

**FORD MOYNES**

# *on the* **MAIN STREET**



Banks and financial institutions have flourished in Lindsay for over one hundred years and the Bank of Upper Canada apparently had birth in the large brick house at the north-east corner of Russell and Mill Streets. To make it tough for would be burglars, the walls of this building are over a foot thick and the structure was substantially built on all levels. It is reported that the second location was at the north-east corner of William and Glenelg Streets, when key men thought the town would build up business-wise along this artery of transportation. The bank became a dwelling and a new building was later erected on a large scale on the same street but near Kent St.

The Toronto - Dominion Bank has apparently always been at the corner of Kent and William Streets and was followed by the old Ontario Bank, at the south-east corner of the two main streets, the home of the Bank of Commerce today. The Standard Bank, at the south-east corner of Kent and York Streets was managed by F. Loosemore.

Many readers may recall a gentleman by the name of Robert Ross, who was manager of the Toronto Dominion Bank in the early days. The Ontario Bank was managed by a gentleman named Holmes. Incidentally one of the popular managers of the Bank of Montreal was H. B. Black, a cultured gentleman and quite

popular and capable; C. A. Thompson, who retired to live in Victoria, B.C., where at the age of one hundred years, he enjoyed his game of golf; and Jack Hamilton who will also be remembered as manager of the same bank.

Years ago the Royal Bank was located at the corner of Kent and William Streets, now occupied by the Victoria and Grey Trust. The Royal Bank moved to larger quarters at Kent and Cambridge Streets several years ago.

As Lindsay grew in size and population, so also the Victoria Trust and Savings Company expanded from a humble beginning at the south-west corner of Kent and Cambridge to the present location at Kent and William. Capable and trusted managers included men like John Magwood, James Low and C. E. Weeks, followed by T. H. Stinson and others.

Lindsay and district was at one time served by the Home Bank and the Farmer's Bank both of which experienced difficulty, but functioned very well for a number of years. This bank was situated on Kent St. in the establishment known as Graham's Bakery. Managers included Peter Kennedy, A. B. McGill, a farmer from Manvers Township, and T. J. Powers.

It was when the Farmers' Bank failed that many farmers in the area lost a bundle of money but recovered some of their deposit through the

efforts of barrister I. E. Welton and an Ops Township farmer by the name of Lynian Minthorne. The two gentlemen "camped on the door step of the House of Commons" at Ottawa until their pleading with members of Parliament accomplished results and depositors recovered a bit of their losses.

Managers of the Royal Bank, when located at Kent and William, included a man called Leach and another named Guy Brown.

Robert Harper was for several years manager of the Bank of Commerce and also a gentleman by the name of Holmes.

Lindsay and the district have been well looked after by reliable bankers.