

ON THE MAIN STREET

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Centennial projects and entertainment are many and quite varied in different parts of Canada and Lakefield in the Kawartha district has one of interest to Lindsay people.

The Lakefield Centennial committee has secured the loan of eight lorries, or railway hand-cars from the Canadian National Railways and a number of races will be held. The hand-cars are the old type which were quite common in Lindsay years ago, in the days when the section-men covered many miles of track repairing, replacing and making the iron rails safe for the many long freight and passenger trains.

Usually they were pumped by four men and they could reach a fairly high rate of speed. Lakefield has a few miles of tracks left and races will be held and judged on a time basis and already a number of entries have been received.

Lindsay railway men grew up with the lorries. In fact the Sylvester Steel Company

for many years was the leading manufacturer of these hand pumped cars and then the company turned its attention to motor-driven lorries and these modern machines were sold in many parts of the world. The company is today engaged in meeting the demands of different companies in various parts of Canada, United States and other foreign countries.

It might create considerable interest, as well as excitement, to have speed trials in the old type lorries as well as the modern machines on Victoria Avenue as part of Lindsay's Centennial programme.