

On The Main Street



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Wor. Bro. J. E. Blewett of Faithful Brethren Lodge A.F. and A.M. is presented with a fifty year gold lapel crest by Wor. Bro. Ford W. Moynes. Wor. Bro. Blewett has the unusual distinction of being the possessor of a fifty year jewel as a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows as well as a fifty jewel award from the Independent Order of Foresters and one from the Loyal Orange Lodge.

Remember the old cheese factories? They were recalled recently by J. J. Robertson, the laird of the Scotch Line of Verulam Township. There were factories north, east, west and south of Lindsay when representatives of the farmers met in the old Town Council Chamber in Lindsay and dickered with the buyers.

The Flavelle firm in Lindsay, the Delaval in Peterboro and a Belleville firm sent buyers to the meetings and at times it took over one hour to sell as the buyers and the farmers handled bids.

The Flavelle firm was for some time represented by Howard Clemes and the Delaval firm by a gentleman named Gillespie who afterwards became a Member of Parliament for Peterboro.

Other representatives of the farmers included farmers from Dunsford, Ops, Reaboro and Fenelon Townships.

John Patterson for many years a farmer north-west of Bobcaygeon met his old friend J. J. Robertson at the Bank of Commerce curbside bench and the conversation drifted to the days of the Bobcaygeon Fair when the two were com-

petitors, especially in the exhibits of garden vegetables. Both farmers were perennial exhibitors in the days when competition among growers was very keen.

However, as Mr. Patterson remarked, "It was always fun to spend a day at Little Bob Fair and to meet many of the same farmers from year to year."

The two men recalled the day when Patterson lost seven head of fine cattle when they were killed by a bolt of lightning. It happened that Mr. Robertson represented the Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Company and was called on to settle the claim. This took time as "J.J." insisted on getting the best price possible for his farmer friend and at the same time play fair with the company. It proved to be an amicable settlement.

Remember the days when J. D. Flavelle, mill owner and grain buyer, had a buying outlet on King Street as did Jack Spratt? According to J. J. Robertson the Flavelle buyer was a man named Dennis and a man named Gil Thurston bought for Spratt.

"On one occasion I had a

big load of grain and Mr. Spratt gave me a cheque for the amount and added that I should hold the cheque for a few hours and might do better. When I returned he added five cents a bushel. That is how fair a man he was. He was smart, however, in buying the load before I sold to the other buyer."

Spratt and Killen ran a very fine grocery store in Lindsay for many years. When I look back on those days, they bring back many memories. The farmers of today do not have the same degree of pleasure and fun we had over a half century ago - at least I do not think so, said Mr. Robertson.

FAIR BOARD PLANS

Kinmount, (PNS)—The Kinmount Fair Board held a meeting Monday night in the Municipal Hall. The president, Mr. Dave McNamara, was in the chair. Mr. Bill Scott, the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

The evening was spent discussing business and making plans for the Kinmount Fair which comes up in the near future.