

# ON THE MAIN STREET

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A short item in the Daily Post's "Fifty Years Ago" items recalled the time W. K. (Les) Richmond lived in Lindsay and was one of the first men to start the erection of cottages at Pleasant Point. His cottages at the tip of the Point near the Bay separating the point from Kennedy's Bay, were erected pretty much by day labour — and Les. was the chief workman. He was young, strong and athletic and was a hustler. He owned one of the first motor cars in the district and it is stated that he was in the habit of filling bags of gravel from the lake and filling in bad holes in the road while on his way out on his way to work.

Les. Richmond, besides being for years in the office of the R. M. Beal Leather Company, as well as on the road as a salesman, later on operated a business of his own, with a store room in the former Horn plant on Lindsay Street north, a building now owned by the Queen Street United Church. Les moved to Toronto several years ago where he became a successful Realtor.

In his prime Les Richmond did a great deal to promote sports in Lindsay. He played on several Town League Hockey teams and was Manager of Dedman's "Dew Drops" and He was a formidable defence

player on the Lindsay Intermediate team. The same athlete was a member of a number of Town League baseball teams, where he gave of his best.

In boxing Les Richmond was quite clever and a very good boxer. In the days when special ring-side events were held in the Armouries, with Toronto and Peterboro talent mixing it up with Lindsay boxers, Les took a foremost part. One of his notable bouts was when his opponent was Ab. Woods, who at the time was a Grand Trunk engineer and no mean opponent with the fisticuffs. The event was a draw. Richmond also took his hand to the game of lawn bowling and he was a real tough opponent at the game of horse shoes. He was an athlete who spent his own money freely and also loaned his car for many an out-of-town trip

Farmers are "in the money", especially those who when in their youth believed in the future, spending money when money was hard to get, working long, hard hours and always farming at a profit. Farm prices today, especially at auction sales, are sky high.

It is related that a sale of two farms of 200 and 193 acres near Sunderland, the owner realized over one hundred thousand dollars. The farms were in tip top condition, well looked after and well mechanized. Cattle (some three hundred heads) brought \$200 each and over. The farm is equipped in modernized manner with all the latest machinery and the latest gadgets. The

secret, stated our informant—long hours, hard work, a fair conscience and the will and determination to succeed by means of scientific methods.