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**THE FAIR AT BOBCAYGEON MADE A PLEASANT OUTING**

The Unique Exhibition Drew a Large Number of Spectators from Outside Points.

The novel little fair amid the woods adjacent to Bobcaygeon attracted, as usual, a large number of people on Friday. Again this fair was put under obligation to Probs, who likely with an eye to the needs of the case and the fitness of things had compassion on the shedless estate of the society and favored with sunshine the unique aggregation amid the trees. It is an interesting combination, this fair, of entertainment and instruction, of study and pastime of the normal, and grotesque. Good nature is its chief characteristic. There the people are in picnic mood. They visit and chatter and laugh and see the fair.

The procession is a prime factor of this fair and every year it presents some new and attractive specialty. This time a floral carriage containing two little girls and a footman and drawn apparently by two huge locusts was a pleasing feature. The incongruity of the parts of this procession is an effective element. Not far behind the fire engine came a boy leading a dog hitched to a miniature wagon loaded with carrots and potatoes and garnished with evergreen twigs. Riding ahead were the two red-coated marshalls of the parade; then came the Sylvester band followed by as motley an aggregation of vehicles as was ever seen in a village street. Upon it all was an artistic touch, beauty mingled with fun, and all conformed to propriety and good sense.

Smile of the village newspaper will get credit for the inscription on the car of two supposed promoters of the Bobcaygeon, Lindsay and Pontypool railway. It was: "Taxes are Surer than Roads."

**ABOUT THE GROUNDS**

There was a good crowd. The people from the adjacent country were evidently there. They were reinforced by many who came by boat from points both east and west. The Kenosha and Esturion both made special trips from Lindsay.

The merry-go-round was there. It was popular and its snort, whistle and music livened up the grounds. Peter Johnson punched the bag and sold medicine, a Peterboro man worked the cane game, Mr. Harvey Thompson had a spacious booth, another man sold the photograph of your wife-to-be, and the gold wire artist plied his trade. On the platform the Forbert Bros of Lindsay gave acrobatic exhibitions, bright, turn-outs rushed around the track, the ponies with juvenile riders cantered to and fro, the band played, the live stock ruminated in the sunshine and doggedly submitted to the judge's scrutiny. Whether the fair, as a fair is good or bad, Bobcaygeon fair is always a success. It was this year.

**IN THE BUILDING**

Sawdust on the floor kept down the dust that in some previous years marred the interior of the main building. The display of vegetables and fruit was the best shown in the county this year. The dairy products were very dainty and nicely exhibited. Upstairs the display of fancy work was not different from that of former years. At the east end was a display of children's work. It included needle work and interesting productions. It was very interesting and doubtless its preparation had a good effect upon those competing. One of the first-prize essays, written by Master Irwin Blake Martin appears in this issue.

**IN THE HORSE RING.**

There was a magnificent show of fine horses. The entries were so numerous that Mr. T. Hardy-Shore of Glamworth, the government judge on equines, had to divide the work up and call Mr. Elliott of Galt, the official judge on sheep and swine, to his assistance. Never before in the history of this fair were there so many entries.

There was a fine showing of heavy drafts. Messrs. Dunn & Capstick showed their matchless Clydesdale, Lawrence Archer, and were awarded first honors. Mr. Ross Kimball showed a grand pair of chestnuts of Shire extraction that carried off the red ticket. In the brood mare class with foal at side there were no less than seven fine animals shown. Mr. M. Boyd contributed three choice Suffolk Punch mares with foals of the same breed and got first honors in the first named. Mr. Thos. Robertson showed a fine pair of matched blacks sired by Knight of St. Andrew's, with an equally good pair of foals by Lawrence Archer, securing first prize on foal, and second on one of the brood mares. Mr. Joseph Oliver showed an aged mare with a really fine colt by Royal Archer, that secured the second premium. Mr. Andrew Braden showed a Pride of Scotland mare and foal by the same sire. In the classes for one and two year old fillies and geldings some promising entries came before the judge.

The product of that haphazard system of breeding, known as general purpose, was well represented at the ring, and there was nothing to very good from a breeder's standpoint. It would pay the farmers of this county to adopt some well defined line of breeding and stay with it. Mr. James Capstick showed a grand pair of up-standing general-purpose blacks that caught the judge's fancy first and the red ticket, while Mr. Ross Kimball came second with a grand cross-matched pair, chestnut and bay. In the brood mare class and bay. In the brood mare class five animals were exhibited. Mr. J. W. Junkin showed a big Percheron mare with Pea Vine foal at side. Mr. Isaac Lewis showed a bay mare by Champion Fred with foal John Anderson Jr. Mr. Robt. Sanderson showed a fine bay mare and foal by James Seymour a fine bay mare with fine blood mare with foal by Meehan's Finot. Mr. Andrew Braden showed a bay mare with Flashlight foal at side, and Mr. J. W. Junkin a bay mare and foal by the same sire. In the competition for ponies under

