

Prime Minister—two highly important and significant words that refer to the head of the Cabinet of the Dominion of Canada parliament.

The word "Premier" apparently means exactly the same as Prime Minister with the important difference that Premier normally relates to the head of the Provincial Cabinet and Parliament.

Canada and Ontario has been served by a number of big men and the Town of Lindsay and the Counties of Victoria and Haliburton have had the honour of seeing and hearing several of these distinguished gentlemen.

Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's Confederation Prime Minister visited Lindsay and according to historians, addressed an audience as he stood on a small balcony that projected out on Kent Street from the then and now, Town Hall. At the time the Lindsay Opera House occupied the top floor of the Town Hall. The late Sam Howe, a former Lindsay tinsmith, recalled hearing Sir John at that time.

Not too many prime ministers have visited Lindsay but in former days governments (Conservative and Liberal) appeared to have longer lives than in more recent years.

Hon. R. B. Bennett (C) is remembered as guest speaker at a rally held on behalf of the late T. H. Stinson, when the honourable gentleman from Western Canada (a newspaper magnate) was the Prime Minister.

Hon. Arthur Meehan, of Toronto, when prime minister visited Lindsay. He was looked on as one of the finest orators on the political stump. He was Conservative.

Honourable John Diefenbaker (C) packed the Academy Theatre a few years ago when he was Prime Minister.

In provincial politics, one of the brilliant premiers was a man named Mowatt and he was in Lindsay back in the days when Hon. Casey Wood, of Lindsay, was a political Tory hero.

Premier Hon. James Whitney (C) as well as Premier George Henry (C) both addressed large gatherings in Lindsay. Premier Mitchell Hepburn was one of the most colourful Provincial Premiers to visit Lindsay.

Hon. L. M. Frost as all residents are aware, was one of the most popular and lasting chief administrators the province ever had.

Premier John Robarts has also spoken in Lindsay and was guest speaker at the "Frost Day" held at the Fair Grounds.

The above memoirs come to light following the announcement that Hon. John Diefenbaker is about to revisit Lindsay.

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Recently the flag on the town flagpole on Kent Street was lowered to half mast, marking the passing of a former member of town council, J.C. (Jim) Kingsborough. He will be remembered by many citizens as the gentleman who operated a concrete tile business on Angeline Street south.

He will be remembered as a soldier veteran, by many as a staunch supporter of the cause of Liberalism in the arena of politics but many ratepayers knew him best as a Councillor.

In his service as a representative of the people he is remembered for his clear thinking and his ability to express his opinions. He was never backward in coming forward and he was able to help solve the problems of his

constituents to their liking,
and to their benefit.

His passing is regretted by
many citizens.

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A former resident of Lindsay passed away recently at his home in Ottawa, in the person of P. L. Nesbitt.

The deceased dental surgeon was a brother of the late Dr. Howard Nesbitt who for many years practiced dentistry in Lindsay and in Haliburton. The late Dr. Percy Nesbitt was for some time a tenor

soloist at Cambridge Street United Church and for several years was much in demand as a tenor soloist in Ottawa and district.

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Merle Dickerson of North Bay, former Lindsay businessman and for seven years the Mayor of North Bay, renewed acquaintances in Lindsay 'ast weekend. "This town has an atmosphere of prosperity that I never noticed before," said Mr. Dickerson. "I walk down the main street, and I am sur-

prised by the bustle and hustle. I see at the entrance to the town the population is 11,500, and the Chamber of Commerce tells me it is now closer to 12,000. I also see new homes and new industries—this town is on the move," he said.

Ex-mayor Dickerson of North Bay added: "There is also an enthusiasm here that I never noticed before."

Merle Dickerson is well remembered for his energetic spirit when a resident of Lindsay, especially concerning all Hydro-Electric matters. For seven years he was the mayor of North Bay, and in that period of time put the northern city "on the map". While chief magistrate of the town, he was also Industrial Commissioner and he landed a number of industries, as well as the airport.

He was North Bay's "live

wire". He was a delegate to England as a Commissioner and also had an audience with His Holiness the Pope.

He said that North Bay now had sunk into apathy and lacks the progressive go-ahead spirit so manifest in Lindsay. Merle Dickerson has decided to once again seek the office of Mayor of North Bay, following an absence of four years from the political scene. His local friends believe he can accomplish the task.

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NORAD is a word often spoken but defined very rarely. North American Air Defense Command was the subject of an enlightening and interesting address given to the Kiwanis Club of Lindsay recently by Monty Robson, Registrar of Deeds for Victoria County.

He gave a vivid description of the mammoth cavern, many

thousands of feet below the earth's surface, the gigantic apartment structures, the large and exceedingly overpowering and complicated IBM machines, and the manner in which every detail of national defence is taken care of, and a word picture of what is taking place in case of an enemy attack. *

The speaker concluded by saying how proud he was to be a Canadian. The base at North Bay proved to be a re-convention. Mr. Robson attended.