned was a gentleman who is well and favourably known to citizens of Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, and Toronto, namely "Cannon Ball" Ed Scott who summers on Cameron Lake. He is reputed to have had the fastest speed ball of any Toronto pitcher, especially when he was in his prime as ace twirler for the Toronto Hillcrests, playing at Willowdale Park.

Donaldson was breaking away with his friends when he added: "There was another owner of race horses at Fenelon Falls, a man named Tom Poulson, who ran a blacksmith shop behind where the Fenelon Falls Post Office now stands".

Donaldson, who was interested in the old days, and people at Fenelon Falls, remembered the days when there were three good hotels, and a pioneer merchantile store operated by a Charlie Burgoyne and a man named Mitchell. Burgoyne was also captain of his passenger yacht as well as a big man in Masonic circles.

The village was patrolled by several fine police constables including Steve Nevison, John Jones, Hunter Murchison, and Dave Gordon. "It was always a fine place to live in, filled with fine people, but I got away from my home town when I went to war, and when I came back I became associated with the Grey Hound Bus people and remained with them until my retirement" continued "Bunny" but my memories go back to Fenelon Falls frequently and I always manage to renew old acquaintances every year."

While Mr. Donaldson told of

many interesting sports characters he was too modest to mention a very important one, the fact that he, while working for the Danforth Transportation Co. in Toronto over 40 years ago, was responsible for bringing a Toronto hockey team to Fenelon each year to compete in the three day hockey tournament. Regardless of what team would win this event the last game was always a challenge match between Fenelon Falls and Toronto for a special prize.