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**MAIN STREET**

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Readers are perhaps familiar with the old saying "What's in a name." Names have played an important part in the origin and growth of many communities, Lindsay being no exception. For instance, the name Workman. The Workman pioneers apparently treked from Minden to Lindsay many years ago, the days when this town was literally a sea of mud. Paved streets lifted Lindsay out of the mud.

It is said that William Street was once called Workman Street; that a gentleman nam-

ed Workman built the premises now occupied by Claxton's and that this was a hotel once operated by the Workman's; that Workman's operated a livery on York Street and also on Kent Street east, across from the Academy Theatre. The Workman's operated cabs from the Grand Trunk station to the Kent Street hotels.

William Workman lived at the south-west corner of Ridout St. and St. Lawrence Street and Jim Workman lived on Wellington Street.

In the days when Lindsay had a championship baseball team known as the Red Birds the player who held down second base was Herb Workman and he was so good that he was offered a berth with the Rochester team in the International League. Herb Workman was very agile, fleet of foot and a good hitter.

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Reports are that the residence of Dr. Gill at Cambridge and Peel Street, the Baptist parsonage on Cambridge St. and the octagon dwelling on Wellington Street are about

to make way for a high-rise apartment.

This report calls to mind that the eight sided stucco house is one of two to be found east of Toronto. It is one of Lindsay's pioneer dwellings and for many years was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Selby, relatives of Percy Skitch. Away back in history, the first Baptist Church was located on this site. The octagon house has been the property of Mr. Lawrence McArthur for several years.

Two other large apartment buildings, it is reported, will be erected at the corner of Colborne and Adelaide streets and at the corner of Colborne and Angeline streets.

Apparently there is no truth in the statement that the old Horn Woollen Company's factory building on William street north, will be turned into an apartment building.