

TARRIED AT TECUMSEH PARK

Commercial Travelers Wield the Willow.

"Trunks" Get Away With "Grips"—A Great Game.

Splendid Bicycle Races Also on the Programme—Fred Deesley the Hero in One of the Best Races Ever Held on the Track.

Saturday was Commercial Travelers' Day at Tecumseh Park. The Knights of the Grip and the Hustlers of the Trunk fraternity, together with their friends, enjoyed a few hours' rare sport. Bicycle races, some of which were as good, if not better, than any ever before seen on the track, and a baseball match, unparalleled in the history of any athletic park, were among the events. The intense heat of the afternoon and counter attractions were responsible for a comparatively small attendance—only about 1,000 persons, although not up to the number the attractions warranted, there was quite a crowd of spectators present.

THE BICYCLE MEET.
Mr. James McCormick was secretary of the committee, and displayed his accustomed energy and ability in arranging the details of the meet. The entries were plentiful, and the races were all run off promptly and without accident.

The two-mile handicap was one of the best races ever held on Tecumseh Park. The finish was made with a bunch of seven or eight riders, only a few inches apart. Almost till the tape was reached it looked as though Crouch would be the winner, but Deesley swung around the bunch in a fine burst of speed and finished with a slight advantage.

The mile lap race was also a pretty event, done in good time and with a close finish. Fred Deesley and Jas. Crouch, of this city, and Thos. Higley, of Blyth, were prominent in this and some of the other races, and proved themselves riders of exceptional power. In the half mile for boys under 16 years of age the fast time of 1:13 2-5 was made, George Higley, of Blyth, winning.

The one mile handicap was won by Fred Deesley handily. The track was in splendid condition, and everything conspired to make the races of the best character. The winners were much pleased with the prizes hung up. Summary:

One mile lap race: Fred Deesley, 1; Thos. Higley, 2; James Crouch, 3. D. L. Watt, of Guelp, and Henry Barber, of Ingersoll, also started. Time, 2:20 1-5.

Half mile race for boys under 16 years: George Higley, 1; Willie Scott, 2; Thos. Higley, 3. Time, 1:13 2-5.

Willie Dean, of London; Irving Brown, of Brinsford; Bert Gillies, of London; and Chester McGuffin, of London, also started.

One-mile handicap, open only to commercial travelers and employees of wholesale houses—Fred Deesley, 1; S. R. McKay, 2; W. Dean, 3. Time, 2:25 1-5.

The line-up was as follows: Fred Deesley, scratch; A. E. Brock, 25 yards; W. Dean, 50 yards; E. Crouch, 100 yards; S. R. McKay, 150 yards; John Ford, 150 yards.

Half-mile consolation race for boys under 16 years, open to riders who did not get a place in the previous race—W. Dean, 1; B. Gillies, 2. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Two-mile handicap, open—F. Deesley, 1; Jas. Crouch, 2; Thos. Higley, 3. Time, 4:59 2-5. The following riders lined up: F. Deesley, Jas. Crouch, D. L. Watt, of Guelp, and Thos. Higley, of Blyth, scratch; A. E. Brock, 75 yards; R. W. Bingham, of Aymer, 100 yards; H. Barber, of Ingersoll, 100 yards; F. Robinson, of Ingersoll, 100 yards; W. Dean, 125 yards; E. Crouch, 150 yards; S. R. McKay, 150 yards; W. Scott, 150 yards.

The officers of the day were: Referee, Dr. Balfour; starter, Alf. Robinson; judges, Wm. Gray, J. M. Dillon, E. R. C. Struthers, Dan Mackenzie and C. W. Davis; timer, Thos. Gillies, official timer C. W. A.; assistant timers, Fred Beltz and Geo. Macbeth; clerk of course, John J. Foot; assistant clerk of course, E. D. Croden and H. C. Sreaton; scorers, Walter Mann, Wm. Wanless, Jun., Frank Reid and Fred Macfie; umpires, H. C. McBride, N. S. Williams, Geo. B. Dayton and James Colerick; photographer, John Nicholson; secretary of committee, Jas. McCormick.

THE TRUNKS WIN.
It was 4:10 p.m. when the baseball game between the Grips and Trunks commenced, and at 4:40 when the last player for the Grips struck out. The Trunks managed to gain the lead from the second inning, and continually added to their score, and closed the game by winning with 19 to 8.

When both teams gathered on the field, the costumed players at most resembled the make-up of a winter carnival. All sorts of pants, hats, shirts and shoes were utilized for uniforms, and it was impossible to pick out a "grip" from a "trunk" until the game had progressed long enough to get familiar with the sides. A figure that was more familiar than any was

that of Doc Sippl. He borrowed Charlie Crowe's uniform, and when the game ended that same uniform could have been placed on the line to dry.

