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Lindsay Curling Club president Jack Beal holds up the 1881 parchment charter scroll of the club. On the right, long-time curler Ford Moynes, author of this article on the history of the Peel Street rink.

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Lindsay cradle of curling

It started here 'way back in '81

Lindsay, the cradle of curling, historically and traditionally dates the roarin' game of the besom and stane back to the year 1881. During the past four score years and twenty, the Lindsay Curling Club has given birth to many illustrious names in ciurlingdom.

mount of shares was set at \$10.

The club came under the Incorporation Act of 1887. The following names were on the Lindsay petition: John Dundas Flavelle, Miller; William Needler, Esq.; John McAlpine, Doctor of Medicine; William Alexander McLennan, Merchant; and James Merritt Knowlson, Insurance Agent.

The above gentleman and shareholders were granted permission to erect and maintain a curling rink and bowling green with power to lease the same and acquire the necessary real and personal property, by the name of the Victoria Curling Club of Lindsay Ltd. The amount of stock was as follows: J. D. Flavelle

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and William Needler each \$100; William McLennan \$70; John McAlpine \$80 and J. M. Knowlson \$30.

The Charter was duly issued by Lt. Governor the Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, member of the Privy Council for Canada on the Seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four.

The charter appears on large pages of heavy parch-

There were a number of big draws for handsome trophies and prizes.

Rinks in attendance included: Berlin 2; Orillia 3; Campbellford 2; Toronto 8; Waubaushene 1, Peterboro 4, Aberdeen 2, Bobcaygeon 3, Hamilton 2, Parkdale 2, Winnipeg 1, Port Hope 2, Millbrook 2, Lindsay 4, (skipped by J. D. Flavelle, Needler, McLennan and H. Ferguson), Whitby 2, Keene 2, Lakefield 1, Ux-

education than your children and mine received in the "Lit- the Red School House". I think the people of Ontario have come to the spot where they think they have reached the saturation point in education costs. For in the final analysis you and I are the people who foot the bill. Is it any wonder that Mr. Roberts had to impose another \$5.00 on our automobile license fee? Is it any wonder he had to up the amount we pay per gallon for our gasoline. Mr. Roberts is calling the tune and he expects