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with a good grey sired by Meehan's Finot. Mr. Alex. Millage showed a nice blocky pair of dark bays with white markings, sired by Sans Pareil that pleased the judge immensely, who stated if he were judging the same as he would in his own county, they would come first and second, but down this way they would be considered undersize for the class, but they were a pair that you would not often see. He placed the second prize on one of the pair, although it was perhaps further apart in conformation from the first prize winner than any other colt in the lot—Mr. Silas Thurston showed a nice colt by Merry Boy, Mr. Wm. Thurston a good mate for Mr. Logan's grey by the same sire, Mr. Robt. G. Robertson a compact brown filly by Morocco, Mr. S. Thurston a rangy bay filly by Falcon, Mr. M. Kelly a neat bay gelding by Sans Pareil. In the year old class there were only five competitors. Mr. Harry Seymour came first with a nice Pride of Scotland filly, Mr. Wm. Lewis securing second place with a characteristic chestnut gelding of the Suffolk Punch strain. Mr. Wm. Thurston showed a nice bay gelding sired by Meehan's Finot. Mr. Wm. Lewis showed a black gelding by the same sire that the general judge intimated should have been entered in the carriage class. Mr. J. Ingraham showed a very even filly by Pride of Scotland. Mr. Junkin secured first honors with the Cleveland Bay sire Flashlight.

There were several meritorious exhibits in the road and carriage contingent. Mr. Silas Thurston secured the red ticket with a cross-matched pair, bay and brown, in the class for carriage teams over 15 1/2 hands high, Mr. J. Warren coming into second place with a nicely groomed pair of bays, by Phil Sheridan. Mr. M. Kelly was just outside the money with a pair of bays of French Canadian breeding. Only one entry was made in the class for single drivers over 15 1/2 hands. Mr. Thos. Fairbairn being on "easy street" with a big stylish chestnut sired by Tom Rodgers. In the smaller class, 15 1/2 hands and under, Mr. John Burgess won the red ticket with a nice pair of bays sired by Phil Sheridan. Mr. J. J. Devitt dropped into second place with a useful pair of bays by Orange Roy. In the class for single drivers, 15 1/2 hands and under, Mr. N. Nicholls of Smith had it all his own way with a clever knee-acting black sired by Green Mountain Morgan, but the decision for second place in his favor for a rather plain and skimp pacer was hardly so much in public favor. Mr. E. B. Garlick's black mare by Lapidist Chief would have been much more so. Mr. Thos. Fairbairn showed a clever-moving, though in color badly mixed roan, by Lapidist Chief, that could move like a piece of machinery. In the three-year-old driving class there were no less than four competitors. Mr. Frank Sutton came first with a brown mare sired by Starlight, while Mr. Frank Anderson's black racing filly by Black Mack 2-13 secured second. Mr. J. Kelly showed a big, rangy and rather leggy bay mare by Manager that some spectators rather fancied, being a level trotter. Mr. Wm. Gillis showed a bay mare by Barney Ellis. Mr. John Devitt captured first honors in the gentlemen's turnout which had four competitors. Several very fine colts were entered for the one and two year old classes, but in order to leave the grounds before they were called out. In the class for brood mares with foal at side Mr. James Falls came first with a bay mare by Lapidist Chief with a good foal by Earl Staunton at side, Mr. M. Kelly securing second place with a mare by Lapidist Chief and foal by the same sire. Mr. J. J. Devitt showed a bay mare and Antean foal. Mr. Robt. Sanderson showed a rattling good Sunshine foal. Mr. John J. Kelly showed a brown mare and Earl Staunton foal. Mr. R. M. Thurston's entry was a fine blood mare with foal by Meehan's Finot. Mr. Andrew Braden showed a bay mare with Flashlight foal at side, and Mr. J. W. Junkin a bay mare and foal by the same sire. In the competition for ponies under

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saddle fully a dozen entries came under the judge's notice. Miss Vera Donnell, in Indian costume, carried off the honors, with dainty Mildred Boyd in second place, much to the disgust of the ten boys who thought they had the best ponies.

**WITH THE CATTLE MEN**

The showing in cattle was hardly worthy of an important grazing township like Verulam. In the class for Shorthorn Durhams, four average males were exhibited. Mr. John Sutton showed a fair lot of fine thoroughbred cattle and three grades. Mr. Walter Sharpe showed a fine roan spring calf and another not so good. Mr. Thos. Robertson had it all his own way with his fine herd of Polled Angus cattle, which does seem queer when we think this the home of the "dodos" in this county, the Messrs. Boyd having been the first to introduce them into Victoria county. Only two milch cows of the Holstein breed were in evidence. They were owned by Mr. James Martin. A few years ago there were more than that many represented by four nice dun-colored females.

