

Historically speaking, the following letter "Early Days in Victoria County" may interest many readers — it is reprinted from "The Post of an undetermined date.

"To the Editor, The Lindsay Post": Dear Old Post, I speak with justification as I remember reading The Lindsay Post when living in Eldon Township, a couple of miles back of Kirkfield, in 1862-65. Our principal literature at that time was The Post, The Globe and the shorter catechism. Frequently we found sufficient matter of interest in the former to keep us busy until it was time to go for the cows, and so we lapsed from grace in neglect of the catechism.

In those days Lindsay was our city of refuge; our Mecca, to which we made pilgrimages by wagon, with wheat or other grain; nor slept till we returned — a trip of 56 miles! How would some of the youths of today enjoy such a trip?

These were the days of open voting and my first vote was a choice between McRae and Cameron; I voted for the man I knew, just because I knew him, and with as much knowledge as what the candidate proposed to do for us as the steers I drove.

Lately I renewed my interest in the county, and when I visited my old haunts I found everything much changed from the times when we oiled our hair, donned a paper collar (Comet) and took our girl to a dance where the orchestra was a single fiddle, and the fiddler placidly drunk, and when the affair was over we lighted our fair one to her home with a torch of cedar bark.

Yes, times have marvellously changed in many ways in Victoria County. Lindsay is a substantial clean kept city and the north part of the riding has been much improved, particularly in ranching. I hear of one rancher — Mr. John Sheridan — who for the last ten years has paid out to the farmers of the neighbourhood, over \$100,000 per year. Some

80 to 100 farmers winter from 80 to 1000 head of cattle for him in Mariposa, Ops, Fenelon and Somerville, and he ranches some 1200 to 1500 cattle every season in Bexley, Carden and Somerville.

Surely this is a great advantage to the community and worthy of public recognition. I do not know his mind in this matter, but as I have heard him highly spoken of as a man of sterling worth and cultivated tastes, would it not be of general advantage to the county to run Mr. Sheridan as an independent candidate in

the coming Federal elections. He might or might not accept, but the need of this trying time of Canada is to seek out someone who can afford to be independent of party politics.

Hoping you may find space for this and promising you further short screeds as opportunity permits. Yours, D. S. Macorquodale, 500 Dovercourt Road, Toronto."

Reference to The Post of 1862-5 in the letter would be The Canadian Post, which was incorporated in The Evening Post later renamed The Lindsay Daily Post.