

## On the Main Street



with Ford Moyne

fic Railway to Lindsay when a row of small frame homes on Caroline Street were demolished or moved to other locations to make way for the station and yards and lawns on Caroline Street. A row of houses on Lindsay Street North were also laid low.

The first store at the corner

of Queen and Caroline Street was built by Mr. Crandell of Windsor. He disposed of the business to the late W. Nicholls. The white brick Queen Street Methodist Church was also at the corner of Caroline Street.

Lindsay citizens will be interested in learning that for

several years Mr. Crandell was the successful owner of a large gardening farm near Windsor, from which he also marketed bountiful crops of fruit.

He is said to be the last member of a one time distinguished Lindsay family. His wife is the former Miss Partridge of Omeme.

It would be interesting to learn how many residents of Lindsay, as well as former residents, remember the names Crandell, Champion, Ranger and Stranger. These are the names of a large excursion boat the Crandella, and three tug boats, and they were the result of the vision and the handicraft of Capt. George Crandell who resided on St. Paul Street many years ago.

On the Thanksgiving Day weekend holiday the writer had a short but interesting conversation with G. A. Crandell, of Windsor, Ont., a son of Capt. George Crandell. He recalled many names of former Lindsay personages including Hughes, Parkin, Mallon, Fee, O'Reilly, Brooks, Morrison, Henderson, Mitchell and others.

"I attended the Victoria School on John Street away back and I also attended the Cambridge Street Methodist Sunday School. My father Capt. George Crandell was in many respects a genius and he built several boats, the old Crandella being the largest steamer on the Scugog and Sturgeon waters at the time. It was a large two-side-wheeler and it could carry three or four hundred passengers.

Many an excursion, some by moonlight, were run to Sturgeon Lake. The three tugs Champion, Ranger and Stranger are all I can recall now, they were tug boats and they towed thousands of big long logs to the sawmills in Lindsay.

Mr. Crandell mentioned the coming of the Canadian Paci-