

One of Lindsay's most colorful citizens in the distant past was a lawyer by the name of Weldon. He always signed his name as a lawyer "I. E.", but his best friends never called him Isaac, but always "I. E."

As a lawyer he was a good "pleader" and he defended many accused people and as far as was known never demanded cash in advance. He might have been called a philanthropist as he never pressed for legal fees and was always ready to plead the case of the down-and-outs and many inebriated individuals.

This barrister seemed to do his best thinking in court when chewing on a stubby bit of pencil.

One of Lawyer Weldon's most famous defences was his handling of a case when a young man was found guilty on a charge of murder. He put up a masterly defence and the accused received a light sentence and was released from the "pen" to return home and again was absorbed into society.

This same barrister also received the recognition and thanks of hundreds of farmers and other citizens, when he took on the task of getting the government to rush to the rescue of hundreds of depositors who, in the natural course of events, would have lost all the money they had at the time.

Another side of this man's character became very evident when he directed a large portion of his estate to be utilized in providing scholarships for Victoria County, grades 12 and 13 graduates.

Years ago this same gentleman was legally involved in

the famous Miller will, an unusual legal document which distributed thousands of dollars to mothers with the largest families. One beneficiary was the Kenney family, originally from Lindsay, a family that Mr. Weldon "went to bat for."

A few Sundays ago a beautiful stained glass window was unveiled in Cambridge Street United Church, in memory of a Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon, members of the church many years ago.

"I. E." was a gentleman who had his "ups and downs" in life, "a scholar and a gentleman".