

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

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Many millions of gallons of water have poured over the Lindsay Street government dam since the word "Diphtheria" appeared in large black letters on a large white card on the front door of a humble Lindsay home. There are few citizens who remember the day when the Town Board of Health looked after three small wooden buildings located in the large sand pit at the north-east corner of Colborne and Angeline Streets. The sand pit excavation was large and quite deep, or it seemed to be by North Ward boys who played there, despite warnings to keep out and avoid the

danger of being buried alive if the sand tumbled down.

The three small shacks in the pits years ago were used for isolated cases of people with communicable diseases. Later on the small brick cottage at the opposite side of Colborne Street was built for and used as an isolation hospital.

For a number of years the Medical Officer of Health employed by the Town was Dr. D. Blanchard, a lovable man, short in stature but quite gracious, and a man with an understanding heart and mind. The hours were long, the Town Council demanding and the remuneration a pittance.