Fair Time the Same, the World Over

By George Abell of Stouffville

It's been a great week for the small fry. Reason being that there has been a spate of fairs and more active members of the Clan Abell have talked the old codgers into putting in an appearance at all of them.

could have walked with us and words, the most roticeable to

through the lanes of gaily colored a stranger being those to do with they had their faces washed.

in the booths and the crowds look in "half dollars" (half crown village consists of four and five hold an affair on the 15th day of the same as the crowds in town pieces value two shillings and six bed-roomed houses built in the late May each year on the two furlongs for a street dance in Stouffville or pence) because a "little browny" 1930's. The streets and boulevards of what was then the "commonon the Exhibition Midway. But (ten-shilling note) may be put are laid out with different types of road" and is now named "Park At the beginning of May (three your ears would soon identify the away to be wasted next day on flowering trees and shrubs and as Road". King Henry laid down one weeks ago) the billboards bloom- location. Not altogether from any things like food or rent. The main every householder seems to take condition, that at least one stall or ed with multi-colored posters difference of speech for tone and attraction here was a hoop throw- great pride in the landscaping of sideshow must be set up each announcing the arrival of a travel- accent in Surrey are on the aver- ing game with gold fish as prizes. his property the whole village year or the grant would be revokling carnival for a three day stand age no different to the tones and Everybody else seemed to be able (population 40,000) is a fine ex- ed. Not a year was missed till the following week in a vacant accents of Markham Township. The to ring a jar, but to the twins ample of England at its best. The 1940 but during the war the people A Queen is crowned and an old lot at the edge of town. If you difference is in certain phrases great disgust this feat was beyond fair there came up on Thursday of the district had no wish to com-

evening was not a total failure ensure my presence. There is on the main route of Herman's however for we managed to bring considerable historical significance bomb delivery service to the Big away some very valuable plaster (please excuse the use of such Smoke so the fair was discontinucats and dogs which unfortunately mumbley-guck phrases as the last just melted away the first time two words but I seem to be gett-

booths the night it opened you money. Admission to most rides A short distance from our home in everywhere when nobody's pedalling his tricycle into Park would find the scene no different and games is a "tanner" (six- is the village of Cheam, which is looking) attached to this fair. In to that of any similar fair in pence) for children and a "bob" a very lovely and (yes I'll say it 1259 King Henry III gave his other amusements in the neighbor- Canada. Merry-go-rounds, ferris- (1 shilling) for adults. Change for though I hate the phrase) high royal grant to the village of hood and as usual the smaller and wheels, dodgem cars, same games a "nicker" (pound note) is given class neighborhood. Most of the "Kayam" as it was then called to

the powers of my wife and I. The and no pressure was necessary to mit suicide by gathering in crowds ed. But an ice cream salesman ing so "Juicerfield" that they creep kept the tradition unbroken by Road each year on the 15th of May. He carried a dartboard on his hamper, stopped for an hour or so and then pedalled away after chalking on the pavement "Cheam fair was held today". If Ann Boleyn and Nell Gwynne knew this they would both be pleased for each in her own period of the past had a good time at this fair. It is a joint effort of the local

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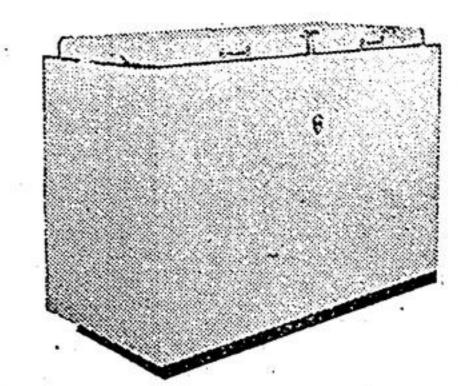
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