

The “key has been turned in the lock” at the Peel Street curling rink and another successful season has been ended.

Curling is one of the oldest

types of sport in the world. The game originated in Scotland when it was played on the rivers and creeks, when the players wore tams, long coats, yarn mitts and a scarf around the throat, and many tied in their coats with long scarfs, chiefly red in colour.

The first curling broom was something akin to a switch and later the Scots brushed the ice with a brush like the old time mop. Then followed the long straw broom. When several rinks from Scotland visited Lindsay years ago the players used the brush broom.

As there were no indoor rinks at the time in Scotland, all games were played on ponds and frozen streams and it is reported that when the game was introduced in Lindsay, rinks were laid out on the Scugog River.

For a time the game was played in a skating rink on Victoria Park. Lindsay's first modern curling rink was built on the south-east corner of William and Russell Streets, the present location of a modern bowling alley. It was a tall structure with heavy beams. When the Club purchased the present site on Peel street the building was moved almost intact to the Peel street site.

History records the fact that the game was actually introduced to Lindsay by the Mac-

Millan Brothers of Beaverton who invited the late J. D. Flavelle to try out in a game at the Lake Simcoe village and from the start Flavelle was a "natural" and became almost uncanny in his skilful exemplification of the game. Flavelle travelled to the east to Montreal and Halifax and several times skipped Lindsay rinks at the largest bonspiel in Canada at Winnipeg.

Lindsay men took to the game and the Club has always

flourished. Several coveted banners are still on exhibit at the Lindsay rink.

Cup games between Clubs in the district were at one time very popular with annual competitions with clubs in Toronto, Oshawa, Orillia, Beaverton, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and Peterborough.

The popularity of curling increased when the game was organized at the Collegiate Institute and very much so when the Ladies Club formed.

Today the Lindsay Club  
continues to be one of the best  
in "Curlingdom."