

THE LADY WASHINGTON RACE AT CARLTON PARK.

The Lady Washington race at Carlton Park a good many years ago was one of the most sensational events in the history of the Canadian turf. The race was mile and a quarter heats, and the contestants were War Cry, Moonstone, Lady Washington and Protection. In the pool box over night Lady Washington was a steady favorite with War Cry next in demand, Protection and Moonstone being rated about the same. About four thousand dollars was invested overnight, and on the day of the race no sooner did the pool-seller open out than fast and furious was the betting. For fully half an hour before the start two clerks were kept busy writing out tickets, and when the horses appeared at the starting post there was a heap of money in the box.

The first heat was stubbornly contested from start to finish. For the first half War Cry, Moonstone and Mi' Lady were head and head. War Cry then let out a link and though Moonstone and the little mare kept at it they were never again able to quite reach the leader, who won by a length from Moonstone, he the same distance in front of Lady Washington. The manner in which Captain Elwes' horse had won the heat sent a swarm of hedgers around the pool box who made desperate efforts to get out. One hundred, two, three and four hundred dollars were shouted for first choice, and every time War Cry was the first selection. Finding nobody would pick out a horse Quimby hunched the balance, and those who already had the cheap pools which were sold on War Cry overnight made themselves very secure by buying an occasional field against which the odds were about four to one.

In due course of time the horses were rung up for the second heat, and quite a crowd of prominent turfmen