

Banks may come and banks may go, but it appears most of them go on forever.

The Bank of Upper Canada was apparently the first to set roots in Lindsay and it is reported to have occupied the large brick dwelling at the north-east corner of Russell and Mill Sts., the present home of Mrs. John Wilford and her mother, Mrs. Albert Palen. The walls of the residence are over a foot in width.

In later years the bank is reported to have occupied a brick dwelling that stood at the north-east corner of William and Glenelg Sts., and when the Bank of Montreal was built on William St. S., the establishment at the Glenelg St. corner moved into more commodious quarters and this bank building was demolished to make way for the present building. Senior residents still recall such B of M managers as Montizambert, Forte, Black, Hamilton, Thompson, Smith and others.

The Ontario Bank at the north-west corner of Kent and William was short lived. Orig-

inally this bank was at Kent and York Sts.

F. A. Loosmore was manager of the Standard Bank at the southwest corner of Kent and York Sts. and was followed by Samuel Alcorn who later on became manager of the Ontario Bank.

The Royal Bank was located at the south-west corner of Kent and William Sts. and the first manager was named Leach who was followed by Guy Brown. The Royal Bank now occupies modern banking facilities at the north-east corner of Kent and Cambridge Sts., for many years the Adams Block. One of the popular managers was the late Clare Soothern, a Lindsay boy.

The Home Bank was situated on Kent St. where Graham's Bakery is today and Messrs. Peter Kennedy and T. J. Power were managers. It folded.

The Farmer's Bank, located in the same building as the Home Bank, also went under and the manager was A. B. McGill of Janetville. Many farmers suffered heavy losses. Barrister I. E. Weldon and a farmer named Lyman Minthorne became vitally interested in this bank default and made repeated trips to Ottawa on behalf of the depositors and succeeded in obtaining 40 cents on the dollar.

For many years the Dominion Bank has been at the south-east corner of Kent and William Sts. and two of the best known managers were Robert Ross and Murray Grant. Mr. Grant now resides on Aledaide St. N.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has occupied the building at the north-west corner of Kent and William Sts. for a long period of time and Messrs. Morson, Holmes and Harper were some of the pioneer managers.

As a banking institution, the Victoria and Grey Trust Company is one of the oldest in Ontario. The original company was known as the Victoria Trust and Loan and the first office was at the southwest corner of Kent and Cambridge Sts. and the manager was John Magwood who hailed from Victoria Road. The institution moved to the present greatly enlarged premises several decades ago and the growth of the Company has been phenomenal. The company was actually launched on a solid financial foundation under the managers, James Low and Charles Edgar Weeks. The latter had his grassroots in Cannington and Woodville. Today the company is recognized as being one of the largest banking and savings institutions in Canada.

It is also reported one of the first banks in Lindsay, the Merchants Bank, was located on William St. N.