

The generous and wholesome spirit of friendliness and co-operation between the citizens of Lindsay, Canada, and the people of Nayoro, Japan, which have been twinning for many months, was consummated in the proverbial "Blaze of glory" this week. The splendid idea culminated in the fine civic demonstration held on the town hall platform when His Worship Mayor John Eakins was tendered a departing bon voyage prior to his departure for the Orient.

His Worship was literally loaded down with gifts and souvenirs and one of chief importance and significance was his personal gift of a beautiful and specially made canoe paddle, the finest Canadian wood, carved and moulded by Chief Whetung of the Ojibwa tribe at Curve Lake Indian reserve. The paddle and a number of miniature paddles were the personal gift of Mayor Eakins who believes the Japanese dignitaries will cherish a gift made by the pioneer red men of Canada.

His Worship also took with him several pair of gold cuff links bearing the beautiful Lindsay crest. His Lindsay consignment of gifts included a list of the School Teachers and Principals of Lindsay to be presented at a special dinner of Educators in Japan; the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce engraved gavel and miniature podium. A special letter from Lindsay Board of Education and School Teachers. A gift from the Lindsay Song Spinners. A personal letter from Dr. C. W. M. Service of the Lindsay-Japan Twinning Towns. A picture of the Lindsay Kinsmen Band. A gift of money to Mayor Eakins from the Lions Club and one from the Kinsmen Club. Letters from pupils of the Leslie Frost Public School. A gift from the Board of Governors of the Ross Memorial Hospital, and a number of personal gifts. A gorgeous corsage was a gift to Mrs.

Eakins, who accompanied her husband the mayor, and a corsage was presented to Mrs. G. McElroy who with her husband will be travelling companions of Mayor and Mrs. Eakins.

Readers of Main Street will enthusiastically and sincerely join in wishing the Lindsay party bon voyage and happy landing in the return journey to Lindsay in three week's time.

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Lacrosse was once recognized as Canada's National game, but lacrosse years ago went into a period of decline from which it has never recovered. Lindsay had a reputable team but was never in the same ability class as the famous "Checkers" team of Beaverton. This team for a time conquered every foe and at one time was tops in Ontario, and it was reported "beat the pants off such champions as Orangeville and Bradford to the West and Cornwall and

Renfrew in the East. The game was so popular in Cornwall that a factory manufacturing lacrosse stick did a lucrative business.

There are senior citizens in Lindsay and Beaverton today who remember Peter and Duncan McMillan of Beaverton, backbone players in the Checkers team, who were also fine curlers. In fact it has been recorded that Peter McMillan was the individual responsible for starting the game of curling in Beaverton in the days when the late J. D. Flavelle started the game in Lindsay.

Turning back to the hockey arena and the exhibitions of teams from Bobcaygeon, Woodville, Haliburton, Little Britain, Sunderland, Cannington, and Woodville areas recalls to mind the winter nights when the Hughes Cup tournament and the Felt Cup tournament once packed the Lindsay arena, when special trains were used to bring down hundreds of wild enthusiastic fans from Haliburton to witness battles between the North and the South for the Hughes trophy and trains from Toronto brought trams and fans to the Felt Cup, especially the Toronto Telegram team and teams representing the Mecca Grill.

Other entries for Lindsay tournaments included Port Perry, Oshawa, Sunderland, Max Brandon's Colts from Fenelon Falls, Ace Nicholls and his Bobcaygeon Bob Cats, Louis Yeotes and his Petes, N. Blair and his Oshawa All Stars and Parsons and his Omemee Black Hawks. Claude Austin, the one arm strong man from Kinmount and Joe Isles, a player with the Haliburton Huskies along with Ron. Currie.

At this period Lindsay had teams always battling for supremacy with players like Les. Richman, Ike Eberts, Elwood Coombs, Pinkey Preston, Bill McMahan, Horace Metherell, Harold Wood, Greenie Williams, Buffer and Dids Reeves.

Organized and fast competitive hockey today has dealt a death blow to the old time rivalry when a good skater and a young fellow with lots of wind and steam held the fort, so to speak. The machine-like brand of hockey today is undoubtedly tops but cannot be compared to the old time brand for thrills and spills and rabid rivalry.