BUFFALO'S OLD-TIME DRIVING PARK GONE

A Toronto Real Estate Man Seizes a Golden Opportunity and Buys the Historic Race-Course For Building Purposes.

The far-famed Buffalo Driving Park, the mother track of the noted grand circuit, has been sold by the estate of the late Cicero J. Hamlin to John J. Cook, Toronto, for about $350,000. The eighty acres of land will be cut up into building lots with the coming springtime. The site will be known as Melrose lawn. Old race-goers will wonder why the name of Hamlin Park was not insisted upon in the sale of the property, to perpetuate the memory of one of Buffalo's representative business men, the master of Village Farm—the Napoleon of the horse kingdom.

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The mile track in Ferry-street was built by "Pop" Horter and George Hosley, pioneer horsemen of Buffalo, in the sixties, writes Frank G. Smith, in the Buffalo Courier, but owing to the exciting period of the great Civil War, only a few unimportant race meetings were held there until 1866. In the spring of 1866 a number of prominent business men of Buffalo, including the Hon. Charles J. Wells, Cicero J Hamlin, Myron P. Bush, the Hon. Sherman S. Jewett, Gen. R. L. Howard, William C. Mills, "Pop" Kirkover, A. McLeish and others purchased the mile track built by Messrs. Horter and Hosley for $300 per acre, under the name of the Buffalo Driving Park Association. Racing interests were revived that season with a great spurt, and $10,000 in premiums were offered for the first light harness races in the world of grand circuit importance, the week of Aug. 14 to 17, 1866. In the 2.45 trot the premium was $2,000, and D. W. Dimock won the first eventful race with the bay mare, LeBlonde, best time 2.39½. Among the noted knights of the sulky at the meeting were Budd Doble, Warren Peabody, Frank Baldwin, James L. Eoff, John Stevenson, Ed. Burton, D. W. Dimick, S. James, J. Conness, D. Mace, L. L. Dorsey, and Frank Cain. Doble rode Dexter a mile to saddle in 2.18, a world's record, and in 1867, a year afterward, he drove the great trotter a mile to high-wheel sulky in 2.17 1-4, another world's record.

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In 1868 still another world's record was made over the historic Buffalo Driving Park, which stood for over thirty years. It was the pacing mile to saddle of the bay gelding, Billy Boyce, 2.14½, driven by R. S. Carr, in a race against L. L. Dorsey's Rolla Golddust.

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The largest premiums ever offered by the Buffalo Driving Park Association was in 1872, or forty years ago this summer, when about $70,000 was hung up. In the 2.21 trot, won by Sensation, driven by Ben Mace, the purse, was $20,000, and the fastest time, 2.20½, made by Camors in the first heat with J. J. Bowen in the sulky, Gen. John E. Turner, now of Ambler Park, Pa., won the 2.27 class, purse $10,000, with the bay mare Nettie, best time 2.22 3-4. The 2.24 trot purse $10,000, went to the big bay gielding, Gloster, owned by A. Goldsmith, best time 2.23½, and Frank Van Ness captured the 2.30 class, premium $10,000, with St. James. Budd Doble took first money in the free-for-all with the queen of the turf, Goldsmith Maid, the other entries being American Girl, Lucy, Jim Irving and Judge Fullerton. It was a noted meeting, and all Buffalo turned out to see the fashionable sport. Great old times.

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For thirty years the Buffalo Driving Park occupied a conspicuous place in the annals of light harness racing in America. Cicero J. Hamlin was the recognized father of the grand circuit. Year after year he was the controlling spirit in the management of the affairs of the association, and eventually purchased the interests of all of the stockholders. In 1888 great buildings were erected and the International fair, a big enterprise, was established. The buildings and finally the club house and grandstand were burned, at different times, and then the end came. During the past decade the once great driving park has been nothing but a barren field, fenced in on all sides with pretty residential streets and Humboldt parkway. The farm lands of 1866 is now in the centre of a rapidly growing section of Greater Buffalo, awaiting the development of man. That enterprising, far-reaching real estate gentleman hails from Toronto. He has grasped the golden opportunity which others overlooked, or hesitated, because of the large investment. Goodbye, dear old driving park and racing scenes of the sweet long ago, goodbye. A hearty welcome to the proposed progressive and modern developments in this delightful section of the Queen City of the Lakes.

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Col. Van B. Woodruff, of Oshawa, Ont., one of the best known horsemen in Canada, is spending his leisure hours this winter jogging a couple of high-class racing fillies purchased in New York a year ago. Hekla Constantine, a black mare coming 4, was sired by Constantine, 2.12½, dam Adette, 2.27 (half sister to Arion, 2.07 3-4), by Advertiser. The second is a pacing whirlwind called Ethel Tod, foaled 1908, by Todd, 2.14 3-4, dam Garnish, 2.18½ (dam of La Copia, 2.15 1-4, etc.), by Highland, 2.21 1-4. This young man possesses extreme speed, and will be raced this year. The Constantine mare trotted in 2.20 last fall, and is expected to do credit to her excellent breeding this year.

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Joe Patchen II., 2.17 1-4, owned by R. J. Mackenzie and trained by Havis James, is reported to be in splendid condition at Pleasanton, Cal., and will again be engaged liberally in the Grand Circuit events.

