

A visitor this summer to the Victoria County Historical Society Museum expressed interest in the history of Lindsay. Contacting a local historian he read with interest, information regarding prominent people dating back to 1877.

A Town of Lindsay directory reveals the following facts: The town council was comprised of Thomas W. Poole, M.D. (Mayor); William L. Russell (reeve); Thomas Walters (1st. deputy reeve); James Deacon (2nd. deputy) and councillors - North Ward - Eustace Hopkins; George Ingles, James L. Winters. South Ward - William Duffis, Jay Ketchum, James T. Mann. East Ward - John W. Diament, James Growden, and Timothy Heenan.

Municipal officers included police magistrate James W. Dunsford, Clerk and treasurer James B. Knowlson. Assessors Benjamin F. Hewitt, and John O'Connell. Collector Benjamin F. Hewitt. Chief Constable John Douglas. Sanitary and Street Inspector John C. Rodden.

Fire department personnel included Malcolm Morrison, chief engineer, Thomas Williams, assistant, John Makins, mechanical engineer; Frank R. Weston secretary, P. McDonald assistant, and B. Cook treasurer.

Water was supplied by hydrants of which there were twelve in number, which were supplied by rotary pumps of the Waterous System of Fire Protection.

County Officers in 1877 were\* County Judge William W. Dean; Sheriff George Kemp; Clerk of the County Court Surrogate and deputy clerk of the Crown William Grace; Crown lands agent James McKibbin; County Attorney and clerk of the peace A. P. Devlin; Registrar Hartley Dunsford; County clerk and treasurer Thomas Matchett; county auditors James McKibbin, and J. R. Dundas; Auditors of accounts for administration of justice James McKibbin and Col. Deacon; Registrar of the Surrogate court William Grace.

County Council 1877: War-

den William L. Russell of Lindsay; Joe Staples of Bexley; W. B. Read of Bobcaygeon; J. W. Dill of Bracebridge; James Taylor of Carden and Dalton; A. Spring of Draper; Thomas Stevenson and John Bailey of Eldon; J. D. Naylor and Amos B. Coates of Fenelon; James Dixon of Fenelon Falls; John Bailes of Laxton, Digby, and Longford; Thomas Walters of Lindsay and Col. Deacon; W. H. Brown of McLean and Ridout; E. A. Bowes, Robert Adam and Robert Irwin of Mariposa; W. H. Cottingham of Omemee; Andrew Walker and James Bryans of Ops; John Fell of Somerville; William Parker of Stephenson; and Charles Fairbairn of Verulam.

Military personnel; No. 6 Company, 45th. Battalion Volunteer Militia, organized in 1866. Captain J. Arthur Thirkell; Lieut. D. N. Morrison; Ensign John Nugent. There were 42 members.

**Bands** - Harris' Orchestra, organized in 1875. Thomas Harris leader. 45th. Battalion Band - organized in 1874. William S. Graham bandmaster.

**Newspapers** - The Canadian Post, published every Friday by Charles D. Barrett at the foot of Kent Street, over the Post Office. The Victoria War-der, published every Thursday in Hamilton's Block, on the north side of Kent Street, by Edward Flood.

Educational - Board of Education - William Grace chairman; David Brown, James Keith, Col. Deacon, S. Corneil, James Heap, Alex Wray, James LeRoy, William B. Fee, Captain Crandell, James T. Mann, Samuel Irwin, Robert Sphier, Secretary treasurer, and James H. Knight inspector.

**Churches** - St. Mary's Church (Catholic) located on Russell Street, Rev. M. Stafford, priest; St. Andrew's Church (Presbyterian) on Francis Street opposite the Court House, Rev. James Hastie, pastor; The Bible Christian Church, on Cambridge St., Rev. John Guard, pastor; The Baptist Church on Wellington Street, corner of Sussex, Rev. William Prosser, pastor; The

Canada Methodist Church, located on Cambridge Street, corner of Bond, Rev. Charles Fish, pastor; The M. E. Church, located on Peel Street near Cambridge. Rev. B. L. Hutton, pastor; St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) located on Kent Street near Cambridge, Rev. William T. Smithett, D.D. incumbent.