**SWINE**

If one were to judge the hog industry of this township by the entry list at this show he would be very much disappointed. Fortunately that would not be a true estimate. In the old-time Berkshire strain there were only two entries—a six months' old sow, and an aged male, belonging to Mr. Wm. Falls. Mr. Chas. Fairbairn showed a pen of Tamworths and a pen of cross-bred Tamworths and Berkshires. In the Yorkshire breed Mr. R. M. Thurston showed a female in each class, one with a litter of juvenile porkers. Mr. James Seymour showed two pens of this popular strain.

**SHEEP**

The exhibit of sheep was hardly representative of this fine township. Mr. Harry Seymour showed an aged ram, the only representative of the old Cotswolds. Mr. James Seymour showed seven head of the popular Leicester sheep. Mr. James Humphries showing one pen in the same breed. Mr. Thos. Robertson exhibited a pen of pure-bred Shropshire Downs, while Mr. David Logan showed an aged ram in the same strain and a pen of Shropshire grades.

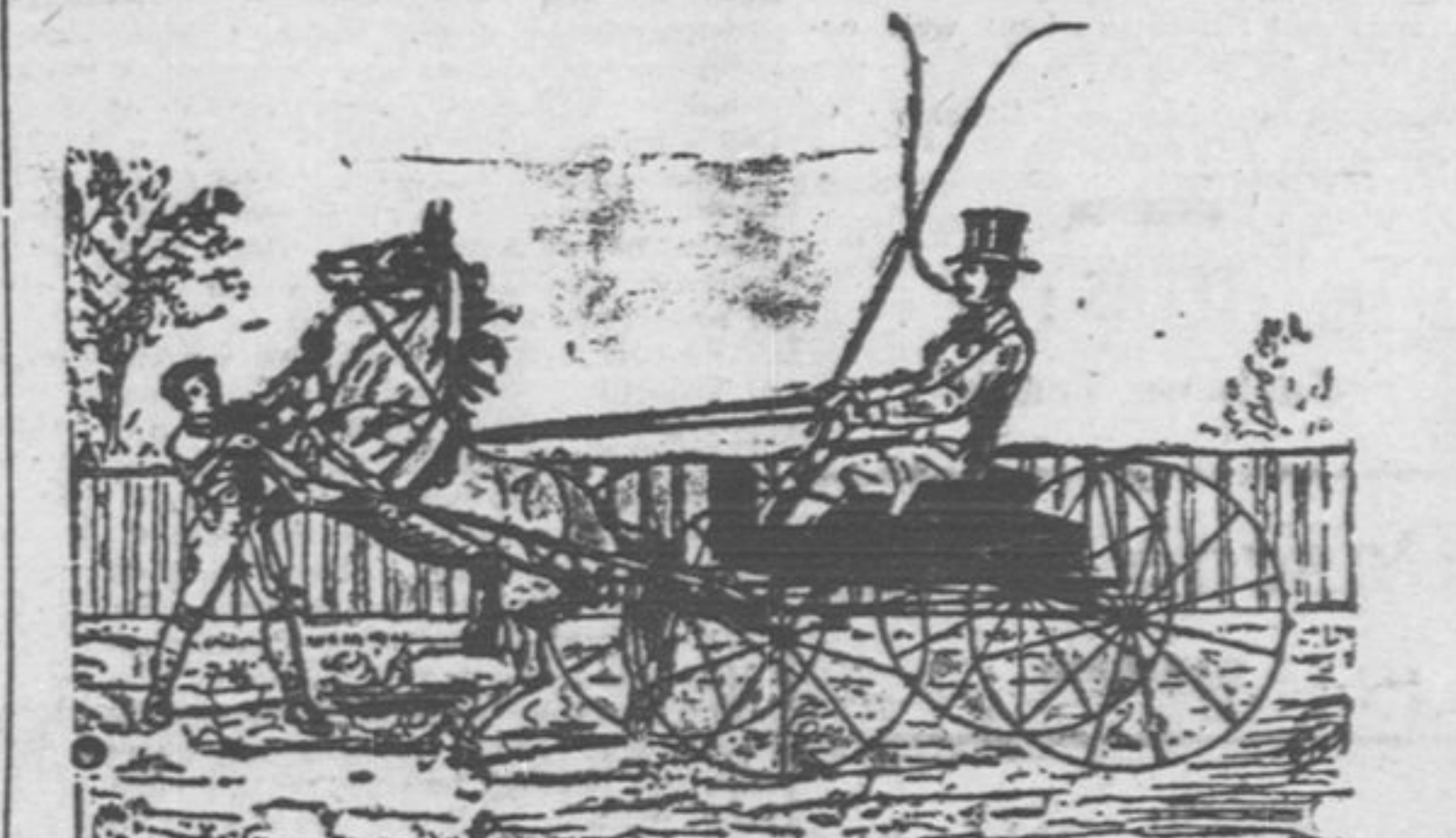
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**Belleville, Oct. 4.**—A fatal accident occurred at Deloro, Hastings County, by which William Young lost his life. He was driving with a young lady when one of the lines broke, and the horse tumbled sharply to the side, throwing Young back in the buggy with his companion on top of him. The injuries produced peritonitis, from the effects of which he died after great suffering.

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