

Pottery Corners was once the name of No. 5 and 35 junction

The words brick and pottery applied to industrial and manufacturing items are seldom heard in Lindsay. However, Lindsay had a pottery establishment many years ago. In fact the name Pottery corners was often applied to the four corners south of Lindsay, now known as the junction of highways Nos. 7 and 35.

Pottery, mostly vases and bowls of various types were made and sold from a frame house with a lean-to shed and it is reported that this pottery works was one of the few in these parts. As time went on the business quietly folded up and disappeared.

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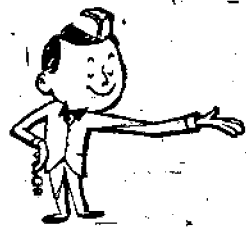
For many years Lindsay had two very fine brick industries. Both were located on what is now Highway No. 35, south of Lindsay in Ops Township. The oldest pioneer brick yard and plant was owned and operated by a gentleman named Sam Fox. He was a vigorous individual and the fact that he was

active in other ways is well known to many in this area today for he was for several years a Member of Parliament for Victoria Riding. He was a Tory and at all times proved to be a worthy representative. The Fox brick was used in a large number of the large homes in Lindsay today as well as in building many places of business.

The second brick industry was known as the Curtin Brick Yards and this well known family operated a brick yard on the Curtin farm, situated across the Highway from the Bonfire Bar-b-que-south of Lindsay.

Many citizens of the town and district can recall the late Jack Curtin, who, when he passed away, resided on Glenelg Street. He and his father before him did a thriving business in red and white brick. It was at first a laborious operation digging out the clay, hauling it to the oven and processing the commodity into the

standard size and, strictly according to formula. Wood was at first used under the ovens to produce great heat but was followed in later years by coal. The Curtin brick was used by the thousands in the construction of all types of construction in Lindsay and district and the name of Curtin was highly respected. As newer methods for the manufacture of brick came into use in Ontario, larger mills erected with more modern methods employed, the Curtin industry folded, but the name Curtin is often heard in casual conversation today.



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