

ON THE MAIN STREET

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Lindsay's participation in Sports of all types and brands dates back into the Eighteen Hundreds and it is safe to say that more people took an active part in Sports in the early days than in this modern age. Cricket was one of the oldest when Lindsay had a fine crease on the present Central School grounds, when the players appeared in spotless flannels and wide peak caps. Tennis was played on a double court located at the South-east corner of Mill and Russell Streets. Baseball was played on almost every vacant lot (and there were many of them) but the earliest diamnod was probably behind a high board fence which almost surrounded the block bounded by Victoria Avenue, Melbourne St., Cambridge St. and Glenelg St.

when the catcher played with bare hands and there were no wire masks. Curling had its first home on the Scugog River and the first frame building curling club was located on Victoria Park. There was a Bicycle Club and cyclists wheeled to Toronto and as far east as Montreal on rocky, dirty roads filled with ruts. There was a Canoe Club with quarters on Kent Street East. Horse races were held on Sturgeon Lake in the winter months and at the present Fair grounds. Hockey had its origin on the Scugog River and the first so-called mammoth rink was on Lindsay Street South. The Lindsay Checker Club met in the first Legion Hall on York Street and the Whist Club met in the second story of the present Academy

Theatre. The Rifle Club met in an old drill hall located where the Sylvester plant was formerly situated and one member took part in the Bislely match in England. Footballists set up goal posts on the old Union School grounds and Lacrosse was played in the present Fair grounds.

Bowling on the green, now called lawn bowling, "saw the light of day" when the first two greens were located on the present library ground on Kent Street and among the first players were Adam Watson and Bill Ferguson. Later the St. Mary's Church had a large club with greens at the corner of Glenelg and Huron Streets when the players included Larry O'Connor, Joe Houlihan, Aubrey Brennan, John Rogers, Harold Rogers,

Leo Rogers, John Turner, Geo. Fellion, George Bell, Tony Bakogorge, Howard Williamson, J. Gillogly, The St. Paul's Bowling Club started when the bowlers at St. Mary's were squeezed out by a building expansion. Prominent members of the Anglican Club included George Baldwin, Laverne Gamble, Harry Norton, Art Gamble, Chas. Moase, Orville Culbert, Charles Bell, Russell Lamb, Lloyd Davis, Don Blackwood, Stanley Coombs and many others.

When objection was raised to the greens being close to the Rectory, St. Paul's Club gradually folded and the majority of players joined the Community Bowling Club some forty-two years ago when eight fine greens were rolled out on Kawartha Park, the local club being one of the finest smaller clubs in this part of the Province today. Many members of the Club have car-

ried off prizes at many Ontario tournaments, including the ships. These players have included Bert Everson, Charlie Moast, Orville Culbert, Percy Skitch, Sid Elsdon, Harold Dickey, Leo Rogers, A. Jeffries, Aubrey Brennan, Harry Norton, Marshall Stephens, Charlie Heels, Lloyd Davis, Russell Lamb and others.

The Lawn Bowling Club has been particularly fortunate in having the support of the ladies and the same fact holds true regarding the Curling Club.

The Town of Lindsay has been a splendid sporting town despite the fact the coming of the motor car, the development of summer cottages and other aspects of progress have cut into active participation in many of the games. Despite this fact the Town has continued to maintain a fine average in connection with good wholesome amateur sports.