



Jack C. Jewell  
new Manager of Walker's Lindsay

Walker Stores, one of the oldest, most reliable and progressive merchantile companies in Ontario recently consummated an important business deal which relates to the business life of Lindsay - the purchase of the business which for forty years past has been conducted by the T. Eaton company. The fact that Walker's will spend a quarter of a million dollars on complete renovations and remodelling of the present store as well as installing a new and thoroughly modern store front, recalls the days when the brick store at Kent and York Streets was owned and operated by Dundas and Flavelle, also a firm which was in business over one hundred years ago.

There are a few residents of Lindsay today who recall the weekend when the late William Flavelle, it is alleged, bought the store premises from the McDonald estate for something like \$30,000 and later sold the store and business to Canadian Department Stores for sixty thousand dollars, and all after the banks had closed for the day.

The fact that this big store property and business has only changed hands two or three times in a century speaks well for the business men and their loyal staff over the years.

Mrs. W. G. Dunoon, Kent Street West, is one person who has a distant recollection of former days in the employment of Dundas and Flavelle as head book-keeper. Mrs. Dunoon has fond recollections concerning Mr. Dundas and Mr. Flavelle as well as dozens of employees.

Albert Greer, associated with the Dundas and Flavelle firm, and for several years manager of the Eaton store, can also recall many incidents of the past, and he speaks loudly in praise of the Eaton company. Mr. Greer remembers well the day he was informed by the head of the Eaton firm that the company had purchased a section of the west side of the Benson Hotel, and at the time the Hotel accommodation included a number of bedrooms on the second floor immediately over the ground floor of the store. The rooms were entered from the

hotel through a large fireproof door. Apparently the hotel management at the time did not take kindly to the idea of giving up the rooms which were much used in those days by commercial travellers and others. Messrs. Greer and another clerk Ted Quibell were delegated to be at the hotel at 12 o'clock midnight on a cer-

tain day to inform the hotel management that the bed-guest rooms must be vacated and the fireproof door shut and locked. The two clerks carried out these orders much to the chagrin of the manager of the hotel. Eaton's was then enlarged on the second storey.

Another indirect association with the years the store has been under the management of Dundas and Flavelle, Eaton's and now Walker's, is linked with Mel Copp of "The Post" mechanical department. For many years he set type for the firm of Dundas and Flavelle, then Canadian Depart-

ment Stores, then as the T. Eaton Company and now he is setting up stores and advertising for the newest company there - Walker Stores.

The coming of Walker's to Lindsay and the major store improvements announced will be a distinct asset to Lindsay's Main Street and business in general. The new manager is Jack C. Jewell, presently manager of the Renfrew branch of Walker's Stores who will take over in March. Mr. Jewell was born and raised in Tillsonburg, but his father was born in Fenelon Falls and lived there for a number of years.