The Turner name predominated. On the Grips, Ernie and Charlie, the second baseman, are brothers, while Harry, who pitched for the Trunks, is the player who, as an amateur some three or four years ago, played excellent ball, and batted out home runs regularly. He is no relation to the other two. The Grips seemed to be the most formidable team, and it was expected that they would have an easy time in vanquishing the "excess" men.

With the two Turners, Doc Sippl, Bob Lind and "Pat" Cowley, they looked easy winners. Bob Lind got tired carrying two sweaters around after five innings, and retired in favor of Cameron.

The Trunks had some excellent batters on their team. Billy Bell proved to be the batter of the day. He covered his territory around second base as easily as he would his territory on a trip. Out of six times up he hit out a triple, two doubles and a single.

Turner presented him with a pass the first two times at bat. After the third inning Doc Sippl went into the field for the Grips, and the heavy hitting by Bell was made off his delivery. Martin followed Bell closely for honors in batting with four singles. Gil had two singles and a double.

Strike-outs were as numerous as travelers are in the small towns of Ontario, and no home runs were made, as the travelers were already home. Early and Gillespie, of the Grips, would probably have had better success in lifting the ball if they had had a grip in their hands instead of a bat. They struck out three times each in the first, the heaviest man of the two teams, McLennan, of the Grips, did the most. In four times at bat he scored once, twice he reached third, and once second. For a heavy-built man he runs very fast, and it was one of the most unusual features of the game to watch him on the bases.

The Trunks were easily blanked in the first, Catches Cowley nipping the Trunks making the second base. In the second and third, bad throwing misjudgments of fielders scored nine runs. The heaviest hitting by the Trunks was made in the seventh, when two singles and two doubles were made off Doc Sippl's delivery. Early and passed balls also came in fast and often.

The Grips were fond of the figure 2, as four times they scored two runs. Poor hitting and better fielding by the Trunks was the reason of their inability to send in more runs. Several chances were given, but the strike-outs came too often.

The Trunks felt pleased over their victory in winning the McCormick trophy, and rumors say they will commence to play baseball next spring, and will play the Grips in the fall to give the Grips a more crushing defeat in 1899. Score:

Grips.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
Turner, 2b.	5 1 0 6 0 3
E. Turner, p.	5 0 2 3 3 2
Doc Sippl, 3b.	5 0 0 0 1 0
Lind, ss.	3 0 0 0 1 0
Cameron, cf.	3 0 0 0 1 0
McLennan, lb.	3 2 2 7 0 0
Cowley, c.	3 1 1 1 0 0
Gillespie, 1b.	4 0 1 1 0 2
Sreaton, lf.	4 0 1 0 2 0
Early, rf.	4 0 1 0 2 0
Kendall, c.	4 0 1 0 2 0
Totals.	30 8 9 27 10 11

Trunks.	A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
Struthers, cf.	5 2 2 1 1 0 0
Turner, p.	5 2 2 1 1 0 0
Bel, 2b.	4 1 4 1 1 0
Moore, rf.	5 1 4 1 1 0
Glover, 1b.	5 2 0 1 1 0
Barbour, lb.	5 2 0 1 1 0
Connos, ss.	6 3 2 10 1 1
Lays, c.	6 3 2 10 2 0
Martin, lf.	6 3 4 0 0 0
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Stolen bases—Cowley, Moore, Barbour, two bases—Sippl, McLennan, Bell, H. Turner, Glover, Thos. Higley, 1; Bell, 2; Base on balls—By E. Turner 5, by Sippl 1. Struck out—By E. Turner 1, by Sippl 8; by H. Turner 1. Hit by pitched ball—By E. Turner 1, by Sippl 1, by H. Turner 1. Left on bases—Grips 5, Trunks 19. Passed balls—Cowley 3, Lays 2. Wild pitch—H. Turner. Umpire—Mr. Grim. Time—2:30.

BELMONT.
Belmont, Sept. 3.—Misses Mary J. and Cleopatra McFarish and Mrs. Sam Brooks and others, who were progressing favorably.

Scarlet fever has broken out in the family of John Brownlee, of Derwent. John Walker has gone to Alvington to see his brother Daniel, who is lying at the point of death.

J. G. Fawcett, merchant, prior to his departure to Princess avenue, London, was presented with a past master's jewel as a souvenir by the Belmont Lodge, No. 190, A. F. and A. M. The brethren of the Belmont Lodge, the brethren of the Belmont Lodge, the brethren of the Belmont Lodge, made him the recipient of a gold-headed cane as a slight memento.

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