

## KETTLEBY CEMETERY

Now the labourer's task is o'er;  
Now the batter day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,  
Calmly now the words we say;  
Left behind, we wait in trust  
For the Resurrection day.

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Kettleby Cemetery Company was organized on October 4th, 1809. The first officers were:

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| President | - | Jacob Walton       |
| Secretary | - | Joseph Rogers      |
| Treasurer | - | William H. Proctor |
| Directors | - | William Fox        |
|           |   | Simeon Lemon       |
|           |   | Clarkson Hambleton |
|           |   | William D. White   |
|           |   | William Watson     |

The site was decided upon and five acres considered sufficient. However, later on a larger acreage was decided on and the purchase of seven acres was made from James Hunter, executor of the Toole Estate for the amount of \$528.00. The first fence surrounding the cemetery was of wooden pickets, the posts for which were purchased from W. C. Bogart at a cost of .11¢ each, and the lumber for the pickets from the mills of Henry Marsh at a cost of \$117.75.

An endowment fund was started in 1898 when Elizabeth F. Fox of New York City, widow of Vincent Fox, made a gift of \$100.00 for the maintenance of the plot of her husband. Since that time the Cemetery Company has had an endowment fund for all plots sold.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY - 1909

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King Township Telephone Co. held its annual meeting at Kettleby. The service and financial results were satisfactory. This line runs from Aurora to Kettleby and that vicinity carries at present 26 phones. Long distance connection with Bell lines on the Aurora switchboard gives the patrons communication to all parts of the province. They also enjoy an all night service and can get medical and other urgent calls through at any hour. The annual rent of phones is only \$10.00.

The officers of the company are:-

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| President      | - | J. M. Walton |
| Vice President | - | W. G. Curtis |
| Sec.treasurer  | - | F. C. Walton |
| Directors      | - | A. Hambleton |
|                |   | L. T. Watson |

(Photo taken on the first run to Schomberg)



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Schomberg Railway - Built 1902.  
Dismantled - 1928.

*Jollytown Base Ball Club - 1887*





KETTLEBY BOYS PLAYING HOCKEY BACK OF THE STORE: - Ira Clubine, William Proctor, Harvey Burling, Howard Proctor, Charles Davis, Fred Stephenson, George Stephenson, James Murray, Edward West, Marten Robinson, Thos. Burling, Rankin Hughey, James Rae, Wm. Ramsden, Fred Chappell, Pres. Dutcher, Townley Watson, Frank Paxton, Gerschom Proctor, Harold Murray, Lorne Stephenson and Lorne Bogart.

Red Cross Society  
Taken in Amphitheatre Park,  
Kettley, In 1915.



# KETTLEBY RED CROSS GIRLS AND ESCORT

raising Funds for Relief of Wounded Soldiers at

## PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

held under the auspices of King Township Reform Association  
at Kettleby on July 10th, 1915





## A GROUP OF NORTH YORK VETERANS

attending the Patriotic Demonstration held under the auspices of the King  
Township Reform Association at Kettleby, July 10th, 1915.

Top Row—George Teasdale, Charles Dennis, Thomas Davis, Dr. N. Pearson,

Lower Row—Elias Armitage, John Woodrow, Thomas Lloyd, Samuel Morby, John Wilkie, Mr. Clubine,

Aaron Haines, James Wolven, Edward West  
Malcolm McCallum

## DAN STEVENS AND HARRY NELSON

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Many years ago somewhere in the late eighteen hundreds two English lads from the Barnado Home for Boys came to Canada. One, Dan Stevens found a home with Mrs. Webb in the Springdale district (the farm now owned by Brock Rae). Harry Nelson, the other boy, found a home with George Ramsay on the fourth concession (the farm now owned by Mrs. Kerr).

Being boys well disciplined, they attended Kettleby Sunday School, and in due time became affiliated with the Sons of Temperance. Dan Stevens being musically inclined soon joined the Kettleby Brass Band, a flourishing organization of 28 members.

Time sped on and with it the outbreak of war in South Africa in 1900. With true British blood flowing in their veins when Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner to Canada, offered to raise and send a contingent overseas, these two boys offered their services. Harry Nelson was accepted but Dan Stevens rejected as he was small in stature. However, he waited patiently while the battalion was trained and ready to sail - very quietly he left Kettleby, made his way to the port of embarkation, which was Halifax. He got aboard the troop ship "Pretorian" before the soldiers were ready, found a satisfactory hide-out and remained there until the ship was out to sea before making an appearance. There was no alternative in those days but to take him along. To his great joy and greatest wish he was given a uniform and accepted in the battalion.

It was soon discovered he was a bandsman, so was made a bugler. A very proud and highly honored Dan Stevens sounded the bugle call when his regiment took part in the battle and relief of Paardeburg.

Hostilities ceased in due time and both boys returned to Kettleby and were royally welcomed by the people of the district. Harry Nelson had contracted fever overseas and passed on within a few years.

As we summarize: the contributions this community has given to our welfare and defence must not be lightly valued. We have John Black, Sr. fighting for Responsible Government in 1837, giving us the privileges and freedom we enjoy today; the record of the above two boys, and the splendid response to the call of duty in the Great War of 1918 and the war of 1939, which is so well known to all. The history of this locality and its record of loyalty is one of which we can all be justly proud.

## CAMP RICHILDACA

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Over 1,000 children from Toronto to Lake Simcoe have enjoyed the fun packed days at Camp Richildaca since its beginnings in 1957. Boys and girls come back year after year to learn, play and swim. This exciting day camp set in the hills and valleys of Kettleby grew out of the Richmond Hill Day Camp program, hence its Indian sounding name.

William Babcock, director of physical education at Richmond Hill High School, and his wife, the former Jean Archibald of Kettleby, began the camp in 1957 and have gradually, year after year, build up the facilities and activities.

Now, boys and girls from 4 to 14 enjoy swimming, canoeing, crafts, riding, camping out (for those eight and over) and nature study. The steep hills and quiet valleys of the camp site are wonderful for youngsters to work off excess energy and learn of the world about them at the same time. Mr. Babcock stresses that the purpose of the camp is to train children for living in the world about them.

His assistant is Brian Atkinson of Richmond Hill who has come up through the ranks of the camp. Brian is now taking physical education at the University of Toronto and no doubt his enthusiastic work at Richildaca has helped him top his classes at university.

Day begins at 9 A.M. for the campers. They have been picked up by busses from points near their homes with their picnic lunches and bathing suits at the ready. The 28 consellers and 8 specialists in swimming, canoeing, riding and crafts, are ready to take over as the busses unload in the parking lot. Groups of varying ages and interests go off with their consellers. Generally a group is supervised by a conseller for the whole day's program, with specialists taking over for the interesting activities.

Milk is available at lunchtime for those who wish it and after an active afternoon, the busses leave again at 3:30.

The highlight of the two-week camp period for all the older campers is the "Overnight". The groups stay for three days and two nights and have six meals which they cook on a camp fire. Boys stay Monday and Tuesday while the girls take Wednesday and Thursday.

The youngsters who don't stay overnight don't miss the camping out experience entirely since there is a noon cook-out which proves great fun.

A special Counsellor-in-Training course is also part of the Richaldaca program. For four weeks in July 15 and 16 year old boys and girls attend the camp, receive instruction and prepare themselves for the responsibilities of working with the younger children.

The second Thursday of each camp period is parent's night and the preparations are fantastic. Indian dances, skits and many other projects are presented to the visitors and the sing-songs around the campfire in the natural amphitheatre echo through the evening.