

ON THE MAIN STREET

with FORD MOYNES



Lindsay has not been blessed with a set of carillon bells, like the Town of Simcoe for instance, where the bells in the arch tower can be heard daily. Lindsay has, however, a "Big Ben" lovely tone brass bell, complete with clock with four faces, stored away in a dismal dungeon, so to speak, in the bowels of the town hall. What a pity!

Apparently for the lack of immediate funds to restore the clock and the lack of a suitable place to position the old clock.

The old town clock was the focal point for thousands and thousands of optics through the ages, when it stood in the old post office tower for many years. It should not be allowed to deteriorate and decay away.

It is to be hoped that in Confederation year this historic piece of mechanism will again be on view for the benefit of townspeople and visitors. Sure, the idea will cost hundreds of greenbacks, but money has been forthcoming for other ideas, so why not for the resurrection of old Father Time?

Perhaps a "Daniel" will come forth and suggest a logical place and position for Lindsay's "Big Ben" - some place on Main Street.

"Loyal by name and loyal by nature", is a saying that can be aptly applied to a gentleman "Main Street" came in contact with at the Pleasant Point cottage. He is Mr. Loyal Pogue, well and favourably known around Little Britain and Whitby, and known to several who have been residents in the summer months, who have met Mrs. Cook of Toronto, formerly Miss Pogue.

A licensed auctioneer for many years, Loyal Pogue, covers the territory from Whitby into Metro Toronto at Scarboro, and apart from his

profession, he is attached to the staff at Fairview Lodge, the Ontario County home, and he has also been closely associated with the work of the Church.

"The story of the Auctioneers dates back to the days in the Southern U. S. when male and female slaves were sold on the auction block as chattels, but thank the good Lord those days passed into oblivion many years ago", said Mr. Pogue. "Most Auctioneers of the present time are what can be termed "born auctioneers", but there are schools in the U.S. for training auctioneers, and at one time a course in training for auctioneers was held at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph."

Continuing Mr. Pogue said, "There are not too many auctioneers in these parts and we pretty much have recognized territories. I am thoroughly convinced an auctioneer must be honest in all his dealings with the people. I do not believe, for instance, he said with having an auction barn and in having members of the auctioneer's family doing any bidding," he said.

In Mr. Pogue's opinion, farmers are well versed regarding prevailing market prices. Women are among the best customers when it comes to household articles and the sale of antiques, and they will bid vigorously against each other and against male bidders, he said. "When they fancy an article they usually get it", he said.

According to Loyal Pogue, the business of auctioneering is not all a bed of roses. One of the thorns in the business, as in other lines of business, is handling the tax returns extracted by the government. However, Auctioneer Pogue appears to be happy with his business and at the same time takes a real enjoyment out of life.

Readers of Main Street column now have another opportunity of coming forth with information regarding the compilation of another "family tree". A few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gorner, 269 Sharpe Blvd., Winnipeg, St. James, 12, Manitoba, spent a couple of days in Lindsay, having made the trip from Manitoba through Ontario via way of Sault Ste. Marie.

They tented at the tourist park at Lindsay Street South. Mrs. Gorner is anxious to receive information regarding the family of her kith and kin, Mr. and Mrs. Haisley, as well as historical information regarding the family of Robert Lukey.

Both the Haisley and Lukey families resided at one time in Lindsay. "Main Street", would be pleased to receive information along these lines. Telephone 4-2548 or 4-2114.