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# ON THE MAIN STREET



Reeve John Campbell of Woodville was elected Warden of Victoria County Tuesday. The impressive ceremony was in charge of County Clerk and Treasurer Frank L. Weldon who has been the officiating official for over three decades. The same round tin jar used for balloting half a century ago by the late J. R. McNeillie is still being used.

The Senior Ex-Warden at the ceremony was ex-Reeve of Verulam Township Tommy Martin who sat in the chair of the Warden in 1938 and he has lost very little of his vigor and still is one of the most free and easy eloquent speakers in the County.

Ex-Warden Martin has been in the midst of municipal life for many years, being past Reeve and Warden. Not long ago he could trundle a curling rock with the best of the Bobcaygeon experts and at the same time he could hold his own on the political platform and take his part in a Masonic Lodge.

He walked two miles from his home to board the C.P.R. train at Bobcaygeon, when he paid his fare, had a meal in Lindsay on a Council pay of \$5 a day. Now it is almost four times this amount plus mileage.

The former Warden also recalled the days when C. L. Miles was County Engineer and the Board visited such places as Kirkfield. Still on the Five per day basis. A wonderful dinner was held in the Kirkfield Inn and cost was only \$1.00, the service excellent and no tips were thought of.

The Inn which was a beautiful rought cast and frame structure and in old English style, was erected by Lady MacKenzie, whose home was at one time on a farm in Eldon Township near Bidy Young's Corners. The Inn was destroyed by fire and was never rebuilt.

Former Warden Martin urged Councillors to be agitators

if necessary in their Council deliberations.

The statement of former Warden of Verulam County that "something should be done regarding the high cost of Education was acquiesced in by Mayor Eakins of Lindsay and Victoria County should receive more Provincial help and that an effort should be made to spread development industrially to towns like Lindsay and Counties like Victoria before they are to a degree taken over by cities like Oshawa, Peterborough and other places.