

"C" stands for cricket and "C" stands for curling, two of the greatest and best games ever to come out of Scotland and England. Although the cricket game has long ago passed into oblivion in Lindsay, there are many citizens who remember the years when Lindsay had cricketers, the days of J. C. Grace, J. C. Harstone and others. The days when the crease was on the campus east of the old Grammar School on Kent Street West. The days when Lindsay clashed with teams from Toronto, Peterborough, Port Hope and Cobourg. The days when the players were "dolled out" in nifty white flannels, white shirts and colorful peak caps. The days when the fans, also decked out in their best garb, cheered and clapped their favorites to victory.

Cricket was a scientific game and a good player had to be fleet of foot, possess an eagle eye, and be in good physical condition, and no player ever thought of, much less practiced the idea of imbibing. Lemonade and sarsaparilla were just right to quench the thirst.

The story of the besom and the stane, known as curling, dates back to the days of Peter MacMillan, of Beaverton, who introduced the Dean of Curlers J. D. Flavelle to the game. Flavelle was a natural athlete and he could beat all comers in school games and later became a curling champion.

He was short of stature and on the curling ice he became an expert. He was a strategist who was able to build ends and many times out-generated his opponent. He was the personification of enthusiasm and fair play and possessed the ability of enthusing his players and getting the very best out of them.

Great days for the Lindsay Club included the winters when Flavelle took rinks to the International bonspiel at Winnipeg at his own expense and the Lindsay club has been on the map ever since. Those were the days when citizens at home met the Lindsay champions at the railway station and held a torch light procession to the rink. Those were the days when the players carted their own curling stones to Toronto and other places.

Curling history was recalled recently by a Fenelon Falls disciple of the game. "I well remember the curling days of such players as Alvin Gould, Vicars, Chas. Burgoyne, Harry McCallum, Jim Daniels, Alex Northey, Fred McDermaid, Bert and Art Robson and others. There was lots of fun, like the time a Fenelon rink played in a bonspiel at Bobcaygeon and because of a snow storm, had to spend the night in the Rockland Hotel and George Potts, the proprietor, interfered with the fun of Art Robson and others who were stopped having a game of curling in the upper hall and were using under the bed "chambers" as curling stones."

Lindsay curlers took time out from work to take part in the home and home games with Fenelon Falls for the Hopkins - McDermaid cup, with Beaverton for the Hopkins - McMillan cup, as well as with Peterborough for the Morrow cup, with Oshawa for the Carew - Drew cup, and with Orillia for the District Cup.