



Thomas A. Crow

World Horseman Often a Winner; Built Carriages

Thomas Alexander Crow, 82, internationally known horseman, died at his home on Victoria Park Ave., Scarborough, yesterday.

He had competed in horse shows all over the continent and in Britain and was guest of honor at the Canadian National Exhibition Horse Show during his 59th and final year of exhibiting in 1949.

Mr. Crow was born in Ellesmere, a short distance from his late residence, where his father was a blacksmith. He entered his father's business when it moved to Leslieville to build wagons and carriages. The firm moved in 1880 to Yonge and Isabella Sts., in Toronto.

Carriages made by father and son still can be seen in Toronto's horse shows during the CNE and Royal Winter Fair.

In addition to showing horses at the CNE with a record of classes won not exceeded by anyone, Mr. Crow and his partner, James Murray, competed at nearly all the larger horse shows in North America. They also competed at the Olympia in London.

They owned the Wasp, which placed second to a French horse in London in a class of 256. They also owned Confidence the highest-jumping horse in the world. His record, and it now stands, was 8 feet, 2 inches.

A few years ago Mr. Crow donated a sterling silver challenge trophy for the best Canadian-bred hackney horse entered in the annual CNE competition.

After his partner's death, Mr. Crow carried on with his horse breeding industry until he sold his farm about five years ago. He was a man with a remarkable memory and a sound knowledge of men and of public events, as well as horses.

He was unmarried, and predeceased by three sisters and a brother.