

ON THE MAIN STREET

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The name Beall has been associated with the business

life of Lindsay for upwards of 100 years. An interesting fraternal item was brought to light at a recent meeting of Faithful Brethren Lodge A.F. and A.M. a few days ago when George Beall was presented with a Masonic Fifty Year jewel. The recipient's grandfather, Thomas Beall, who arrived in Lindsay from Manilla to found the Beall jewellery store business was an officer of King Hiram Lodge A.F. and A.M.

The presentation to Bro. George Beall was made by past Master Wor. Bro. Moynes and congratulations were voiced by the ruling master Wor. Bro. Ivan Brown and others.

Three score years ago these four articles could be found in practically every farm home in Victoria and Haliburton: The Holy Bible, which was referred to as the Family Bible, "the Farmer's Advocate", "The Family Herald", and a picture of Sir Sam Hughes, M.P. The Family Herald is still being published, the Hughes picture has disappeared, the Bible can still be found in many homes although the chances are that it is seldom opened, and the Farmer's Advocate announced its demise this week.

For ninety years the Advocate has been on file in many public libraries and has been one of the farmer's best friends. It was published in London, but an announcement last week stated that a Winnipeg firm had purchased the Advocate and the journal will be absorbed by another farm publication.

There is a possibility that Lindsay and district users of hydro-electric current will see a reduction in power rates - perhaps a little remote but thousands of users will live in hopes.

Members of the Lindsay Commission spent three days attending a convention in Kingston and one of the chief topics of discussion was the effort being made to equalize hydro rates with a stated charge for local consumption.

Instead of Lindsay, for instance, paying a higher rate than other municipalities because the town has to use power brought in from Peterboro, the possibility is that all consumers will pay the same rate irrespective of the distance of wire current coverage.

There is also, it is stated, the possibility that users of Hydro in rural areas will not have to pay more for current than users in urban centres.

