

Main Street Comments

R. F. Downey of Peterboro, is a gentleman wide and favourably known in Peterboro and Lindsay, largely because he spent some 22 years as Inspector of Public Schools in East Victoria, including the town of Lindsay, as well as over 30 years as a teacher in the Electric City.

Recently Mr. Downey arranged for two scholarships in connection with the new Trent University at Peterboro, one for the best well-rounded and well grounded student in Victoria County and the other scholarship for a similiar stu-

dent from Peterboro County. This, the first scholarship of its kind has been won in Victoria by Maxine Free of Omeeme. It is valued at \$100. The scholarships will be continued from year to year.

The former school inspector is also widely known as a curler and lawn bowler and he skipped a bowling rink to the finals last summer. He has been an opponent worthy of admiration and he has been a very fine exponent of curling and lawn bowling.

Fraternally Mr. Downey has filled many important positions in Masonry, is a past-Deputy Grand Master and a fraternal gentleman who is still active having a very retentive member as well as an excellent manner in delivery with the impressive parts of the ritual. Incidentally one of Professor Downey's pupils from school days is Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada. Mr. Pearson's father at one time was a Minister in Peterboro and the Hon. M. Pearson's grandfather was at one time a Methodist minister in Lindsay.