



# ON THE MAIN STREET

Signs and symbols are as ancient as the hills of Babylon and the pyramids of Egypt but these are not the signs that come to mind at the moment. Do you remember some of the old signs which were displayed by Lindsay business men and merchants many years ago?

Moses Grozelle had a shoe repair frame building on King Street and later at the south end of the Lindsay Street bridge and his sign read: "Hospital for Sick Shoes".

The sign in front of Robson's grocery store at the corner of Kent and Sussex Streets showed a bronze likeness of a native of China advertising tea — a cup in one hand.

Dr. Broad, a Veterinarian, had a stable on Peel Street, west of the curling rink and there hung a large horseshoe

with a horse's head in the centre.

Town Councillor A. C. Babcock, ran a grocery store on William Street south and his sign read "G. T. Grocery".

W. H. Gross, Dentist, had a sign displaying a large tooth and every drug store displayed large bottles filled with red and green liquid.

Barber shops, even today, show a red and white striped pole and the origin dates away back to day in Germany when barbers acted as surgeons and in those days operators were far from being bloodless.

Years ago a large Blacksmith's anvil could be seen in front of the Edwards' Hardware store in Lindsay.

Shoemaker, Harry Batt, had a shop next to Maunder's Hotel on William Street south and the sign was a lady's shoe and the Carew Lumber Company on William Street north had a beautiful likeness of a large tree cut on the glass in the front door.

Dr. M. B. Annis, Optician,

had a sign showing two big eyes and Fee Motors several years ago had a sign "We doze but never close" when advertising day and night service.

Robert and Charles Lindsay had a livery barn where the bus terminal is now located and the overhead sign showed a head of a horse.

Barney Gough advertised he was the "King of Clothiers" and the east wall of his store, now the Victoria and Grey Trust, showed a life size picture of a man. Gough had mile post road signs extending for many miles on the roads leading to his store in Lindsay.

Primeau's grocery store displayed a sign showing a large Beaver and M. J. Dedman, Clothier, advertised "Everything for Dad and his Lad".

Soanes, who had a fish store where the O.K. Cafe is now situated, had "Bull's Eyes Candy for Girls and Boys".

Morgan's drug and specialty store had a sign which was well known, "Morgan's Brownies (pills) cure all ills."