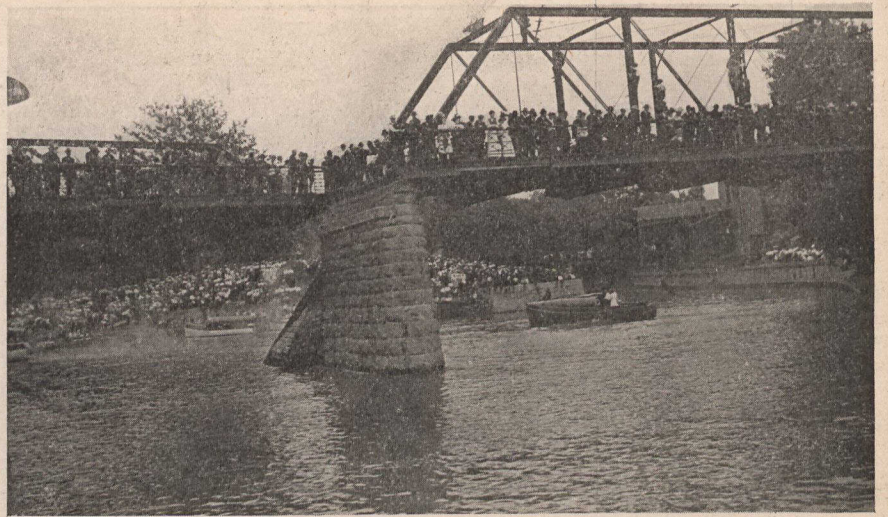




Detroit Motor Boats approaching Chatham

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Chatham Citizens welcoming The Invaders

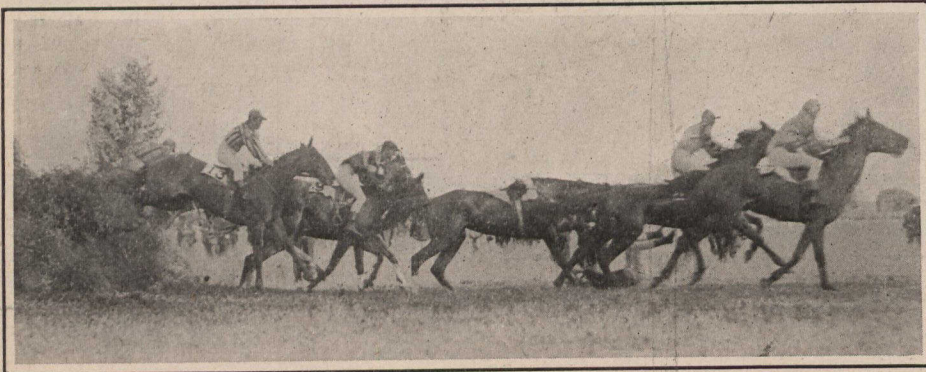
Visit of the Detroit Motor Boat Club to Chatham

By VICTOR LAURISTON

NINETY-FIVE years ago this autumn, the Canadian Thames was the scene of the disastrous British retreat, culminating in the battle of Moraviantown in which Tecumseh, the famous Indian chieftain, fell. On June 13th, 1908, the waters of the Thames were a second time stirred by the keels of an invading squadron. The invaders, comprising the craft of the Detroit Motor Boat Club to the number of several dozen, large and small, were met at the

mouth of the Thames by a delegation of Chatham motor boats, and by them escorted up the river to Chatham. As the invaders crossed the city line, they were welcomed by the shrieking of dozens of factory whistles, in answer to which the flagship of the invaders, the *Wilanna*, commanded by Captain C. W. Kochter, fired repeated salutes. The bridges, wharves and other vantage points were black with eager watchers, and Tecumseh Park, Chatham's

favourite pleasure resort, was crowded with a large throng. Ninety-five years ago Tecumseh, standing on the self-same spot, vainly urged General Proctor to make a stand against the pursuing Americans under Harrison. As the visiting squadron drew up to the park landings, the 24th Regiment Kent Battalion band struck up "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," amid the cheering of the crowd. The invaders were right royally entertained during their stay in Chatham.



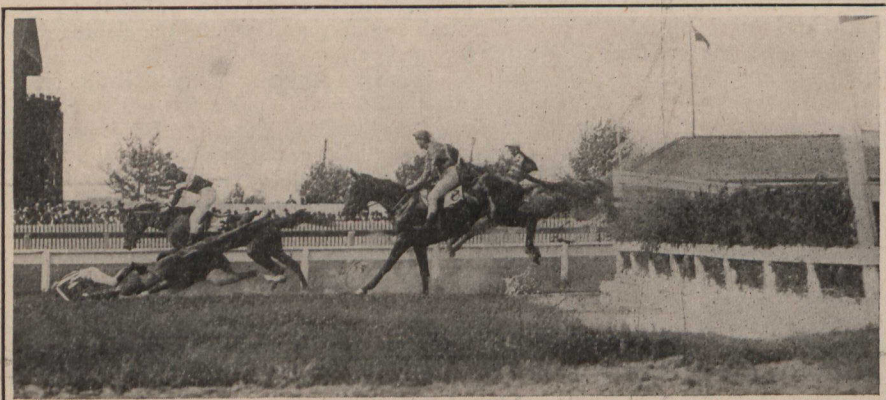
Over the Hurdle in a Bunch



Coming a Cropper



The Survival of the Fittest, following a Hurdle Test which unseats all but the Surest Jockeys



The Water Jump



A Critical Moment

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SCENES OF THE CANADIAN STEEPLE-CHASE