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MAIN STREET The present Moose Hall

past the Moose Hall today served the people well as a miss the glass cupola which lodging house when Mr. and

many Mrs. James Brown were the operators. Mrs. Brown, generous and capable, the mother

years ago and they miss the six foot high board fence of Councillor Carl Brown, was which surrounds the lot. a friend of the railroaders as It will be news to readers she not only looked after the men required their to learn that the Moose Hall of today was originally a well running a lodging house, but

patronized hotel and that it rendered particular service to railroad men in the early days. The first railway station in Lindsay was built back in 1888 and was located where the present CNR freight sheds and temparary station now

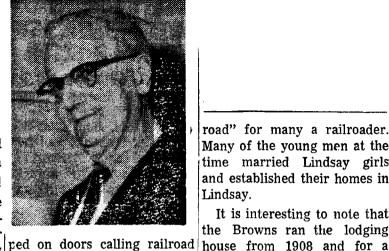
topped the building

stands. The present Moose Hall was owned and operated as a hotel by a man named Mc-Carthy. In its pioneer days the hotel served the wants of railway men and others. As time galloped past the build-

many years, for the Child-

building.

southwest corner and ren's Aid Society, when Mrs. Ellen Sharpe was the officer Brown's private parlour was to be inmates and patrons had in charge and also the Truant in the north-west corner. Officer for Lindsay. For some time the late Gordon locked and the Grand Trunk



men to work. When railroad long term of years. Here it

women of the house pulled on also packed many large basa bell and the men hastened kets for the railroaders, as down stairs and picked up they were absent at work for

two or three days in a stretch. The Brown's had the hotel kitchen. filled with roomers. The main

the front door was also in the middle of the building. When there were rooms to let Mr. Brown climbed small

wide stairs immediately inside

stairs to the attic and lighted a lantern in the pinnacle spot, the red glow being a signal that there were vacant rooms available. ing served as the first Home for the Aged and later for

large sitting room in

The front door was never to the backhouses.

meals and the many details of baskets they waited until the

their baskets from a small opening in the wall of the The Brown's worked hard. a very successful venture.

big building was brought in vears back known as "Mr. from the Brown farm at Parks" because of his great Whitehall, northern Ontario and invaluable works as a drinking water was pumped member and Chairman of the water for washing and bath Regent Street. In the hotel there was a purposes and these were also Street. the the days when no matter how

road" for many a railroader. Many of the young men at the time married Lindsay girls and established their homes in Lindsay.

It is interesting to note that the Browns ran the lodging

was that Lindsay's popular Councillor experienced many thrills and boyhood tribulations but he took matters in his stride and after several exciting days in different parts

of Ontario he returned to

Lindsay and established him-

self in the Jewellery business,

Wood for the heating of the Councillor Brown was a few

from a good well at the rear Lindsay Park's Board, and he of the Hotel and it was a real was aided materially in this efjob to keep the water pitchers fort by another popular Chairin the many rooms filled with man of the Board, T. R. Price,

Watson Kirkconnell's histhe frigid the weather happened tory of Victoria County records that in 1895 the Home the experience of trotting out for the Aged organization took over the Mansion House at the

It was hard work, it was corner of Victoria Ave. and Stinson was Caretaker of the Call Boy entered the hotel at a busy life and the hotel was Glenelg Sts. and maintained all hours of the night and rap- a delightful "home on the the institution until 1905.