

On The Main Street

Sept. 26/66



with FORD
MOYNES

"This is the first time I have been back in Lindsay in forty years and I naturally see a big change in people and in the names over Kent Street stores." The words were spoken by Reuben Hawes, who sailed across the broad Atlantic from England to visit his sister, Mrs. Frank Gordon, of the South Ward.

In the memorable days of World War One Mr. Hawes served as the keeper of stores at the Lindsay Arsenal in the days of Col. Deroche.

He came in contact with hundreds of men employed at the Arsenal in the manufacture of shells and small arms munitions.

Mr. Hawes was one of the key men interested in the organization of the War Veterans' Association at the present Legion Hall on York Street and he well remembers the decision of veterans to purchase the present fine brick building and the day he took a cheque for the same up to the owner, at the time, Col. Frank Carew.

"Old trade names on Kent Street have changed. In fact the only names I recognize as being on the stores forty years ago are McCarty's Jewellery, Tangney's furniture, Little Book Shop, Boxall and Matthie and Edward's hard-

ware, Gregory's drug store, the Benson Hotel, Dominion Bank and the Academy Theatre."

In renewing acquaintances Mr. Hawes conversed with Mrs. A. F. Palen whom he recalled as Organist at St. Paul's Anglican Church when he was a member of the choir. He also stepped into the Agnew

Surpas store to meet manager Norm Bissette and good times at the dances held in the Town Hall were brought back to memory.

Mr. Hawes was a companion of Cecil Johnston, also well remembered by many in Lindsay. "Lindsay has developed and everything looks prosperous and so do the people" said Mr. Hawes.