Very few residents of Lindsay ever experienced the thrill of prospecting for gold or silver, however, there is one gentleman who vividly recalls the mad rush to Northern Ontario and to Cobalt in particular and he is Mr John Williams who has been a resident at 14 Fair Avenue for many years.

Mr. Williams was best known to many business men when he was associated as bookkeeper and office manager for Arnold Motors on Kent Street. He was also for a number of years associated with the Daily Post in the capacity of bookkeeper.

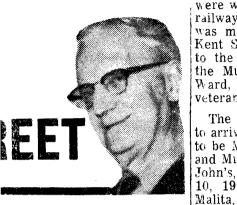
"I recall the day when the news of finding 'pay dirt' was flashed across the country in bold type on the front page of "oronto newspapers and I was one of hundreds who hiked to the North. There was a thirst for ore of any kind and it was quite an experience to stake a claim as I did. As far as I was concerned my claim never paid big dividends but it was a help." Mr. Williams stuck to Cobalt and witnessed many prospectors "come and go". Some located veins which paid but the large majority "lost their shirts".

Recently Mr. Williams attained his 94th birthday and iriends and acquaintances will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying good health and takes a good deal of pleasure from his radio and from the T.V., and besides tuning in the news broadcasts he likes to watch hockey games.

to watch hockey games John Williams was born in the old village of Raglan south of Port Perry, but has lived oractically all his years in Lindsay. His church home is Cambridge Street United and he well remembers former ministers, including such stalwarts as Reverends Black. Neal, McIntosh, Holling, Going, Tilton, Barraclough, Mc-Lean, Bishop and Henderson. For a number of years Mr.

For a number of years Mr. Williams was in the office of The Daily Post in the years when T J. Begley was the Editor and J. Ernest Blewett, Advertising Manager. He spent several years with the late Thos. Arnold in the automobile business and early in his bookkeeping days he was in the office of the Maunder Milling Company.

Mr. Williams has been a resident on Fair Avenue for many years and recalls the cays when there were comparatively few homes in the area, when the Collegiate campus was a hay field and when there were very few buildings at the Fair Grounds. He stated that he is very proud to be a citizens of Lindsay and still a staunch supporter of the Conservative party. He has staunchly supported the Con-



servative party since the days of Whitney, Ferguson, Bracken and Diefenbaker

Vimy Ridge veterans are say. celebrating that memorable battle and have been recalling Rigelow was a prominent M. Baker who operated a days in the trenches and on Lindsay citizen and was re-small lumber mill and yard at the ridges and hills in France. sponsible for "transplanting" the corner of Lindsay and A different memorable occal small frame dwellings from King Streets. sion was brought to mind a the upper end of Bond Street, A large red brick residence was for weeks a muddy, messy few days ago. Veteran George then Waverley Street, to new on the north-west corner of mire. The old box drain emp-Munt was the first soldier to locations in the South Ward Lindsay and Russell Streets tied near the old grist mill at return to Lindsay with an Eng- Two of these houses are locat- was occupied by Dr. Gillespie, the foot of Mill Street and aflish war bride. These were the ed on William Street South, by Dr. W. Brown and by Leigh ter the Town installed a moddays when Lindsay business close to the Baptist Church, R. Knight.

Battalion in November, 1915

and served with the 20th Sec-

were welcomed at the Lindsav It was originally a roughcast ! railway depots. Veteran Munt, building, Several years ago the was met by Felix Forbert, a building was purchased by J. Kent Street merchant, driven C. Burke, a progressive young to the Armoury and then to man who closed in the veranthe Munt home in the East dah and opened up a corner Ward, where this well known grocery store, candy store, newspaper and periodical veteran still resides. stand J. C. Burke was the The first English war bride friend of many Catholic boys to arrive in Canada is believed and girls, especially when he to be Mrs. J. A. Lawson. Mr.

handed out oodles of one cent and Mrs. Lawson landed at St. candies and lollypops. The John's, New Brunswick, April The small brick cottage to the 10, 1919 on the CPR liner south was occupied by a Mrs Killen, a friend of boys, It was Born in Lindsay, Mr. Lawalways a beauty spot and was son enlisted with the 109th

surrounded by a small ever- ner of the same streets green hedge. Many citizens of Lindsav re-

Lindsay and Russell Streets:

Cellars filled with floating

potatoes, cut wood for the

stoves and pickle jars. This

collect the bad floods which end Division. Mr. and Mrs. The present McArthur house Lawson reside at RR 5, Lind-on the southeast corner of overflowed a large wooden Lindsay and Russell was occu- box drain at the corner of Many decades ago Obidiah pied for many years by G. H.

ern sewer at the Russell Street

men were alerted on when and a third domicile was plant | The old and historic Separ- corner young boys were wont and at what time returning ed at the north-east corner of ate School and grounds was to play in the old wooden soldiers arrived and veterans Lindsay and Russell Streets, located on the south-west cor- structure.