

# ON THE *Jan. 4/67* MAIN STREET

It will be news to many readers to learn that before the Armoury was erected on Victoria Park that two large white brick homes and a terrace of three dwelling were demolished. They lined up on Sussex Street, on the east side facing west. These homes were occupied back previous to 1890. Information is also at hand that there was a row of small frame homes on the south side of the park, facing Kent Street, as well as a row of homes on the east side of the present park. They faced the east. Several of these small frame buildings were built by the late Richard A. Sylvester, founder of the old Sylvester Manuf. Co. There were no homes along the north side of the Park and at the time there was not even a park.

At the same time a large

wooden box drain angled across the Park, the flow of water commencing in Ops Township at the head of Durham street and practically every Spring the freshets overflowed filling open ditches and also a number of cellars on Sussex street. It is reported that at one time there was a wooden bridge across Kent Street in front of the Park..

Immediately across the present park, to the east of Victoria Avenue and in the vicinity of the present library and to the north there was a baseball diamond, one of many ball fields in early days and the first lawn bowling greens were east of the present library, close to the town hall.

The first band stand was located on the north west corner of the present library grounds.