

Memories of Lindsay — On request the following historical article has been written by a former Lindsay newspaperman, Leonard D. Nesbitt, of Calgary, Alta. The writer was at one time the owner of the Bassano News and also the Brooks Albertan, following which he was for a number of years Publicity Agent and Secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool. The article:

### **MEMORIES OF LINDSAY**

You asked me to look back along the corridors of some sixty years of time to tell about people I knew in the old 'home town' of Lindsay. You say that such will interest people now living there. Now I have lived in Alberta for 57 years and have not been back in Lindsay for 15 years but I still have fond remembrances of my boyhood days in the town of Lindsay on the Scugog river.

My teacher when I started to the Francis Street school was Miss Workman and next the famous Miss Jennie Wray, known as 'Banty'. Then in the North Ward School was Miss Lumsden and Miss Thomas. In the Union School was Miss Ward and Norman F. Black. In the Collegiate Institute the principal was J. C. Harstone, and among the teachers were: E. A. Hardy, Jas. Colling, Mr. Rosevear, Miss Staples who taught French and I think there was a Mr. Cornish.

Principal Harstone's salary was \$1,500 a year. I thought if I ever could obtain such a salary I would be in clover for the rest of my life. He was known by the nickname of 'Shorty', wore a beard, tried to get us to play cricket instead of baseball and was a very fine man. He told me that I would get along all right for before I undertook any task I would make a study of it to find the easiest way to do it.

The L.C.I. had a baseball team which was entered in the town league under the name of 'Outcasts'. The reason therefore was that Mr. Harstone did not want the team to play in the league but wanted us to play cricket.

Lindsay had a crack ball team in the Midland League and they won the championship one year. The team, as far as I remember: catcher Bill Cinnamon, pitchers Teddy Miller and an import known as 'Curly' McLaughlin, 1st base Danny Sinclair and Norm McGill, 2nd base Herb Workman, and George Little played third base; short stop Bert Menzies and I know that Bill Stalker played outfield. Fred Perrin from Little Britain may have been on that team.

There was a town league, too, and I remember best 1906 the year the Wideawakes from the North Ward were champions. On that team were H. Williams and Bill Williams, Cuthbert, Little, McIlhargey, Soanes, Sharp, H. Hopkins, Cinnamon and Workman. Herb Workman won the batting with a mark of .468, W. Cinnamon was second with a point less and, believe it or not, I was third with .400 mark. My pal Dick Grey wo

the strikeouts with 62. He was a fast ball pitcher and I afterwards thought he might have made the big leagues if given a chance. Herb Workman was also a top notch ball player and might have gone further if he had the opportunity. If I remember right Dick Grey and I played with the Y.M.C.A. team in the league.

As far as I can recall only one Lindsay player made the Big Leagues. His name was Bill O'Hara and he worked in the Sylvester plant when play-



with Ford Moynes

ing for Lindsay. He went up to the New York Giants.

Dick Butler played for a while and was known as 'Home Run' Butler. Then he took up the duties of umpiring. He was a good friend of mine.

Rev. Jas. Wallace was president of the Town League and Leigh R. Knight was secretary. Sammy Ferguson was score keeper.

Now I do not know how many of the folks I mentioned are living today. I have been saddened by the loss of many, many friends in recent years. The years, like great black oxen, tread the world, and the Man with the Scythe goes along.