

# Main Street Comments

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Officers and members of Northgate Masonic Lodge of Toronto, some twenty-five strong paid a fraternal visit to Faithful Brethern Lodge No. 77, Lindsay on Friday night. It was the thirty-seventh year for the annual interchange of visits.

The first ruling Master of No. 77 Lodge to institute the fraternal visit was the late R. Wor. Bro. H. S. Johnson. Lindsay Lodge furnished the candidate for the Fellowcraft degree and Northgate Lodge exemplified the degree. The visitors dined at the Hotel Benson at 6:30 p.m. and were treated to a light repast at the close of the lodge around 10.30.

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Charles H. Heels, Lindsay's railway historian added another sad chapter to his valuable scrap book this week. Three sidings at what has long been known as "Santiago", south-east of the iron bridge of the Canadian National Railway have been lifted - long ribbons of the best kind of steel have been torn up marking another disappearance of part of a one-time very busy railway "yard".

How did "Santiago" get its name? The old Grand Trunk

steel rails were set into place in the year 1904, the year of the famous Spanish-American war and battle at Santiago. At the same time G.T.R. officials pulled a fast move when the siding at Santiago forced the Canadian Pacific Railway, which entered Lindsay at the same time, to change the location of approach into Lindsay.

For many years the "yard" at Santiago was filled with a hundred box cars in the days when train load followed train load transporting grain from the head of the lakes through Lindsay to Montreal and other destinations.

Work has also started on lifting the rails on some six or seven lines of tracks in the vicinity of the old C.N.R. station which was demolished several months ago.

It is currently reported that the C.N.R. will retain the one line from Belleville through Lindsay to Toronto, probably for two reasons - should a wreck take place on the main line between Toronto and Belleville and the line blocked, traffic can always be diverted through Lindsay, secondly the fact that the Dominion Rubber Company is locating here (and possibly additional companies) this line may be used quite frequently for transportation of products to the east or to the west.