

"I remember some Lindsay Preachers"

Preachers were often called "sky pilots" and referred to as "men of the cloth". They were once held in higher respect and looked upon in reverence, more than they are today. Today many ministers are addressed as Bob, David, John, or Harry. No parishioner would dream of exercising such levity in the years gone by.

Citizens of every faith were wont to tip their hats when they addressed Canon C. H. Marsh. He had every appearance of being a Christlike man - and he was. He used to carry the Bible, prayer-book, and other articles in a large black bag tied with a rope cord, and the bag was generally slung over his back. He was tolerant, kind, and gracious, and generally addressed the men as "Mr".

Rev. Dr. Shorey, and Rev. Dr. Bishop had much in common — they were good preachers and fine pulpit men; Dr. Bishop was a man of great sincerity.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan was a man tall of stature and tall in his thinking. He, as well as Rev. James Wallace believed in mingling with men and taking part in their day-to-day activities. Rev. Wallace was a deep thinker and in later years forsook the ministry to become a successful medical man.

Rev. Hueston laboured in the days when salaries were small and congregations were equally small. He was a lover of the outdoors and had one of the first summer cottages at Pleasant Point.

Rev. Mgr. Whibbs was a tall man, a fine looking priest and quite dignified, while Rev. Mgr. Casey was kind, benevolent and humourous. He was a very friendly man, exceedingly dedicated to the church and a man fond of people.

Rev. McMullen and Rev. Phelps were in some respects two of a kind, hard working in pioneer days, both of whom laboured long and hard in establishing congregations.

Rev. A. J. H. Strike, tall and gracious was a conscientious worker, as a minister, sincere in his beliefs and well able to present his beliefs to his congregation.

Rev. A. J. Goldring as well as Rev. C. D. Cross were among the younger rectors in their time in Lindsay. Both gentlemen had the faculty of cementing congregational members and both were recognized as faithful exponents of the gospel.

Rev. W. H. Barraciough, dark with flashing eyes, was of the evangelistic type, and was inclined to scold congregations, but a minister who had strong following in the church.

Rev. G. H. Holmes was a minister who "wore well" with congregations. He was vigorous in delivery and ever evangelistic.

Rev. Joseph Rea! was short of stature but active and vigorous as a minister. Rev. C. H. Coon was a builder of churches as well as congregations and a man of fine personality.

Rev. J. C. Grier was a preacher of fine pulpit appearance, a splendid exponent of the scriptures, and a minister who gathered friends around him.

Rev. Father Charles Key, was a congregational priest who was strong with the young people in particular

and a great lover of clean and wholesome sports.

Rev. R. Maconachie, a man of broad minded views, was a favorite in many homes in the Parish.

Rev. Bilkey, small of stature but a dynamo of service especially among young people, was a singer of note and a gentleman who was also gifted in amateur theatricals.

Rev. E. Val Tilton, a breezy preacher from the Canadian West, who was quite emotional in his fervour and zeal, and a minister who possessed considerable eloquence.

Rev. Dr. F. H. McIntosh, one of the first ministers who was called by his first name, was a man of sterling character, fine pulpit appearance. -- A man who had great ability for delivering concise, interesting sermons. He was a man who was a gentleman among gentlemen.

Rev. Hamlet Wolfrain, young as a minister in Lindsay, was a diligent worker and a friendly minister. Rev. P. C. Reid, short of stature, but a prayerful, sincere preacher and teacher of the Faith, also filled the pulpit with fine dignity.

Rev. Dr. Holling was a leader in the church, a man of strong convictions, a hard hitting preacher and a man who loved music. One of his hymns may be found in the hymnary today.

Rev. A. K. Edmison and Rev. John Scott were preachers who commanded great respect for their good work and their stout sermons, and were men with kindly understanding hearts.

Rev. Barry Armstrong, Rev. Stovell, and Rev. William March, all forsook careers as successful business men to enter the ministry. They were three practical ministers who combined hard work with their preaching and their administration of the congregations.

Rev. J. J. Black carried strong Scottish interpretations and teaching of the Bible into the pulpit. He was a man who was able to hold the rapt attention of the congregation in his exposition of Biblical facts.

Rev. Donald McQueen had one of the longest ministerial terms in Lindsay. He was a man with the will to do right at all times and a minister who through the years increased his congregation and developed the church in many avenues of service.

Rev. H. B. Neal was a hard worker and a man of great energy. He was able to build a larger congregation and enlarge the financial status of the church. He was a minister who made and retained many friends.

Rev. Walter Auld spent twenty years as pastor of one flock at Midland. He was very popular as associate minister of Cambridge Street United Church. The recently deceased gentleman was widely known beyond the confines of one church. He had an exceedingly kind and understanding attitude and approach to the many problems of the day.