

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

June 1869

Mayor John Eakins and members of the news media were literally "run off their feet" last Saturday and citizens had a busy day attending the scheduled events.

Memories flowed over the brim at the official opening of the new Golf Club house and Pete Atman's pro shop; to the time when J. G. Edwards, F. R. Wilford, Geo. Little, Richard Kylie and J. D. Glavelle were among the young embryos of the game. Incidentally they were all devotees of the game of curling and some of them were also adept at another game which required patience, skill and co-ordination — the game of Whist and Chess. They were also business men.

Little was brought to Lindsay to play baseball, he came from Kingston and he took over the book and stationery store from the Methers family. Wilford was well known as one of the contractors who brought the C.P. Railway to Lindsay. Flavelle, whose name was entwined around the game of cutting was known as an expert exponent of the game in Canada. He was head of the Flavelle and Needler Milling Company and built the old stone mill on Kent street east and was a pioneer in a mercantile business on Kent street and in other business ventures.

It has been reported that he was a member of the Lindsay

Bicycle Club when the members rode all the 300 miles to Montreal. Edwards, founder of the Edwards Hardware Store, started his career in Bobcaygeon. He was a golfer and his daughter Miss Norah Edwards, Russell street, was one of the original members of the Ladies Golf Club. Kylie was by trade a blacksmith and a citizen active in civic matters and municipal affairs and a former Mayor of Lindsay.

Recollections in connection with the baseball field on George street last Saturday are associated with the late Lou Walker who was named Chairman of the Recreation Committee by the Town Council. He revived baseball in Lindsay, spent his own money in backing the Central Ontario baseball team and fostered juvenile teams. He was also a member of the Golf Club and a Past President of the Curling Club.

A third big event Saturday was the official opening for the summer of the Museum by the Historical Society. This proved to be a gala event and the hundreds of visitors were amazed at the fine appearance of the buildings, exterior and interior and with the very large number of articles of a great variety and with the historic value on display. This is a building well worth visiting. Memories in connection with

the Historical Society recalls the tremendous effort and time spent in connection with the Society by Mr. Dan McQuarrie. His invaluable services in founding and financing the Victoria Historical Society will be remembered for many years to come. It will be a day to remember in the history of Lindsay.