

Remember these automobiles? Model T Ford, Gray Dart, Durant, Flint, McLaughlin (Buick), Oldsmobile, Overland, Hupmobile, Briscoe,

Russell and more? There is a gentleman in Lindsay who has tinkered with and driven practically every one. He is W. A. (Bill) Lindop of 16 St. Paul Street and he was living at Minden, engaged in car sales and automotive repairs.

Bill Lindop is known practically to everyone in Haliburton County and for several years owned and operated a garage on Minden's main street. "I grew up in the garage business and I'm like many others of the days gone by, could take the old Ford apart and scatter the parts on the garage floor and had no trouble putting it together again, with no parts left over."

"It was a real job driving a car in those days long past," said Mr. Lindop. "The roads around Minden were rough. There were many big hills and the roads were so narrow that we had to find a passing spot before cars could get by. I taught many a buyer to drive. In fact they often said: 'I will buy the car if you teach me how to drive!'"

The old Model T was a big seller. "These were the days when it took a whole day to reach Toronto, the days when motorists carried everything from cement, tire patches to axles. There were few garages along the way - they were not called service stations."

Continuing Mr. Lindop remarked on the car bodies. "They were built of green wood in many instances and covered with steel. Then when the wood dried out, the old body developed many rattles and exasperating squeaks. The old Ford car had large muley eyed brass headlights and when darkness descended we had to get out and light the headlights. The top was at times fastened to the front of the car with a long strap and many of the tops could be put up in wet, bad weather and put down when the sun was shining."

"Believe it or not these limousines could do 30 miles an hour and when chased up as high as 40 miles an hour. The tires were small, some 3 inches in width and if they

lasted the summer they did well. Very few drove their cars in the winter months.

Mr. Lindop was one of the best known men in the County of Haliburton, did well at the business and came to live in Lindsay a few years ago.