

FORD MOYNES

on the MAIN STREET



From time to time former residents revisiting Lindsay recall the days of the old Union School, which was located immediately east of the present Victoria County High

School. It is our pleasure to reacquaint readers of Lindsay and abroad with the history of this once prominent educational institution and we wish to credit Mr. George Beall, Albert Street South with this interesting historical article.

NOT MANY WILL REMEMBER

Not many people today will remember the beautiful gothic school house which stood immediately to the east of the present L.C.V.I. and was known as the "Union School". It served many years as a school, then as a factory and in 1921 was demolished. It would have made a wonderful building for the Victoria County Historical Society.

There are a few interesting things associated with this old building.

LOVE FEAST

Before actual operations

started, there was a sort of "love feast" of some citizens and the contractor who was to build this school. This was held on a Sunday evening in the old church which stood on the corner of William and Wellington Streets, afterwards used as a work shop by Mr. Skitch, father of Percy Skitch of town.

The contractor posed as a very religious man and at this meeting, with tears running down his cheeks, he implored God to back him in all his undertakings. The result was that he got an advance of \$500 to help pay his men and buy some supplies.

SUDDEN CALL

The next day he got a call to go to Port Hope for more goods. On the way there he got some more money from a Janetville farmer to purchase nails for the new schoolhouse.

One or two members of the committee became suspicious when they heard of this sudden call to Port Hope and they hired a horse and buggy from Hugh Workman's livery and followed post haste after this contractor; but they arrived too late! The contractor had boarded a schooner just ready to sail and that was the last ever heard of him.

FENIAN RAID STARTS

Just as our school was more or less completed the "Fenian

Raid" took place and recruiting was started, and the upper storey of this building was used as a drill hall.

ONLY CASUALTY ON THE RANGE

During the training of these recruits rifle practise took place and targets were set up just west of town. On one of these occasions, while training was taking place under the command of Captain Huds-peth, (who lived in the house on the corner of Russell and Mill Sts., occupied by Misses Edwards), one of the soldiers who was doing marking duty was accidentally shot.

It was with no regret that the Lindsay Company did not have to go to the war.