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Lindsay had its share of citizens who have been recognized as good sports. Prominent in this category was Richard P. Butler and everybody called him Dick. He could be termed an all-round good citizen. He was a good sport and as such did a great deal to introduce, promote and carry on a good program of sports in Lindsay and district.

Dick Butler caught the eye of those interested in various branches of sport when he was proprietor of the Butler Hotel, a building now occupied by Fee Motors at Kent and Cambridge streets. He was brought up in the hotel business when the Butler's ran a hotel at Lorneville in the days when the village was the hub for a number of railway lines.

As a young man he became interested in baseball, hockey and curling but the main game he was adept at was curling. Besides being a past president of the Lindsay Curling Club his name appears in gold letters on a couple of Ontario Tankard banners in the Lindsay club house.

It was while he was on the reportorial staff of The Daily Warder that Dick started sponsoring hockey and baseball teams and he did such a good job in hockey that he was elected President of the Ontario Hockey Association.

He purchased hockey equip-

ment for many Lindsay teams.

Dick Butler had a very busy time when he was president of the O.H.A. He was equally as popular and as busy when he was a curler and he played the game well.

For several years Dick Butler sponsored juvenile baseball teams and he was a staunch supporter in the years Lindsay had a fast and victorious Central Ontario Baseball League which comprised Lindsay, Peterborough, Oshawa, Port Hope, Cobourg, and Belleville, the days when Lindsay had five paid players from out of town. Butler became one of the official baseball umpires.

In other sporting activities Dick Butler was one of the first of hundreds of owners of private motor launches and his boat the Arrahwana was one of the most popular on the Scugog River and Sturgeon Lake.

This same gentleman was behind many athletic events and associations and he was interested in municipal politics in the Lindsay town council and later as Warden of Victoria County. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus fraternal society, and a Past President of the Lindsay Central Exhibition. When a Curler he accompanied the late J. D. Flavelle twice to the International Bonspiel held at Winnipeg. In his time no one in Lindsay did more for the promulgation of sports of all kinds than Dick Butler, all at his own expense. He was one of the sporting "greats" in Lindsay.