

FORD MOYNES

on the
MAIN STREET



Although it is probably true that more citizens eat away from home in hotels, lunch counters, and snack bars today, there were more eating places in Lindsay several years ago than there are today, regardless of the increase in population.

A few decades ago the eating places included: the Royal Hotel, the Arcadian Grill which is now the Laundromat, Benson Hotel, Powers Ice Cream Parlor, which was situated on the west side of William street, Elsmure Hotel and Restaurant, which is now Zellers, Olympia Tea Room, Brysons, now Morley Greaves Electric, Robsons at the corner of Kent and Sussex streets, Grand Hotel, Butler Hotel, which is now Fee Motors, Terrys Confectionery and Bakery now Kent Cleaners, O.K. Cafe, Fred Martins now Victoria and Grey Trust, Simpsons Hotel now Claxton's store, Big 20 Restaurant, now Woolacotts Draperies and House Furnishings, and Mike Georgas, now Coopers.

The restaurant at the corner of Lindsay and Russell streets, was for many years operated by J. C. Burke and his sons.

At one time William McWatters had a confectionery store and ice cream parlor at the foot of Kent street, this was followed by Frank Forbert Boots and Shoes, and still later by Reub Morris tobacco store.

Many will remember William McWatters who started in the bakery business on Queen street, in association with his son Walter.

A son Wilber, who established a name in the theatrical business, operated successfully for several years in the state of Maine, south of the border.

Mortons Confectionery followed, with Norman Morton

moving to Chicago, where he established the Morton Fruit and Pie Bakery which became a million dollar establishment. As a young man, Norman Morton started selling small pies from a two-wheel push cart, and from there he went on to be successful in building factories, and store outlets in the American city.

The story is told by a resident of Lindsay, who was associated with Morton, that the pie magnate did not believe in banks, and that he hid his money in jars in a cement deposit box, which was a part of the cellar wall.

Mr. Morton was robbed of his million and died a pauper. A friend of Morton tells the story that Morton's second marriage was not successful and, as a result, the 'better-half' disappeared — along with the money.

Miss Maud Morton, a member of the family, is still remembered in Lindsay, as at one time owning the Morton Photo studio.