



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Chapter #185 Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

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On November 14th we held our monthly meeting at Celebrations, with ~ 50 members attending. Following a 30 minute social time, Club President, Bob Armstrong opened the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. We then stood for a Remembrance Day themed O'Canada, before Bob asked Ted Abbot to introduce our guest speaker, Ian McKechnie.

Ian's talk was entitled “From Ross Rifles to Rubber Tubes: The Life & Legacy of Lindsay's Arsenal” during which he covered the almost 100 year history of the building and site from inception to demolition. Adding background, he talked about politics in 1910's that lead to building a major munitions factory in Lindsay and included many references to recollections of local people who worked there. Ian also presented slides and photo's of the inner workings of the facility at difference times during its history. Following an extensive Q&A Ian was thanked by Bill Mackasey.

One new member was inducted into the club...Rod Brown was introduced by his sponsor John Saunders and subsequently Registrar Bob Whitfield, presented Rod with his membership badge and Probus pin. Rod was welcomed with a round of applause from members.

We had two guests at this meeting. Philip Mayville a guest of Dave Robertson and David Webb a guest of Bob Whitfield.

Bob confirmed that Christmas Lunch will be at the Lindsay Golf Club on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, for members and their guest. The lunch will be subsidized by the club at \$25 for members who attend. There will be a meal choice of Salmon, Beef or Turkey and members wishing to sign up must do so by November 27th. A copy of the sign-up form will accompany this newsletter and is also available on the Website, on the “Upcoming Events” page.

As in year's past, Ted Abbot will be making place-setting tags, which include meal choice, as well as, guest name tags. Should you wish to sit with your friends at the Christmas lunch, please email your preferences to Ted as soon as possible, but no later than November 30th. ted.abbot@bell.net

Ian McKechnie then drew the winning Share the Wealth ticket, which was won by Mike Catlin.

Bob closed the meeting at 11:50am. with ~ 20 members going to lunch at Gusto Grande.



Photo's



Guest speaker Ian McKechnie (R) with Bill Mackasey & Bob Armstrong



New Member, Rod Brown with John Saunders, Bob Whitfield & Bob Armstrong

Upcoming Events



Christmas Lunch
on
Tuesday, December 12th 2023
at
Lindsay Golf and Country Club.
time
Social at 11:30am - Lunch at 12:30pm

Next Probus Meeting
Tuesday, January 9th 2024
Speaker - Shakir Rehmatullah
FLATO Developments

Health & Welfare

If you know of any member who is experiencing health issues at this time, please contact Bruce Cameron ~ cam48retired@gmail.com

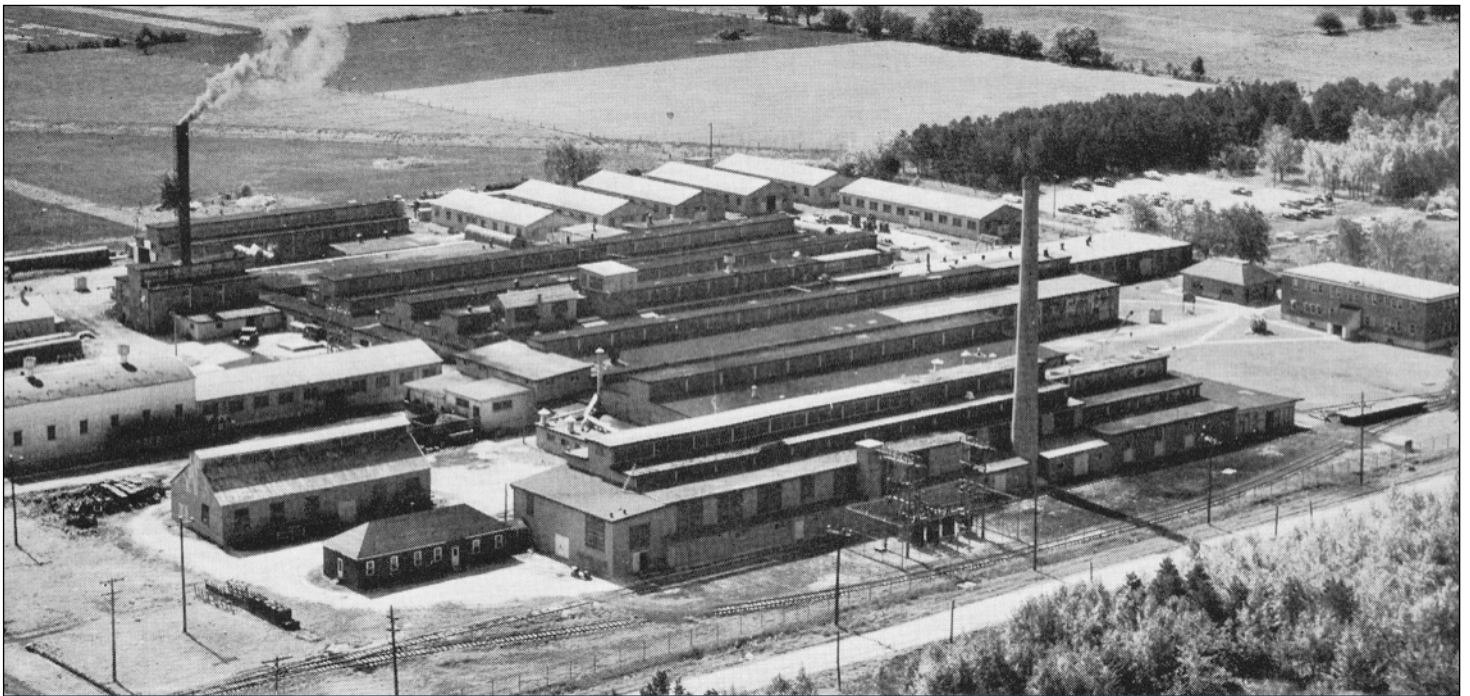


Guest Speaker, Ian McKechnie was born and raised in Lindsay, earned his Honours Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Trent University in 2013, and his Certificate in Museum Studies from the Ontario Museum Association in 2022.

From 2014 through 2020, Ian worked as a curatorial associate and project coordinator at the Victoria County Historical Society's Olde Gaol Museum, and from 2020 through 2023, he worked in similar capacities for the Kirkfield & District Historical Society.

Since 2017 Ian has worked as a contributing writer for The Lindsay Advocate magazine, and since July 2023 has served as the magazine's online news editor. In 2021, he published a 206-page book about the history of his mother's family, titled *It's All Relative: 170 Years of McQuarrie Memories* (a copy is available from the Lindsay Public Library).

He is currently co-editing an anthology of local history titled *Reflections on Old Victoria County: A Tribute to R.B. Fleming* (scheduled for publication in 2024). In addition to these projects, he is currently editor of *Presbyterian History*, a newsletter of the Presbyterian Church in Canada's Committee on History, and has contributed two papers to the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History, in 2022 and 2023.



The Lindsay Dominion Arsenal

Dominion Arsenal, the first government cartridge and shell factory and proofing facility, established 1882 at Québec to provide the Canadian Militia with ammunition. A second arsenal was built in Lindsay, Ontario, during WWI, and other plants were built or converted to small arms and artillery-shell production during WWII by the Department of Munitions and Supply. In September 1945 these were brought together as Canadian Arsenals Limited, a crown corporation reporting to the Department of Supply and Services.




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