

# On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

The now lovely town of Lindsay, with its miles and miles of paved streets, was once labelled "Muddy Lindsay". The main streets of Kent, William, Cambridge and Lindsay and Queen and King in East City were veritable quadmires. The mud was really sticky. Lindsay was actually built on a swamp. Reports are conflicting as to where the first site was surveyed, the corner of Kent and Ridout, or in the East Ward

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times flooded conditions took place on Sussex and Lindsay Streets and the excess water continually washed away private walks on Sussex Street.

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What about the Lamp Lighter of several decades ago? Remember when Lindsay had gas street lights and when Bert Letts walked the streets of the East Ward hauling a ladder on a two wheel apparatus? He was the man who looked after the East City lights.

One of the last experiences the Board of Works had with the old box drains was when the grader dropped down a foot or two when the steel blades struck a part of the old grain.

It is reported that years before Albert Street south was paved that Town Councillor Thos. Beall had four feet of gravel dumped on Albert Street between Glenelg and Melbourne Street and that in the following spring the gravel had entirely disappeared.

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Did you know that Lindsay's first railway station was on King Street at the east end of present Northern Casket factory? That the lumber Company of had a saw mill with G.H.M. Baker and that later a mill at the and Lindsay

That years ago a fast running stream started at Dunsford, passed through the East Ward to the river and that there were wooden bridges on St. Peter, St. Patrick, St. Paul and Caroline Streets?

That in the winter time when the creek froze over, boys in the East Ward cut their way through many a farm fence so they could skate all the way to Dunsford and back? Did you know that a

section of the East Ward was once called the French Village because of the large number of people of French ancestry and that one time the East Ward was the largest part of Lindsay.