

Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Six was an important year in Lindsay. It was the year the late Judge John A. Barron introduced the game of Hockey to the sports-minded people of this fair County Town. Judge Barron was a Member of Parliament for South Victoria, having had the distinction of defeating the late Major General Sir Sam Hughes, who was at the time Colonel Hughes. Judge Barron was a Liberal in politics.

While in Ottawa, Judge Barron, then a young lawyer, met the late Lord Stanley, the gentleman who launched the famous Stanley Cup on the horizon and the hockey map of Canada.

Here is chronicled the historic fact that a son of Judge Barron named Fritz, was one of the originals on the first Lindsay senior team and a few years later while playing hockey in Winnipeg was laid low on the ice by a puck which struck him in the heart. His Honour Judge Barron completed his life on the Bench in Stratford when he was County Judge in the County of Perth.

Cliff Gladman of Lindsay, a son of the late Postmaster Henry Gladman, who was a member of a formidable Lindsay Collegiate team in the distant past, possesses a keen and retentive memory and a few days ago recalled the names of a number of players who played for Lindsay in the early days when local teams played in Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Port Perry, Orillia and Fenelon Falls, and he also remembers the day when the Lindsay seven played in the old Mutual Street rink in Toronto which at the time was considered to be the luxury ice palace in Ontario. These were the days when pucksters in Lindsay graduated from the Scugog River, ice covered fields in the vicinity of the

fair grounds and Carew's Mill to the old "hat box" on Lindsay Street South which was owned by Joseph Parkin and managed by George Coombs.

Talk and write about strenuous hockey of today! In many ways it could not compare or "hold a candle" to the hockey of olden days. The nets were not anchored as they are today and there was no goal keeper's crease. The team was made up of seven players without subs and two long periods were separated by a ten minute breathing space. Players were on the ice for sixty minutes with hardly a let up. There were no subs. The seven men included a goalkeeper, a Point, Cover Point, a left and right defence, a centre (or rover) and left and right wing men. Players were not bulging with knee and shoulder pads, did not wear shin pads and helmets. These were never dreamed of. Long black (sometimes red or white) stockings were topped with a pair of white pants of the bloomer style covering the knees and later many teams wore short white pants with very little padding.

Most players wore their dress gloves and some had improvised padded gloves. Sweaters were usually heavy knit and at times were doffed when the going became strenuous and fast. Players skated like demons and trojans until at times their tongues hung out. Body checking was stiff; knees and elbows were used as part of the rugged game and fist fights were not uncommon. The fans loved the game and so did the players. It was natural ice and the lights were small incandescent bulbs, high up off the ice. Once and awhile defence players were able to relieve the pressure by shooting the puck high up into the wooden beams.

According to Mr. Gladman players of the original team in-

cluded: George Kemp, son of Dr. Kemp who lived in the present home of the Lindsay Private Hosital on Ridout Street; Fritz Barron, son of Judge Barron; "Bucky" Knowlson; Vince Keenan and his brother; Dr. Fred Walters, a dentist; A. Pike, who became a speed skater and a champion in Canada and the United States.

A later team included: Joe Matthews, a soldier in the South African War who later lost his life in the First World War; Herb. Callaghan, said to have split boards around the ice by his hard wrist shots; Jack Rankin; Art. Parkin, Manager of Lindsay's Midget team; W. Gross, son of Dr. Gross, a dentist.

A third and younger team of champions included: Cliff Gladman, son of Postmaster Henry Gladman; Herb Moynes, a cousin of Ford Moynes; Fred "Goosie" Taylor, who played on many teams and was also a Coach; Arthur Simpson, Hotel keeper and once Manager of the Lindsay Midgets; Dr. W. Brown who moved to London, Ont.; Col. Fred Hopkins who was killed overseas; Harry Timms, R. Thompson, Geo. Kemp; B. Knowlson and Vince Keenan.