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JAMES P. DAWES DIED LAST NIGHT

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but the end came very suddenly.

The death occurred at his home at Lachine last night of Mr. James P. Dawes, one of Montreal's best known business men, and one of the heads of Dawes and Company, the big brewing firm of this city. Mr. Dawes has been in poor health for some years, due to an accident which occurred several years ago, but the immediate cause of death was heart failure, and his demise came as a great shock to his very large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city.

The late Mr. Dawes, who was 64 years of age, was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Ferris of this city, and his second wife, who survives him, was a Miss Brock, also of Montreal, and a sister of Mr. J. G. Brock. He leaves nine children, six by his first marriage and three by the second. Messrs. Norman and Kenneth Dawes, of Dawes and Company, are both sons of the deceased. Two brothers, Messrs. Amos and Andrew Dawes, also survive him.

The late Mr. James P. Dawes was born at Lachine, Que., July 17th, 1843, his father being James Dawes, brewer and farmer, who was of English parentage, his mother's maiden name being Mary Lewisham.

Mr. Dawes was educated in Montreal and on the completion of his education entered into active participation in his father's extensive brewing and farming operations at Lachine. Mr. Dawes had been associated with that business in connection with his father and his mother ever since.

Mr. Dawes was intimately associated with several outstanding financial and commercial corporations of Canada. He was a director of the Merchants Bank of Canada, vice-president of the Dominion Bridge Company, vice-president of the Windsor Hotel Company, president of the Dorval Turnpike Trust, director of the Alliance Insurance Company, etc.

Mr. Dawes was also a member of the Mount Royal Club, Montreal; the St. James's Club, Montreal; the Forest and Stream Club, Dorval; the Royal Montreal Golf Club; the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, and the Montreal Hunt Club. He was a life member of the Manhattan Club, New York.

A racing record which would be hard to duplicate in Canada is that of the late Mr. Dawes' stables -- for the Queen's Plate was won by his entry more than ten times. This is by no means his only record, nor perhaps is it his proudest, for in his over two-score years on the turf, he won some very sensational races. One that caused a great deal of talk at the time was a score of years ago, when a Grand National was held at Coney Island, and which was won by the famous Charlemagne in the well known black and red of the Dawes' stable.

Mr. Dawes' first race was in 1869, when he won the Queen's Plate with his bay gelding Lottery. This race was run at St. Hyacinthe. Since that date not a year has passed that his colors, well mounted, have not paraded past the judges' stand for a flat race or over the bushes.

The stables at Maplewood Farm were cut down from the days when a Boston or a New York meet was never held without a string of their best at the track side. Among the horses noted within the last few years there were Domitor, a handsome thoroughbred stallion; Showery, by Red Fellow, out of imp. Sleet, a good performer over the jumps. Zeadoma is a dark bay three-year old stallion by Defender out of Zea, and Patcholet, standard bred trotter.

Other occasions upon which he has won the Queen's Plate are:

- 1873 -- Mr. J. P. Dawes' imp. b.m. Minnie.
- 1877 -- Mr. J. P. Dawes' gr.f. Camilla.
- 1883 -- Mr. J. P. Dawes' b.c. Keewatin..
- 1889 -- Mr. J. P. Dawes' b.f. Zea.
- 1890 -- Mr. J. P. Dawes' b.g. Mokanna.
- 1892 -- Mamood, br.g. 3, 107, J. P. Dawes. 2.89.
- 1895 -- Zana, b.f., 3, 102, J. P. Dawes. 2.27 1 - 4.
- 1898 -- Rapid Belle, b.f., 3, 104, J. P. Dawes. 2.26.
- 1899 -- Acoota, b.f., 4, 117, J. P. Dawes. 2.23 1-2.
- 1900 -- Zyno, b.g., 3, 104, J. P. Dawes, 2.38 1-4.

Mr. Dawes also won the Montreal Hunt Cup, one of the oldest fixed turf events in America which has been competed for annually since its establishment, It is but a few years younger than the Queen's Plate, which is the first on the list on the historic fixtures of the American turf. Owing to the long list of keen competitions for this trophy, it is regarded as the premier trophy in Eastern Canada, and the ambition of every horseman is to own or ride the winner. He won this in 1881 with the Chestnut mare, Rose, ridden by Mr. J. Alex L. Strathy.

Mr. Dawes was for years one of the mainstays of the Bel-Air Jockey Club. He was the pioneer breeder of Canada and Siswock, who won so many races at Saratoga, was possibly the best one bred by him. Mr. Dawes raced all over the United States and his success on the turf was phenominal. Probably the most noted raced by him was Charlemagne, the one famous lepper. Other good ones that carried Mr. Dawes' colors to victory were Roonetta, Belle of Orange, Red Monk, Red Fellow and the famous Laurel.

The late Frank Owens was trainer of the string and was looked on as one of the best judges of horse flesh in this country. J. Alex. Strathy rode all of Mr. Dawes' horses in events for gentleman riders.

Pat Meaney, once a famous jockey, was the stable's regular rider.