

FORD MOYNES

ON THE MAIN STREET



Ten years ago Dan. McQuarrie was practically a one man committee when he started the new idea of the Victoria County Historical Society. He kept plugging away — enlisting the support of several men and women who became dedicated to the cause and this same Dan McQuarrie was singled out for special mention at the recent annual meeting of the Society and he had every right to glow with pride as he heard his name mentioned as an Honorary Life Member. It was fitting also that words of commendation came from his son Jim McQuarrie who was re-elected President of the Society for a second term.

A member in the audience listened with keen delight and prolonged interest to the guest speaker, Miss Firth because he at one time sat at the feet of her learned father Thomas Firth, when he was Science Master at the Lindsay Collegiate Institute.

Mrs. McEachern Smith, the former Mrs. Doris Allely, also came in for praise for her work as Curator at the Museum a special kind of service demanding special executive qualities. That Mrs. Smith was dedicated to the Society was manifested in her donation of \$1,000 to the Society and \$50 to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

His Worship Mayor John Eakins, who is becoming a master at the art of after dinner speaking, referred to the Historical Society as a vital part of the town and country an organization worthy of continued support.

President Jim McQuarrie in an interesting achievement report referred to many matters, one being the contributions from Arnold Hickson, a

name well known in Manvers Township and to Lindsay people. The fact that a pioneer log cabin has been secured at the Hickson farm and it will be rebuilt at the Museum was good news to those interested in preserving this real part of Canadiana.

Dr. William Schwartz presented a splendid report setting forth the history of the Society and accomplishments. The report concerning the financial success of the Society and the practical extension programme in the planning stage was quite gratifying to the audience.

Members of the society as well as visitors displayed keen interest in the number of valuable articles of an antique nature. The owner of the articles Mrs. Howard Williamson received very favourable comment.

The articles included: Books such as: History of Canada (1912); Life and passing of Sir Winston Churchill (in pictures); Coronation of George 5th, Queen Elizabeth (Queen Mother); Fashions through the Ages; Model "T" Ford (1915); Photograph Album (1800) containing a number of tin types were displayed.

Other articles included china plates, indian leather and bead work, wooden skates, antique broach, watch, hand made child's shoes of tanned leather, cutter bell, soap dish made in Canada (1845) and many other interesting articles were on display for the members to examine.

It is the aim of the Society to increase the capacity of the museum by erecting a new two storey concrete block building to house the hundreds of articles being donated to the society.