The chronicler of this column wishes to pay humble respect to the memory of the late Neill Gregory.

As a member of the Gregory family he followed in business in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in the drug store business and the name Gregory goes back a couple of generations in this category. He succeeded his father as a member of the Ross Memorial Board of Governors. He followed his father as a member of the Riverside Cemetery Company and he followed his father as a member of the Lindsay Curling Club and as the years went by he became Vice President of the Board of Governors of the Hospital Board.

The late Neill Gregory had a natural flare for business and he was possessed with business foresight and as a result he experienced the successful business results when he became the owner of the Gregory business block extending from the store at Kent and William streets, north to the Lindsay Monumental Works.

As a member of the Masonic Lodge he was probably the first to suggest that the Faithful Brethren Lodge obtain a permanent home for the Lodge and at that time advocated the purchase of the Sylvester Home at the corner of Victoria Ave., and Peel Street. His property holdings included the ownership of several hundred acres of lakeshort land in Haliburton County.

The deceased gentleman had an eye for rural life and scenic beauty when he purchased the property on the peak of what has been historically called the "Fenelon Hill", north of Lindsay, a location where he was able to survey the country for miles around.

The late Neill Gregory was a pioneer in the radio business in Lindsay and district and when in a reminiscent mood he could recall the time when the first location of the Lindsay Machine Telephone was located on William Street and when the first telephone in Lindsay was in the Gregory store.

It is also of interest to note that the first long disance call was from the Gregory store when the Machine telephone was in service between Lindsay and Peterborough.

The name Neill with two "L's" was the spelling of his mother's maiden name, a member of the Peterborough family of Neill.

The late Neill Gregory was one of the best exponents of the game of curling and in his day skipped Lindsay rinks competing in bonspiels in Winnipeg, Fort William and in many Ontario events. Many people will cherish his memory in the years, for a long time to come.

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Almost 11,000 Canadians were assisted by the emergency service of the Canadian Red Cross Society last year. Most of these are families whose homes have been destroyed by fire. Red Cross assists them with temporary shelter.