

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

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Lawrence, "Tommy" Bell was lying on his back on a bed in the R.M.H. and despite a number of operations and sicknesses he was as bright as the proverbial silver dollar. Having been engaged in the Hardware business for many years, it was interesting when he pointed out that Lindsay has had a very small number of hardware stores and merchants. "I started with McLennan Bros. when they were located on the south side of Kent Street, east of Courts and they were established a long way back. There was William, John, Donald, and their father, I understand, was a local judge. They were all good curlers. Frank Gregory also clerked there and he definitely knew the business. I believe a man named Woods ran a tinsmith business in the same premises years ago and I guess Frank Dennison was also a tinsmith as his name was chalked on one of the walls. He will be recalled by many fishermen as the maker of the Dennison fishing bait.

Gregory's ran the same hardware store for a time and later on, Keele Gregory started a hardware store on William Street north."

Continuing, Mr. Bell said: "At one time Art Allan and West Maunder ran a hardware store on the south side of Kent Street and I think it was backed by Dan Cinnamon. Then, of course, the stores of Boxall and Matthie and Edwards Hardware have been in Lindsay for many, many years. At one time Neill Gregory and Newt Wilson and later the Crest Hardware operated a store on the north side of Kent at the Woolworth lane with Phil Ranson as Manager, followed by Bill Burns.

"At one time these stores were strictly selling hardware but today they sell almost any article under the sun," said Mr. Bell.
