

From time to time, "Main Street" comes in contact with unusual items and articles. Information is wanted regarding a baseball souvenir. This medal bears the initials — "L.T.B.L.", meaning Lindsay Town Baseball League. It shows two baseball bats, crossed, also the date 1905.

Between the bats there is the formation of a fox or dog head and at the bottom of the old souvenir are the initials — "J.N.G.". What team was honoured with this type of souvenir, and what do the initials stand for?

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For several years past, new media, teachers, preachers and leading statesmen in all ranks of life have been saturating the minds of people with the need for higher education.

Higher education in Lindsay unfolded for the first time well over a century ago, probably over 110 years ago, when the itinerant preacher arrived on horseback, when meetings were held in small log homes.

Months ago, when a partition was being removed in the Central School at the corner of Kent and Albert Streets, the affable caretaker Earl Mark came across a very hard piece of panel, some three feet long and three inches wide on which were written the date the present school was erected, and the names of the carpenters and the caretaker. The Central School was built in April, 1911 the carpenters were John Flurey and A. Bowerman. The caretaker's name, according to the board was Reeves Whiskers, which might have been the nickname for a caretaker named Reeves who wore whiskers!

Information to hand dates the first school on the above property as having been built around 1857, and it was known as the Union School. The second public school was built three years later on the western side of the property (a hundred feet east of the present collegiate) and was known as the Grammar, and later the Union School.

It was a remarkable build-

ding, with a number of interesting and at one time beautiful turrets with four large class rooms. It was built on elevated ground, the wooden platform along the east side being three feet high. At the north was the residence of

Caretaker "Daddy" Frampton, remembered by many today as a man short of stature, with white hair and a kindly disposition. Some of the teachers included Miss Ward, Duncan McDougall, Samuel Armour, Norman Black, and the principal for Lindsay schools at the time was Gideon Broderick.

The old Union or Grammar school was later occupied by the Manufacturing and Brass Metal Works, a firm which later on occupied a concrete block factory immediately to the west of the present Queen Street United Church.

The addition to the present Central School was built some four years ago and another addition is to be erected in 1966.

It is interesting to note that three of the students at the first school on Albert Street were Eustace Hopkins, Richard Bryson and Franklin Crandell.

It is understood that Victoria School in the East Ward is now the oldest. The original south ward school, the original north ward school and the old Francis Street School have long since disappeared.

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The Town of Lindsay will be receiving, indirectly, some fine publicity in forthcoming years. Brian O'Neill of Montreal, who has been named the direct understudy to Clarence Campbell, the successful and controversial President of the National Hockey League, is a son of Stafford O'Neill, a native son of Lindsay. Brian O'Neill will be the Business Administrator for the N.H.L. and the natural successor to the presidency.

The smart N.H.L. executive's father, Stafford O'Neill, was born in Lindsay and after leaving school served an apprenticeship with the firm of Dundas and Flavelle, operators of a large departmental store on Kent Street, which later became the home of the T. Eaton Company. Later, Stafford O'Neill moved on to Toronto and was in the office of the Canadian National Railway. He became associated with the office management of the Laura Secord Candy Company, when the manager of Secords was the late Frank Shannon, a Lindsay boy.

For a number of years past, Stafford O'Neill has been car-

rying on business in Montreal.

Albert O'Neill of the Lindsay Assessment Department, is an uncle of the new appointee to the National Hockey League.

Brian O'Neill, 37, has been business manager since 1962 of the Financial Times, a Montreal business weekly. He is a commerce graduate of McGill University where he played inter-collegiate hockey. Before joining the Financial Times, he spent nine years with Wallace Publishing Company of Montreal where he was responsible for the publication of eight business periodicals.

As business manager of the Financial Times he has been responsible for all administration outside the editorial area - - supervising circulation, sales promotion, production and space sales.

The announcement from the N.H.L. regarding the appointment of Brian O'Neill to the new post of administration manager, in which he is to be groomed as a possible successor to president Clarence Campbell, said, "He will, in effect, be my understudy and will learn all phases of the operation at headquarters." The appointment is effective April 1st.