Star Pointer, 1.59 1-4, the first harness horse to pass inside the two-minute mark, died recently in Tennessee, at the age of twenty-two. Fifteen years ago at the old Readville Track Dave McClary had the honor of driving the first mile below two minutes when he stepped the big son of Brown Hal a mile in 1.59 1-4. Star Pointer was in the racing stable of Ed Geers at the covered track at the old Buffalo Driving Park seventeen years ago, when owned by J. W. Tilley of Chicora, Pa. This great son of Brown Hal, 2.12 1-4, had a record at that time of 2.04½, made at Terre Haute, 1895. According to Frank G. Smith Geers wanted Cicero J. Hamlin to buy Star Pointer, but the master of Village Farm did not like him. After Star Pointer took a record of 1.59 1-4 Mr. Hamlin was sorry he did not listen to Geers.

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News Expected From Rival Expeditions to South Pole

Generally Believed Explorers Reached Goal Long Ago—Scott May Return First on Account of Better Equipment — Severe Weather Encountered.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—News of the discovery of the south pole is expected to reach London at any moment, and already the newspapers are beginning to discuss the chances of the rival expeditions of Capt. Roald Amundsen and Capt. R. N. Scott.

The Westminster Gazette has a timely article by a man experienced in polar matters, who says: "At any moment one of the southernmost cable stations may spread over the world the message that the second of the great polar mysteries has been solved, and that an explorer has succeeded in doing in the Antarctic what Admiral Peary did and Dr. Cook said he did, in the farthest north.

"In the midst of all uncertainty all that we know practically certain is that the great race, which is surely the most remarkable that has ever been run, is by this time lost and won.

"Who was the winner only a cablegram from Stewart Island or Tasmania, to which it is expected Amundsen will steer the Fram, can tell us, but if Amundsen made the earlier start and the earlier return, the two expected messages should not be far apart.

"The Fram has the longer journey to make, and the Terra Nova is the faster vessel, so that what we are awaiting may actually be the result of a race to give the news of the result of the greater race that preceded it."

Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous Antarctic explorer, when interviewed on the subject yesterday, favored the chances of the Norwegian. "Of course, Capt. Scott has great experience," he said, "but then, you know, the Norwegians can live on the smell of a bone. On the other hand, Capt. Scott's equipment is splendid, and that is a great point in his favor. The two parties must meet somewhere on the journey. Whichever party loses in the race will join hands and come back with the winners. If they should both meet at the pole, it will be a race to see who sends the first news. Amundsen's ship is slower, but Scott has a party to pick up at Cape Adair."

A Copenhagen despatch says that the geographical society at Christiania held a meeting to discuss when Amundsen might be expected back from the expedition to the south pole. All the members agreed that no news of the expedition could reasonably be expected before March.

It was generally held that Amundsen and party reached the ice barrier long ago, but they were unable to advance, owing to the ice being much thicker than it was last winter.

It is also believed that they have better chances than Capt. Scott, the Norwegian explorers having taken dogs with them, as these animals can stand the cold better than the horses which accompanied the Scott expedition.

QUAINTED EASILY—BUT THEY DON'T.

Edna Ferber writes a fiction story in the March American Magazine, in which the principal character is Emma McChesney, a traveling saleswoman. On one of her trips she took her son with her, a boy of seventeen. This boy had to spend the night with a stranger in a country hotel. Next morning his mother asked him about his room-mate. The boy knew very little, not even with whom he stayed. Whereupon Emma McChesney broke out as follows:

"Men are the cussedest creatures. This chap occupied the same room with you last night and you don't even know his name. Funny! If two strange women had found themselves occupying the same room for a night they would not have got to the kimono and back hair stage before they would know not only each other's name, but they'd have tried on each other's hats, swapped corset-cover patterns, found mutual friends living in Dayton, Ohio, taught each other a new Irish crochet stitch, showed their family photographs, told how their married sister's little girl nearly died with swollen glands and divided off the mirror into two sections to paste their newly washed handkerchiefs on. Don't tell me men have a genius for friendship."

JACKSON AT THE SHOW.

The Jackson Company are showing several new models and a chassis, at the show in the armories. The Jackson has all the features of the higher-priced product, and are meeting with considerable success.

A number of out of town purchasers are negotiating for Jackson cars, and it looks like good business for them at the 1912 show. E. A. Wilson, 206 Lumsden Building, is the Western Ontario distributor.

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The following also sailed on the White Star Line Laurentic on a cruise to the West Indies and the Panama Canal: Mr. W. J. Fluery, Mr. Robt. Parker, Miss Frances Nelson, Miss Daisy Robertson, Mr. J. Harry Paterson, Mrs. Paterson, Mr. Jas. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicolle, Miss Ada Nicolle.

Dr. Wiley, the government expert in pure foods, writing in The Century Magazine on the prospects and drawbacks of getting back to the farm, states that farming requires the greatest industry, the keenest intellect and the best training of all professions.

A day's skilled labor on the farm at the present time, the writer declares, produces twice as much food as it did 50 years ago. Paying cash for labor is a burden to the farmer which is well-nigh intolerable, and yet if he does his own work, he must either have a very small farm or a very large family of boys and girls, who, moreover, are likely to leave him as they approach their majority.

What, then, are we to do to stop the flowing of the best blood of the farm to the city? The answer is a simple one—make the farm a more productive place than the city and its prospects for a career more certain.

When the city comes back to the country, it will come with culture, with intelligence and with knowledge. The science and art of agriculture, drafting into its service, as it is doing at the present time, every other science, will so increase productivity that no Malthus nor Sir William Crookes will ever arise again and prophesy starvation for humanity.