

Political history in the Riding of Victoria and Haliburton involved many medical men including Dr. J. W. Wood, Dr. Adam Vrooman, Dr. G. W. Hall, Dr. Foster Graham, Dr. McKay of Woodville, Dr. Mason, V.S., Fenelon Falls. What helped to defeat Dr. Wood? A good question. It was the decision of the Conservatives to issue and widely circulate a newspaper called the 'Wood Advocate'. Thousands of copies were dropped from an aeroplane, especially over the Omemee area where the Liberal strong man Fred Sandy resided. It was a common expression heard to the dismay of Tories: "If Dr. Wood can squander money that way, he is not going to spend our money at Ottawa," and he never got the chance.

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Some members of the County Council, in debating the welfare problem, claim that in many instances some men receive more money than they might be paid if working on a daily job. It was recalled a few days ago by a reader that several years ago conditions were so tough in Lindsay that the Council had a Chairman of Relief who had supervision of a large wood pile on the market square and when men applied for a pittance of relief for their families they first had to provide their own saw and then do hard labor by bucking a cord of wood. Farmers made a good day's pay when they loaded sleighs and hauled the cord wood to the Lindsay market square. Some times the Town paid as high as \$1.50 a cord.

It was tough sledding for many an honest family and the men who were out of work generally had large families.

Remember the Winters when there was a soup kitchen in the Armory? The days when able bodied men failed to have work and had to appeal for relief and forget their pride and be glad for a hand out or a relief voucher? Small frame houses were many in Lindsay some years ago and many families were very poor and lived in small quarters, had so little wood for the stoves that fences and sometimes sidewalks were used to keep the old wood stove going. It is recalled that when members of the Kiwanis Club handled the Stocking Fund, when hampers filled with groceries were placed on the bare kitchen table that usually the hard working mother shed a few tears when she feebly used the words "thank you" and "God Bless you".

The entire picture changed several years ago when the Government instituted a Welfare Department, when shacks gradually disappeared and both the father and the mother started working and bringing in the money. Yes, conditions have changed and all for the better. What a change!

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Remember the days of the Lindsay Advancement Club

and the annual Winter Carnival held on Kent Street? Many farmers will. The days when sports were held on Kent Street? When there was an open market in the Town Hall where farm women sold butter, eggs, headcheese, buttermilk, sage, pickles, apples and even knitted sox and made lovely aprons? When Neill Callaghan, the market clerk, walked around the tables and used white chalk to mark the display of produce and the fact that the rent for the space was paid for. Tom Arnold, a farmer on the sand pit road, sold pork by the carcass or the quarter and farmers placed their sleighs loaded with cordwood on the market square and then placed their horses in nearby livery stables while they very often warmed their chilled bodies with long swigs of good lager beer

The carnival was a great day and the hard working organizers included — Allan Gillies, publisher of the Watchman Warder; Felix Forbert, a boot and shoe dealer; Pat Breen, the man who owned Breenlands on Genelg Street west of Albert; Bill Carlisle, of the Neill Shoe Store; Harry Brimmell, of the Dundas and Flavelle Store and other business men.