

Millbrook was well named. Naturally there was and is an old mill by a brook which is now a larger body of water. George Raymes of Brighton has been spending holidays with his niece at Long Beach on Sturgeon Lake and while



with Ford Moynes

on Main Street recently he said he well remembered when Lindsay was a railway terminal and when Millbrook was also a busy railway town "along the line"

"Some fifty years ago I was a relief agent for the Grand Trunk at Millbrook and regular trains passed through from Peterborough to Port Hope and there was also a regular train from Lindsay to Millbrook--now the steel rails have disappeared as well as the old station". Millbrook years ago had one of the best lacrosse teams in the district, according to Mr. Raymes "and curling has always been enjoyed by Millbrook people. A family named Edwards was prominent in sports, especially in the game of curling. This fact was well known in Millbrook".

Mr. Raymes who at one time lived in Port Perry, retired as an Agent for the railway in Brighton several years ago. He recalls that a relative named Herchell Raymes once resided in Lindsay. "He was also a railway man".

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Sixty years ago cheese factories were dotted all over the district and one of the best revenues for the farmer was when he drove to Lindsay to attend a meeting of cheesemen and cheese buyers. Cheese making was an art. Cheeses were dropped onto a large cheese box made of rock elm wood and Lindsay had a factory in the South Ward near the river. The fact that the boxes were of rock elm came to light a few days ago when Reg. Cross, Bond Street, recalled that he was employed for many years with the Boyd Company at Bobcaygeon, when rock elm was a large tree, when the trees were felled and huge logs were loaded on the sleigh, three abreast, well chained together and then carted away to a cheese box mill at Mt. Pleasant in Cavan Township. There were a number of different type industries at Mt. Pleasant. Later on the logs were hauled to Bethany on the CPR. Mossom Boyd Lumber Company was one of the largest in Ontario at the time.

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There is probably only one street in Lindsay named after a resident of the town and that is Oliver's Lane which runs off William Street North. Oliver was a very colourful gentleman well known because he had a farm east of the town where he had the best in Jersey cattle and the best in barn yard fowl. He was a winner at many an Agricul-

tural Fall Fair and also at the big Toronto Exhibition.

He was a familiar figure as he drove his Democrat wagon down Lindsay's main streets.

Norman Brown tells the story when he first came to Lindsay and was looking for a home for his family. "I was walking along William Street and looking at the different houses when I was accosted by Mr. Oliver. He figured I was a stranger and looking for a house and he said he had one on Oliver's Lane. He said the house would suit me. It had four large rooms, a good garden and a fine orchard. The house had no fire wood. Mr. Oliver said I could get wood in a large wild bush just north of the town line. I remember there was a slaughter house out there and I was busy with my saw and axe when I was approached by a man who wore a stiff black derby hat or a bowler as they were called. He asked me what I was doing and I replied I was getting some wood for my stove. I was surprised when this man stated the bush belonged to him. However, he told me to go ahead and cut as much as wanted to as he needed the bush cut down because he needed more pasture for his cattle.

I later learned that this man was Mr. P.J. Campbell and that he ran a butcher shop on Kent Street and owned the slaughter house. He became one of my best friends and I got along with Steve Oliver and in fact accompanied him on his trips to the Toronto Exhibition where he ran a restaurant and also showed his cattle. He was quite a man", added Mr Brown.