

Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Seven will be Canada's Centennial year. Towns and cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be engaged in the promulgation of centennial projects.

Lindsay officials have still to settle the problem of suitable projects. What about the small places. Where there were at one time thirty-five towns and villages in Victoria County the number of small towns (excluding Lindsay) totals 3 score, on the other hand former villages have dwarfed into hamlets and burgs. It would be a smart idea for every populated place to celebrate centennial year with old home week attractions.

Mentioning hamlets, Argyle in Eldon Township was according to information at hand, one of the liveliest of villages with the four corners surrounded with a store, blacksmith shop, a church, a number of homes and a fine hotel. In fact the hotel building, now a residence, still stands and across the front can be seen in large letters the name "Royal Hotel".

Ninety years ago this hostelry was one of the favourite meeting places for the gentry of the countryside. There was a hotel at Lorneville, two miles to the south and three hotels, four miles to the south at Woodville.

There was also a hotel at Kirkfield, and a popular pub at Biddy Young's Corners, just north of Argyle. Beaver-ton to the west had two hotels,

but the old Royal at Argyle seemed to be in a good location and did business on a large scale.

It is stated that Argyle received its name from Argyle-shire, across the ocean, and that many people from the Old Country settled around the four corners, including the McQuarries. The village was particularly busy with the advent of the railway and farmers from distant parts of the north country wheeled grain in wagonloads to Argyle.

For many years the most important and busiest landmark was the store on the corner which for many years has been occupied by Mr. Fleming. Previous to the Flemmings occupancy, the store was operated by Thos. F. Myers, but it was the name of Flemming which brought a certain degree of fame to the village. It is an unusual emporium and might well be tagged with the name of Departmental Store.

Previous to the war, during the war and for every succeeding year, this Argyle store has been a hive of business activity with patrons traveling long distances to get exactly the articles they needed, and which they couldn't find in their own home stores.

It is a decidedly interesting store and sometimes the traffic comes to a dead stop as the aisles, counters, shelves, and ceilings are overcrowded with merchandise. However, the owner never has trouble in finding an article and the price is always right.