

The remains of the late Charles Lamb, a truly colourful, courteous gentleman were laid to rest in beautiful Riverside Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

Although death was not unexpected by friends and members of the family, yet the passing of the deceased gentleman came as a sad shock to hundreds of friends in the community and country round about.

The profusion of floral wreaths, the many telegraphic messages of condolence and the hundreds of people who visited the funeral parlour to pay their last respects to the deceased bore testimony to the high respect in which he was held.

The assembly included men in high position as well as several of his most loyal friends referred to as "the man on the street".

The writer had the good fortune to have known Charles Lamb from the beginning of his life in Lindsay and had the opportunity of assisting in rounding out many municipal campaigns and later on the joy of preparing and assisting Mr. Lamb in setting out material for his political campaign in the federal field of politics. Charles Lamb was a self-educated man and he on occasions had pronounced ideas which were made evident in his radio and platform talks, and well manifested in two of his addresses in the House of Commons. His oration on the Canadian flag issue was reprinted in many newspapers in Canada.

The late Charles Lamb held the record of having served on the council as a member and as Mayor of Lindsay for the longest time. In the early stages of his municipal career he originated the slogan of

“the full dinner pail” and he enjoyed the support of the labouring man.

In one mayoralty race he was opposed by former Alderman R. A. (Bert) Wainman who used the slogan “A full dinner pail plus the dessert”, but Mr. Wainman bowed to his winning opponent Charles Lamb.

In another battle for the mayoralty, the late Charles Lamb was opposed by two members of his council but when the polls closed and the votes were added, Mr. Lamb had more votes than the total polled by his two opponents.

In a hotly contested fight for the office of mayor on another occasion, Mr. Lamb met defeat but undaunted he faced the same opponent on the following year to win back his seat.

EAST CITY

In every contest for council, the late Charles Lamb polled large votes in the East Ward, the Ward he in later years called East City, and one of his finest achievements was the building of Lamb's Rainbow Bridge, a bridge across the Scugog connecting the East Ward with the South Ward.

In civic matters he played an important role as Mayor when Dan McQuarrie was the non-salaried Industrial Commissioner and when five new industries were brought to Lindsay in less than five

years, including Visking.

Charles Lamb was a lover of horses and when he operated his livery, he kept the best horses and treated them well and saw to it that his patrons did not abuse the animals.

He fitted well into harness as a member of the Ontario Racing Commission and it is recalled that when the writer was his guest at the new racing park at Ottawa, that he commanded the respect of the men who were handling the meet and handling the records. As a horseman he was called on to officiate as a starter at many track meets and he was admired for being fair and impartial. He placed many a prize ribbon on a winning horse and at one time entered a race as a driver.

For many years Charles Lamb was a Liberal in politics but like many another person saw fit to change and followed the Conservative Party. He was a surprised man when he was called on to stand for office in Victoria and Hali-burton. He became the vic-tor and entered the House of Commons and up to the time of his illness, he served faith-fully and well and at times was at his desk in the House when perhaps he should have been attending to his health. He enjoyed receiving many callers at Ottawa and parti-cularly was well pleased when he welcomed hundreds of stu-dents from his home riding at the house in Ottawa.

Yes, the late Charles Lamb was a colourful and courteous gentleman who will be re-membered for a long time to come.