

FORD MOYNES

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MAIN STREET



Old time residents of Lindsay, as well as new comers, who from time to time travel on William Street North, very often wonder why the large three storey brick building, known as the Horn Mill, has not been levelled to the ground to make way for a high rise apartment? From time to time the query has been asked why this valuable property on a main highway and adjacent to the river has not been developed by some realtor?

Incidentally the Horn Milling Company dates back many years and the late Alex Horn was recognized as a leading industrialist, a church man and one interested in municipal affairs. The Horn Mill was at one time responsible for employing upwards of 100 people, the majority of whom were women. When this industry was in its prime the payroll amounted to approximately \$75,000.

It is interesting to note that the late Alex Horn was born in Whitby, Ontario in 1866 and was of Scottish extraction, having been a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Horn, who

were born in the land of the heather.

Mr. Horn arrived in Lindsay when he was 24 years of age and he was an employer who held the confidence of the employees, many of whom came to him from time to time for advice. In addition to his manifold activities in connection with the mill, he found time to render yeoman service to the citizens of the town in general and for fifteen years was actively identified with the Town Council and the Board of Health, being at one time chairman of the latter.

Many will remember that Mr. Horn's major interest was hockey and skating and it is worthy of note that when the Kiwanis Arena was officially opened that Alex Horn, attired in a colorful costume, was the first man on the ice and that he was so interested in children and in skating from time to time he paid a fee to the rink management allowing skating parties for children.

His friends will also recall the fact that he was a loyal member of the United Farmers of Ontario and was quite active in the campaign which elected the late Fred G. Sandy to Parliament.

In connection with the Woollen industry in Ontario he was considered an authority and wrote several articles which were published in the textile papers and magazines of Canada. He was also a Director and President of the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Horn was married to Lily Heldon McLennan of Lindsay and relatives residing in Lindsay and district include Miss Alice Horn, of the Hydro Electric staff on William St. North and Mrs. James Meikel, the former Evelyne Cruess, now residing at Rosedale.