

On The Main Street

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Everything augers well for the success of the 1966 Lindsay Central Exhibition. According to the Secretary-Manager Newt Wilson the old slogan "Bigger and Better than Ever" may well be associated with the Ex. this Fall. All exhibit spots have been allocated and in this respect sixty per cent were "signed on the dotted line" a year ago.

It is reported that ex-Mayor Hiram McCallum of Toronto, an Executive of the C.N.E. recommended the grandstand attractions for the Lindsay Fair, attractions which have been holding forth in the United States.

The annual prize list of the Lindsay Central has been distributed. It is quite attractive and is also quite exhaustive in detailing the various Ex. departments, prize money possibilities, etc. In another two months and the big Show will be under way.

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One of the best known families in connection with the history and development of the Town of Lindsay, especially associated with business matters and institutions, is the Beall family which through many years has occupied a large brick dwelling on Albert Street south.

The founder of the Beall jewellery store named Thomas Beall was a pioneer resident and apparently was interested in what is now described as "Canadiana". The writer is indebted to Glen Hodgson,

Member of Provincial Parliament for Victoria and Haliburton for the following interesting article:

"A bound volume of the magazine covering contents from The Farmers Advocate for February 1887 covering contents from that month until December 1888, is in the possession of K. K. Dawson, of Dungannon, Huron County, found when an estate was being settled up some years ago. It is complete with some exceptions — someone clipped their favourite articles, with a result there are missing parts of pages. Despite this it is interesting Canadiana, a study of the farm views and development of that era.

It was the practice of the Advocate to run a prize essay contest each month, on varied agricultural topics.

The one water supply officially was titled "Personal Observations on the Effects of the Removal of Our Forests" and won \$5 for Thomas Beall, of Lindsay, in Eastern Ontario.

He found drawbacks to the happiness of the farmers, consequent on the removal of their forest surroundings, the scarcity of water during a portion of the summer due to a drying up of the creeks and a supposed diminished rainfall, and the injuries done to growing crops by high summer winds. Equally bothersome was the blocking of roads by snow drifts during the winter.

During the summer, he found crops suffered from

excessive evaporation, especially when high winds swept along without obstruction.

Trouble he felt was "Due to our cast" and remedies are "largely in our hands". For instance he found there had been no diminution in rainfall for the past 50 years. Ground springs were as active as usual. The streams had dried up as a result of deforestation and land cultivation, the clearing of the streams to permit surface water to drain away as quickly as possible.

To prevent this, underdraining and deep soil cultivation would be necessary. So far blocked roads, and crop injury by high summer winds, were concerned he advocated tree planting along the roads to act as screens, along farm division lines; along the division lines of each farm. In 20 to 30 years these would provide protection against both winter and summer gales".

Following the contribution made by Mr. Beall the Farmers Advocate reported a number of views and observations made by other well informed people regarding the conservation of forests in regard to the water resources.

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A well known gentleman recently stated that critics professionally engaged by newspapers to pass judgment on their theatrical performances of kinds are apt to "pan" performances and performers. "That is their

bread and butter, and they oftentimes severely criticize when hard criticism is not due".

The writer is not sufficiently versed in theatricals to criticize but observations will not be amiss. For instance hundreds of people in Lindsay and district are patronizing Summer Theatre plays in the Academy Theatre on Lindsay St. and the general comment heard is that they are exceptionally good. The diversified productions are being presented by talented people under a capable, courteous producer, and these performances are worthy of witnessing.

It is good to hear that the attendance is increasing nightly. The same shows in Toronto and elsewhere probably cost double the admission paid in Lindsay.