

Practically every hamlet, burg and town can boast of having produced champions of some sort, breed or brand, and Lindsay has not been the exception. Outstanding was the year the Lindsay Red Birds won the Midland Baseball League championship and the year the Lindsay Midget Intermediate hockey team brought fame and glory to the Town, and Lindsay had its share of stars like a son of Judge John Baron played professional hockey with Winnipeg, a star whose young life was ended when struck on the heart with a flying puck.

J. D. Flavelle was a champion curler and won trophies in Quebec and Ontario as well as at the mammoth Winnipeg bonspiel.

Walter Reesor, Manager of the Lindsay Hydro, played a game or two of lacrosse with the Beaverton Checkers, champions of Ontario. John Randell of Lindsay was a member of the New York champion hockey team — and so on. Very few senior citizens remember a champion by the name of Albert Pilkey of Lindsay. Clifford Gladman, Victoria Ave., does. Pilkey was a speed skater in the days when skating was a major sport. He started on the Scugog River and graduated to the old rink on Lindsay Street South. He was brilliant on the silver blades and won championship events in Toronto and New York. If Lindsay had a "Hall of Fame", and why not?, the name of Albert Pilkey would be inscribed.

Another name of a champion for Lindsay's "Hall of Fame" would be Major K. A. Williamson, who on two occasions was a member of Canada's rifle shooting team at the annual match held in England.

Hockey has replaced lacrosse as Canada's National game. Both sports have had their share at being at the pinnacle in sportdom in the fair town of Lindsay.

Lacrosse, a game of Indian origin, was at one time the roughest, toughest game in these parts, in the days when the game was played in the Lindsay agricultural grounds. Players had to be fleet of foot and pretty much an African dodged to escape being "floored" by a clout on the head. It was a bloody game at times, but it was a game requiring speed, skill and brawn. The indoor game of today is entirely different.

Lindsay was overshadowed by teams from Peterborough, Uxbridge, Beaverton, Cannington, Bradford and Orangeville, but Lindsay players like Walter Reesor, George Caruthers, "Slats" O'Riley, and a one armed fast player "Curley" Elliot, were outstanding. The latter was a drug clerk in the Phil Morgan store, O'Riley was a printer, and Reesor was manager of the Lindsay Hydro plant. Peter and Duncan McMillan of Beaverton, were among the best, and they introduced the game of curling in Lindsay.

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Upwards of 100 years ago there was a cemetery on the west side of the Verulam

Road, opposite the Hutton farm, and it has been stated that there were approximately 15 or 20 tomb stones marking the last resting place of many pioneers.

Several years ago the monuments, as well as many caskets were removed to beautiful Riverside Cemetery, south of Lindsay. Strange to relate and for no particular reason, one lonely isolated granite monument still remains upright in this ancient burial ground and the engraving has withstood the ravages of thousands of storms of rain, wind, snow and sleet.

This piece of granite bears the name of a pioneer, John H. Bradshaw, and the date of the interment was in the year 1871.

Apparently the Bradshaw family was well known and the nearest relative is also believed to be Mrs. Margaret Bateson, now residing in Peterborough.

The Bradshaw family at one time operated a hotel at the corner of King and Lindsay Streets, a block more familiarly called the Waddell block. One of the Bradshaw Brothers was named Archie who is also recalled as a Game and Fish Inspector.

In the same period of time it is related that there were two or three other hotels on King Street and that the eastward was also the heart of the business life of the town.

There was a hotel in what is known as the Ross Morrow home, where it is stated evidences of the bar room equip-

ment are still to be seen in the cellar, and also on the ground floor where a wide board surrounds three sides of a large front room.

It is believed customers once tipped their chairs back against the wall to gain a more lazy and comfortable position while engaged in the habit of imbibing what was understood to be powerful and potent hard liquor.