

# ON THE MAIN

# STREET

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In the years when Lindsay's population was a few thousands, there were apparently lots of hotels. There were no less than 13 hotels and many more scattered about the district. Today with five times the population there are five hotels but there are a number of motels and restaurants.

Does your memory go back to the days when there were three hotels in King Street, one at the corner of Lindsay and King and two along side each other between St. Paul and St. Patrick streets?

Tommy Dodd ran an hotel at the corner of Kent and Lindsay streets, which was later taken over by Tom McConnell and still later by Joe McConnell. It is still known as the Royal. The Benson has retained it's name and the same location for many years, one of the first proprietors being Ed. Benson.

Munroe ran the hotel at the north-east corner of William and Peel streets and Ned Davey was the proprietor of a large hotel located where Woolworth's store is now situated. Later it was operated as the Pym and for a time it was operated by F. W. Sutcliffe

who called the hotel the Elsmure after his daughters Elsie and Muriel. The bar at the time was removed and a lunch counter put in it's place.

A man named McCarthy ran the hotel at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Glenelg street and the same hotelman built the hotel on Kent known as the Grand Union.

The Veitch Hotel, later the Butler House, was located where Fee Motors show room is now located at Kent and Cambridge Streets and for a time Charles Veitch ran a small hotel on Kent Street next to the present Kent Cleaners. Later this hotel was owned by Albert Ashmore.

The Cluman hotel was located on William Street south and was later operated for many years by John Maunder's son and grandson.

A gentleman named Workman built the hotel at the corner of Kent and York Streets and his son-in-law Albert Jewett was the manager. This hotel later became the property of Wm. Simpson.

On Lindsay street south the present Kent Hotel was one of the small hosteleries in Lindsay.