

# On The Main Street

Who has the strongest "pull" aside from the politician? The answer may well be the dentist. Who was Lindsay's first puller of molars, bicuspid and wisdom teeth? The answer is Dr. John A. Neelands. This extractionist was the first dentist in Canada to introduce a pain killer by the use of gas and at the time the article was known as laughing gas. This gas had the tendency to keep the victim's mind off excruciating pain. The Lindsay Old Home Week booklet of 1924 contains a picture of Dr. John Neelands using this type of gas.

Lindsay had a number of good dentists. Dr. Herb Irvine was an apprentice in the Neelands' parlor and later had his own lucrative business. He

was a curler and a fisherman and also was a member of the town council.

Dr. Sam Clarke had an office over the Neill Shoe Store and Dr. Louis Sutton had an office over the Daily Post office on William Street. He was one of the best curlers and a member of Lindsay's first golf club. Incidentally the doctor's son, Dick Sutton, was a member of the New York "Americans" hockey team and became reeve of Scarborough, and also a member of the Ontario Parliament.

Dr. Pogue had an office over the Harrigan Drug Store and Dr. Howard Nesbitt had an office over McCarty's jewelry store and later over the Bank of Commerce.

Dr. Stafford Shannon, a

good hockey player, had a parlor over the present Pulver Store. as did Dr. Coburn.

Dr. Fred Walters, curler, golfer and baseball player, had an office over the present Artistic Ladies Wear Store and Dr. Wansbrough was located over McCarty's and later over Kennedy's appliance store on William Street south.

Dr. Wilson practiced in an office over Gregory's Drug Store and Dr. Lloyd Curtis was located on Kent Street before moving to the Royal Bank building on Cambridge Street north.

Dr. C. Laidley practiced with Dr. Irvine and later on for a considerable period had

his own dentistry business on the second floor of the Beall building.

Dr. K. A. Ross was for some time located over the present Scott Store, at one time Blair's tailor shop and later the Crest Hardware Store.

Dr. Wilfrid Ferguson has been practising for a number of years over the Neill Shoe Store.

Dr. C. W. Lyons had a dental office over Gregory's Drug Store and later on Kent Street west, for a number of years, and Dr. Johnson is an active practitioner today having moved to Lindsay from Cannington several years ago.