

“Lindsay Boy Makes Good”. This might well be the caption for the story with a distinct local colour which follows.

Ossie Newton, a businessman of Trenton, conversed with Howard Williamson and Arthur Beal a number of years ago. This was a casual and unexpected meeting between three gentlemen who in their younger days in Lindsay, were three good hockey goal-keepers.

Ossie Newton played in the nets for Tony Bakogee's Olympias, while Arthur Beal and Howard Williamson were netminders for the Lindsay Collegiate Institute.

Ossie Newton was born in Lindsay, a resident of the South Ward, and after a term in the South Ward Public School, he moved on to the old Union School, which was called a grammar school. It

was located immediately east of the L.C.I. and will be well remembered by former students because of its English architecture.

"Well do I remember my teachers" observed Mr. Newton. "Sammy Armout and Duncan McDougal, as well as a dear middle aged teacher at that time, Miss "Peekey" Ward as she was familiarly known. The caretaker was a man named Brampton, a kindly gentleman who seemed to work very hard. Then I had to start work" Mr. Newton added.

"Sutcliffe and Sons, as well as the Jonh Wakely Store were two of the best and I worked in both" said Mr. Newton. "I recall such counter clerks as Bill Ferguson, Ernie Ferguson, Bert Parrish, A. Hooper, Miss Stabley and others".

The Sutcliffe store was located where Zeller's now stands and the Wakely store was next to the present Dominion Bank. Mr. Newton said the Sutcliffe store did a tremendous business and Bill Ferguson was an expert sign writer and advertising man. Later Mr. Wakely moved to Ottawa where he was quite successful as a builder of homes and apartments.

All three men in the conversation remembered the welcome which was extended by the people of Lindsay to veterans returning from the Boer War, especially to the then Col. Sam Hughes. The three gentlemen were mere boys but the home-coming registered in their minds.

"Kent Street was decorated with evergreen arches, and hundreds of flags decorated the stores. Merchants as well as townfolk seemed to go in for decorations of flags and streamers in those days" said Mr. Newton.

Two of the three remembered that the welcome was extended officially from a band stand at which time was located on the Town Square, to the north of the present "Carnegie" library. Mr. Newton's memory carried him back to the present days when there

was a small frame church on this park where his grandfather Newton preached. In later years grandfather Newton was canonized.

Hockey and baseball days and games came back to mind. The Olympia team included Bill McMahon, Horace Metheral, Harold Mercer, the Carew brothers, C. Shields, C. Stoddart, McElroy, the Spratt brothers, Coombs and others.

“The old rink on Lindsay Street was the scene of many battles and there was always a number of teams in the town league, and when Peterboro played here . . . well, that was the time when there were fights on and off the ice and sometimes the referee had to duck out a side door to avoid being mauled”, Mr. Newton recalled.

“The Express nine was one of the best baseball teams”, he continued; “I remember that Bob Menzies was connected with the ball team and I also recall as a boy the Hallowe’en tricks we played on Mr. Menzies. He was proud of the U.S. flag he used to hang out on his verandah but he called the police in one night when some of the older lads cut the Stars and Stripes to pieces with a knife. Then too there was the time when a large rain barrel was leaned up against the front door, the bell was rung and when the door opened the hall was flooded with water. That was not nice but many pranks of this kind were played in Lindsay in my boyhood days”.

Since moving to Trenton when he was a young man of 22 years of age Ossie Newton has been quite successful. He established a fine store business handling ladies' and men's clothing. Business was good and the store grew with Trenton. For over 14 years Ossie Newton has been on the Board of Management of the Trenton Memorial Hospital, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, in which organization he is quite active, and he is also identified with other organizations in Trenton.

While in Lindsay, Mr. Newton visited with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Newton, Cambridge Street South.

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Caustic comments at the Conservative headquarters Monday night following the victory of William Scott and the deluge suffered by the Liberal candidate David Logan, included the following:

"Mr. Logan took the wrong stand when he brought Provincial matters and County problems into the campaign. It looked as though he dictated to the County Council regarding the problem at the County jail. That was a mistake".

"Logan was too young and should have remained in municipal politics and won his spurs there before stepping into Federal politics".

"It is quite evident that the Liberal exploitation of the Bobcaygeon bridge boomeranged".

"I feel that the Logan attack on Scott where he was practically accused of bribing the In-

dian vote in Rama was ill-timed and worked against Mr. Logan”.

“Believe it or not, I know that many people voted against Mr. Logan just because he is a lawyer. The fact that Mr. Scott is a business man helped him win an election”.

“True the vote in Haliburton village and district was against Mr. Scott, some 68 votes, but that was really offset by the advance poll when 80 residents who voted were definitely Conservatives, so Haliburton actually remained in the Tory column”.

“I feel that the Liberals lost many votes because of the way they handled the young students from Trent University at the Pearson meeting. Some of the ardent Liberals made a mistake when they personally tackled these young students. Mr. Pearson urged that the students be left alone, but some stalwarts of the Liberal party interfered. That did not help David Logan”.