

Prominent men in Lindsay and district in the past: Senator McHugh is remembered not only as a Liberal politician in Victoria County, but also as a one time superintendent of the Lindsay Central Fair for over 25 years. He was born in the Township of Ops in 1845 and his parents came from Ireland. He was a grandson of Sergt. Roger McHugh who served under Wellington. He was elected to the House of Commons at the general elections in 1896 and was called to the Senate on January 21, 1901. Mr. George Hodgson, Melbourne Street, is a descendant of the McHugh family.

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Robert Bryans was for many years connected with the coal and wood business in Lindsay on King Street. For some years he conducted a farm at Hillhead and became president of the South Victoria Agricultural Society.

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Another faithful supporter of the Lindsay Fair was Major E. H. Hopkins who was a successful farmer living northwest of Lindsay. His father was manager of the Bank of Upper Canada in Lindsay for many years. Major Hopkins was a member of both the Town Council of Lindsay and the Township Councils of Ops and while Warden of the County he was responsible for the installation of the first heating system. For many years he was connected with the 45th Regiment.

Judge John A. Barron commenced his law practice in Lindsay at the age of 22 and became a Q.C. in 1890. He served Lindsay on the High School Board and as reeve for many years. In 1887 he represented North Victoria in the Liberal interest. He was for many years a Judge in the County of Perth, and resided at Stratford. It is understood that Judge Barron was one of the original founders of the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the championship of hockey in Canada when he was a resident of Ottawa. A son of Judge Barron, a brilliant hockey player, succumbed to a heart attack when he sustained a blow over the heart from a hockey puck while playing in Winnipeg.

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Recently a Lindsay bread truck stopped at a local Supermarket. The driver carried hundreds of loaves of bread into the store and it was learned that over 800 loaves had been delivered to this one store for the weekend customers. It was evidenced time and time again that the farmer's wife of today does very little home baking and the writer was informed that many of these women cart home in their limousines as many as 10 and 15 loaves at a time. In very few farm homes today can be smelled the wonderful aroma of home made bread.

Man men and women of today can recall the golden days of the past when as farm boys and girls they watched mothers and sisters working over a huge batch of dough and saw large pans of bread and buns come out of the kitchen stove oven. These were the days when the man of the house drove several miles to the near-

est grist mill and brought home bags of flour. Gradually the art of home made cooking disappeared and today very few farm wives or village and town wives follow the old home remedies, and concoctions.

Lindsay had it's share of bakers in years gone by and in this Centennial year some are recalled to mind. One of the first was a gentleman named Jasper Bate who operated from his home in the North Ward and later established a Bake store on Kent Street. Mrs. Gertrude Waite, Victoria Avenue is a daughter of Mr. Bate.

Many decades ago the Pilkey family, prominent in the life of Lindsay, operated a bake shop on York Street south, south of Russell Street. Bobby Wells had a bakery on St. Peter Street near the Scugog River and Norman Brown, a resident of St. Peter Street, recalls a baker by the name of Gifford — who wanted to start a shop of his own in the North Ward and was given his first start by the late Thomas Spratt. Gifford had no money but was loaned the flour by Spratt who in turn sold the bread over the counter in Spratt and Killen's Store. The original output of a dozen loaves was soon multiplied by several dozen.

A. B. Terry had a bake shop and a confectionary store on Kent Street where the Kent Cleaners are now located and Mrs. Harold McMullen, Bond Street, is a daughter of Mr. Terry.

A bake shop on Queen Street was operated by William McWatters who progressed to the point where he opened up a bake shop and confectionary and ice cream parlour where the Henry Houzer Men's Wear Store is now situated. As time went on Mr. Walter McWatters carried on this business. The McWatters Bake shop on Queen Street was taken over by the Trent Valley Bakery.

Another well known baker

was Jimmy Allen who operated from a large shop on Victoria Avenue North which was later owned by a W. J. Bryson, followed by Trent Valley Bakery.

A. Wileman operated a bake shop on Kent Street East and a man named Powers, shop and confectionary outfit on William Street North.