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## Reminiscence

I remember attending Richmond Hill Fair on May 24th many years ago. Along with a number of other school children we arose early, and with our dinner in our pockets, and half a dollar for expenses, we walked several miles to see the great fair.

The exhibits were horses and some other stock, together with implements from Patterson's foundry and the Wilson Fanning mill. There were no binders nor self rake reapers in those days, probably they had not been thought of. A novelty was a velocipede, the forerunner of the bicycle. The exhibit of horses would please all horse admirers, Clydesdales of fine formation, perhaps unequalled in the present day, as well as carriage horses.

In a small field on the Vaughan side the speeding of carriage horses and drivers took place, where an amusing event occurred, and no one was hurt. Among the competitors was a handsome pair of carriage horses driven by a city man. As he sped around the ring, he sat upright, with the result that his outfit was overturned. He alighted on his head, the only injury being a flattened beaver hat.

There were the usual number of fakirs present, one of whom sold \$5.00 bills for 25c. He put the bill in an envelope which the purchaser nearly always found empty. He did a big business for a time. Then there was the patent medicine man selling many preparations of marvellous curative powers. This was the ditty he sang: "Beeswax and tallow, Aunt Jemima's plaster."

This was one of the best sellers. Then there was the lifting machine, two cents for a lift, or three for a nickle. The scale was set to please, for with difficulty I could lift 325 lbs. I was pleased with my lift and dreams of being a future Samson flitted through my mind. His profits for the day were cut short, when Mr. Solomon Oster, Vaughan's strong man came that way. Mr. Oster did not care to lift, so he was quite modest in exhibiting his strength. The owner of the machine bantered Mr. Oster till being annoyed he took hold of the contrivance and with a powerful lift, squarely given, he literally tore the machine to pieces, to the great amusement of the by-standers.

The day was a wonderful one for us, and what we saw and heard filled our minds for many days and we longed for the next 24th to come.

## York Ranger Cadets

Mr. and Mrs. Westwood will entertain the cadets at their Langstaff country seat on Tuesday evening the 26th of July, this is the O. C.'s birthday and no greater pleasure could be afforded him than to be with the cadets of his command on that evening.

The corps will parade at 6.45 and leave on the 7.06 Southbound car. Cadets will parade in their summer uniforms—all must wear white running shoes, freshly cleaned.

A distinguished guest party is expected and the O. C. desires strict adherence to the dress order as laid down. Sergt.-Major Rolfe of the Imperial Reserve has been made Corps Armourer. The rifles are now in his charge. Sergt.-Major Rolfe has also given to the O. C. drill books for use of the N. C. O.'s and for which he deeply thanks him.

Corpl. Cadet Innis has returned from Muskoka.

Cadets will bear in mind Mrs. Burnaby's invitation to avail themselves of the swimming privileges at their Highland Lake Farm, at any time. Corpl. Cadet Burnaby, her son, will be in command of all swimming parties and assumes this responsibility from his O. C. seriously, parents therefore need not fear.

The O. C. wishes to congratulate the cadet entrance candidates on their passing the recent exam. The cadet school progress is intently watched.

In the fall syllabus the O. C. desires to have a course of training introduced, which will develop physically, intellectually and socially. In the social department, gentlemanly conduct, befitting gentlemen cadets, will be applied by strict disciplinary rule—to thus mould into a truer manhood the cadets of this command.

## Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club

The Green of the Bowling Club, having been well attended to, is now in splendid condition. The membership, both Ladies and Gentlemen is increasing, and any interested are invited to interview either of the respective secretaries Mr. G. Sloan or Miss T. E. Moodie.

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## Capital Fellow Goes To Capital

Collingwood is to lose a popular teacher, Mr. W. D. T. Atkinson, B. A. classical teacher in the Collegiate Institute. "Atty" is going to the Ottawa Collegiate Institute as head of the Classical department. His removal is a distinct loss and to none will the news of his change come with greater regret than to the boys and girls who have been under his care during the past years. Coming here a year before the outbreak of the Great War he soon won a place in the Collegiate and with the citizens generally. When the call came for men he laid aside his Caesar and Cicero and enlisted. He was away nearly four years, during which time his position was held open by the Board of Education. Since his return he has thrown himself heartily into his work until today he is the idol of the students. His ability as a teacher is unquestioned, while as a leader amongst the younger folks he has few equals and no superiors. In the literary society he put vim, in Rugby he gave the boys a fine start, in basket ball he enthused the girls. In the different inter-collegiate contests he was always in the forefront.

While with him the school and the students stood first, he did not confine his activity to it. Amongst the people of the town he took a part. He was a member of the Huron Club and also of the Collingwood Whist Club, while sports in general always had his sympathy and support. His removal means the loss of a capital fellow to the Capital.—Collingwood Bulletin.

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