

HOW WE CELEBRATED.

A Large Crowd of People Spent an Enjoyable Day at Hope the Fourth of July.

The booming of artillery at an early hour on last Friday morning awoke our people from peaceful slumber, and reminded them that it was the glorious 4th of July, the 114th anniversary of our National Independence Day. Our townspeople were up and stirring around lively at an early hour, and the glorious possibilities of what the day might bring forth for the youngsters brought them out almost in time to greet the morning sun, their faces all aglow with eager anticipation of the pleasures which the great day would bring to them. People began to arrive in town from a distance quite early, and by the time the band boys assembled, quite a large number of people were gathered, and were escorted to the grand stand where the speaking was to be held, to the soul-stirring strains of patriotic music.

After Divine invocation by Rev. W. C. Whinnand, and an appropriate selection from the band, a masterly and eloquent oration was delivered by Rev. S. B. Mahaney, pastor of the M. E. church at this place. This oration was none of the old stereotyped 4th of July speeches handed down from generation to generation for scores of years, but was abundant in original and sparkling ideas, such as Mr. Mahaney always produces. We have heard many remark that it was the most appropriate address to the occasion that they had ever listened to. Atty. J. P. McMahon performed the part as master of ceremonies in a very dignified and graceful manner.

After dinner the crowd assembled at the race course to witness the races. The first race called was the four minute trot. There were three entries in this race, Rice's "Tom," Bentley's "Black Tom," and Dorrance's "Sorrel Dan." The race was for a purse of \$30, \$13 to first and \$7 to second, best two in three heats. Rice's Tom took the two first heats, which won for him first money, with Bentley's Black Tom second. Dorrance's horse for some reason was off, and refusing to trot was withdrawn in the first heat. The next was the pony running race for a purse of \$20, \$13 to first and \$7 to second, best two in three, half mile dashes. Only two ponies were entered in this race, Hench's "Deacon" and Sinclair's "Holtze," from Cooperstown. Three heats were run, the Cooperstown horse taking the first and last, and securing first money.

The next called was the free for all trot, in which two horses were entered. Hervey's "Tom Clay" and Luce's "Queen." The first two heats were won by Hervey's horse, he taking first money, \$20, and Luce second, \$10.

The last was the free for all running race. In this were entered three horses, Warrey's "Ike" and "Topo," and Hench's "Daley." The first was a dead heat. Hench withdrew his mare in second heat, leaving Ike and Topo to fight it out. Ike was declared winner in the next two heats, winning first money, \$14, Topo second, \$10. The races were quite exciting and interesting throughout.

After the races were over the crowd assembled to watch the game of ball between the Hannaford nine and the first nine of Hope. The game opened in a very one-sided manner, our boys getting nothing in their first inning, while the Hannaford team run in six scores in the first two innings. In the second, third and fourth innings our boys got there in great shape, running in seventeen scores. The Hannaford boys struck hard luck, and our boys kept the advantage during the entire game. The score stood at the completion of the game 27 to 13 in favor of Hope. The game was for a purse of \$25, \$15 to winners and \$10 to losers. There was no very fine playing done by either side, but the game was exciting and watched with considerable of interest, as ball games usually are. Mr. E. W. Blackwell, of Cooperstown, umpired the game and gave the very best of satisfaction. Indeed it was remarked that the gentleman was the best posted, and most just umpire that has been on our grounds in many years.

After supper a foot race was run for a purse of \$5, \$3 to first and \$2 to second best in 100 yards dash. Three parties entered this race, Mills, of Hannaford, Martin, of Page City and Bob Wilson of this place. Martin won by eight or ten feet, with Mills second.

Some balloons were sent up after dark, and presented a beautiful sight, one of them it is said, going several miles north of Sherbrooke.

The pleasures of the day ended by the grand ball given by the Hope Cornet Band. A large crowd of people were in attendance, and from four to five sets were on the floor during the entire evening. The dance was a great success socially and financially.

The day, on the whole, passed off very pleasantly, and we have heard of no one who was not well pleased with everything in connection with our celebration, and we think that we had our very fair proportion of the people to celebrate with us.

SCATTERING SHOTS.

Several stands dispensed sweets and also cooling draughts of lemonade here on the 4th.

L. A. Jacobson as marshal of the day, the 4th, looked quite prepossessing mounted upon his frisky steed, and he kept the best of order.

Millard Aarved, as assistant marshal, caught the eyes of the girls by the easy and graceful manner in which he sat his broncho, and he rendered valuable assistance to "Jake" in keeping everything orderly.

J. M. Stewart conducted an ice cream and lemonade stand in the west room of the Arcade building, the 4th, and supplied the people with delicious coolness.

Someone who evidently does not know more than the law allows him as to the eternal fitness of things, flung a large fire-cracker up the stairway adjoining Wm. Millinan's billiard hall, the day of the 4th. The smoke from the sawdust which it lighted was discovered issuing from the ice-box, which the fire had burned through, just in time to prevent a conflagration.

A fire-cracker was also thrown in the lower part of the building just across from the post-office, the upper part of which is occupied by the family of J. M. Ervin. It fell among some rubbish, setting fire to it, and was found and extinguished just in time to keep it from spreading.

The ball given by the band boys the night of the 4th, was a very pleasant affair. It was also quite a financial success, getting the boys about thirty dollars.