

Confederation centennial projects and ideas can be counted in the thousands across the length and breadth of Canada. Some towns are even renaming old historic streets and pioneers parks, — not a bad idea.

Should any changes be contemplated in Lindsay, MacDonnell Park might become McConnell park, although the present park has been well-named MacDonnell. It was however Thomas McConnell, then proprietor of the Royal Hotel who donated to the town a large tract of land to the east of the present Canadian Legion hall.

At one time before large passenger steamers plied their side-wheel way through adjacent waters, McConnell's property extended out in to the Scugog River and away beyond the present government wharf, and it extended westerly to close proximity to the present Legion Hall.

Victoria Park might perhaps be renamed Sylvester Park to preserve the name of the original donor to this parkland to the town. Too often pioneer names are totally forgotten. Victoria Park in the opinion of many citizens should never have been chosen as a site for the Chamber of Commerce building, a structure which in the opinion of many, detracts—from the beauty of the park.

The Tourist or Motor Car Camp on Lindsay Street South, a beautiful park, might be called Kylie Park in memory of a gentleman who was a blacksmith by trade and a citizen who did much to build Lindsay when he was in council, and as mayor.

It is stated on good authority that Richard Kylie was the man who started the idea of creating a motor car camp.

Kawartha Park is a beautiful and one well named, but it might also have been called Kylie Park for it was this public spirited citizen who pioneered the idea of the town creating a park in the present lo-

cation. Apparently the then vacant field was high in grass and weeds. It was owned by a citizen who lagged in his taxes to the extent of some \$1,200. The town council took steps to sell the land for back taxes when Richard Kylie dreamed of the field becoming a park.

Lindsay needs a park, he told Council, but the elected representatives of the people did not think along the same line. Kylie, it is stated today, banded together a group of citizens who backed his park idea with \$100 cheques. The owner was paid \$3,000 for the field and was able to pay his back taxes.

A group of citizens planned the beautification of the property and incidentally blocked the plans of the town council to extend Peel Street from Albert Street to Adelaide Street. This group included such foresighted citizens as W. J. Carlisle, Donald McLennan, Miss Flavelle, Miss Hooper, Mrs. W. G. Dunoon, Alf Johnston, Mrs. Adelaide Gregor, and others.

The park was landscaped and it was decided to plant a peony and rose garden at the upper north end of the park. Messrs. Carlisle and McLennan pursued the idea of applying to the then Prince of Wales for a donation of peonies. Action was immediately forthcoming and peonies were secured from greenhouses in the province. The peony plot is still in existence.

A sundial which was purchased and installed by Lindsay Collegiate teachers has long ago disappeared, as has a wading pool for children donated by the Kiwanis Club.

In closing, let it be chronicled that Lindsay has a number of lovely parks and the plan of the Parks Board to further beautify the banks of the Scugog River is a commendable one, and the extension of Lindsay's parks will, in a few years be a credit to the foresight of the present parks board.